

Roguewood Elementary PTO MINUTES

November 15, 2022



Attendees:

Camey Brown (President), Becky Norris (Vice President, Volunteer Coordinator), Tina Worrall (Events Coordinator), Sandra Castrillon (Treasurer), Megan Stelzer (Secretary), Teya Cotter (Principal), Laura Preuss, Heather Berkenpas, Kristen Beals, Amanda Glover, Christina DeYonker, Julie Shortsle (1st grade Teacher), Erin Tamayo (2nd grade teacher), Zuzana Fenikova, Betsy Mulka, Andria Carter, Chris Carter, Ian Pyatt

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Camey Brown
- Staff Reports- Julie Shortsle (1st grade Traditional) and Erin Tamayo (2nd grade SI)-
 - Thank you to the PTO for the dinners during Conferences
 - Book Fair- Thank you from Mrs. Halliday for everyone's participation. The upper classes were there to help the younger kids,
 - Kindergarten- Had a fantastic field trip to the Apple Orchard and are excited for their Thanksgiving Feast
 - 1st grade- Finished their first writing piece, working on becoming magnificent mathematicians
 - SI 1st grade- working on speaking more Spanish in the classroom
 - 5th grade- Museum School this week. 4th & 3rd also had field trips to the museum
 - SI 3rd grade- Working on a non-fiction writing & science unit on life cycles

- SI 2nd grade- Addition & Subtraction strategies, New Spanish & English phonics program, starting a non-fiction unit on cultural winter celebrations around the world
- Principals Report- Teya Cotter
 - New trimester has started this week. It was great to see parents in-school for conferences!
 - There will be a school-wide concert on December 6th from Roguewood alum MaRynn Taylor. She will share her uplifting, inspiring story to the kids and also greet each class.
 - Early Release days allow for teachers to collaborate together to develop plans to help students in all areas including academic and social/emotional.
 - Ms. Turner is planning to do an Art Show in May for our fabulous artists.
 - Watch DOGS program is still going great. There is a bulletin board outside the art/music rooms where Watch DOGS share 3 things they noticed during their day.
- ISAC Report- Heather Berkenpas went over the minutes from the first 2 meetings of the inter school advisory council including updates on the Millage, 22/23 Curriculum & Booster Bucks. Minutes are available on the PTO website: [October Minutes](#)
- Old Business-
 - Activity Pass Update- We are at 97% participation rate. Thank you families! Activity pass planned & actual expenditures can be found in the [budget](#).
 - Event Recap
 - Conferences- Thanks to all who donated food or volunteered to help with the staff meals! The teachers were very appreciative.
 - Pumpkin Run- It was a great day for the run. Mrs. Joyce made some changes this year and everything went very smoothly.
 - Donuts with Dad- We had an astounding turnout this year! The line went all across the front of the school. Even with increasing our donut order, there were just enough for everyone.
- New business
 - [Budget](#)- A request was made by Tracey Hayataka to increase the Safety Patrol budget due the addition this year of 4th graders. Motion to increase budget from \$50 to \$125 was made by Christine DeYonker, second by Becky Norris. Motion passed.
 - [Rockford Education Foundation](#)- Katy Scheffler shared information on REF including fundraising and grants. Previous grants Roguewood has received

include Social/Emotional calming tools and kits and 3D printer. This year we are applying for a large grant for an Outdoor Learning Area.

- Upcoming Events
 - We will be highlighting Roguewood Family owned business in December on the [Facebook](#) page
 - [Roguewood Kids Helping Kids](#)- donations of games, puzzles and playdough are being accepted through November. These will go to the Helen Devos Children's Hospital Child and Family Life department.
 - Holiday Family Assistance- 8 Roguewood families have requested assistance with the holidays. Contact Jenny in the office if you'd like to help- jbradley@rockfordschools.org
- [Internet Safety Presentation](#)- Officer Morin, Rockford School Resource Officer, joined to present on Internet Safety. This was based on a Cookies with the Superintendent event. This was a very informative presentation on the most common student internet issues.
 - Resources
 - [Protectyoungeyes.com](#)
 - [Bark.us](#)
 - [OK2Say](#)
- Next meeting January 17, 2023
- Meeting closed by Camey Brown at 8:38 pm