

Roguewood Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2023



Attendees:

Camey Brown (President), Tina Worrall (Events Coordinator), Megan Stelzer (Secretary), Teya Cotter (Principal), Amie Santillan (SI Dean), Amanda Glover

- Motion to begin meeting at 7:00 by Megan Stelzer, second by Tina Worrall
- Welcome from Camey Brown
- Principal Report- Teya Cotter
 - 12 Days until Break- The school will be having fun events leading up to winter break including Reindeer games at lunch (Minute to Win it), Theme days, Name that Tune, Staff Treats and a special guest. Starts Thursday 12/7
 - Field Trips are taking place including 5th grade winter camp. They even got snow while they were there!
 - On the last Early Release day, district wide collaborative grade level meetings were held. Mrs. Cotter led a session with all 4th grade teachers from all Rockford schools.
 - Pilots have started for a new ELA curriculum throughout the district. Roguewood is piloting in 2nd grade Traditional and 1st, 3rd and 4th in SI. This includes vocab, phonics, writing & reading. The chosen program will be implemented in the Fall. SI is happy to report that there are Spanish resources for both piloted programs.
 - Roguewood will be highlighted in the January [Rampage](#) for the parent involvement in the school.

- SI Report- Amie Santillan
 - Amie and 2 SI teachers attended a conference this month in Chicago. They learned a lot and met up with a “sister school” in South Dakota. They presented their highlights to the SI team during an early release day meeting.
 - A 5th grade teacher will be going on leave in January and a search has been ongoing for a long term sub. 3 great candidates were chosen to do a sample lesson for the class. Input was taken from the students and hiring team.
- Staff Report- Michelle Halliday
 - In November the library focused on non-fiction books.
 - The fall Book Fair went great. Thank you to the amazing volunteers who helped set up and run the fair. The next fair will be in February.
 - Battle of the Books has begun. Students are reading their books now and will try out for the team in January. The team will get to practice at lunch in the library with Mrs. Halliday. After the competition they will get to share their experience with the 4th graders to prepare for next year
- ISAC Report- Heather Berkenpas
 - Parks & Rec Millage Vote on 11/7 passed with 72% in favor of the millage. There was a 21% voter turnout, which is high for an off cycle election. The ongoing revenues will continue to be used for basic operational expenses (custodians, maintenance, & utilities) of recreational facilities which allows for after-school programs at all levels (Early Childhood and DK-12)
 - RAMS XII (Rams Action Model for Success 12 - the "Blueprint for Continuous Improvement of the Rockford Public Schools) is currently being created for implementation in Jan 2025 through Dec 2027. Information is currently being solicited through surveys and focus groups from students, parents, and the community. The results will be used to guide the district for the next 3 years. The current RAMS plan can be viewed on the RPS website under the "Our District" tab.
 - Lawsuit against RPS for explicit books has been dismissed. Dr. Matthews says that we want to be a district where everyone feels valued, honored, and like they belong. Not every book is for everybody and that's okay. Parents can contact their librarian and it can be made so that their own children are not allowed to check out certain books. At this current time, no formal book challenges have been submitted to RPS.

- NWEA Testing Calendar - Currently RPS tests students 3x per year. The State only requires testing to occur 2x per year. RPS is looking at adjusting testing to mid Feb. with results being available before State assessments in May. This potential change is still in discussion. If RPS goes forward with it, you will hear more about implementation for Fall 2024.
- Redistricting due to Edgerton Trails Elementary - Criteria is still being developed for redrawing lines. Valley View will be greatly impacted. The goal will be to maximize the efficiency of capacity at all elementary schools. Redistricting will not affect secondary schools as much. This plan will be finalized in the winter months.
- Staffing for Edgerton Trails goes along with redistricting. Until that is set, the number of staff needed will not be fully known. As it stands, approximately 2/3 of Edgerton Trails staff will come from existing staff. Shannon Oulette will be the principal.
- REA & RESPA (Teacher & Support Staff Unions) will be bargaining again in the Spring.
- "Grow Your Own" candidates have been selected - 15 teachers will be getting their Masters through MSU and 25 support staff will be getting their Bachelors in teaching from Ferris. Classes will begin in January. This is due to a grant from the State of Michigan that will cover costs associated with obtaining these degrees. There will be a commitment to work for RPS or Kent ISD for 3 years upon completion.
 - 4 Roguewood staff received grants from this- Katlyn Sayers, Maria Peña, Tania Flikkema, Ann Quiroga
- At the end of December, Mike Cuneo, Assistant Superintendent of Finance will be retiring.
- Next mtg is in January
- Treasurer's Report- Cami Brown for Sandra Castrillon
 - Activity Pass Status- We reached out to 18 families who did not respond. Half of them responded and paid the fees.
 - The updated Budget is always available on the PTO website on the [About](#) page.
- Updates
 - Volunteers

- Conference Meals went fantastic! Thanks to everyone who brought food to feed our incredible staff on these crazy days.
 - Thank you to our popcorn, mileage club and decoration volunteers for the 1st trimester of the year!
 - In January the PTO will be hosting a volunteer information night to get feedback and provide opportunities for increased involvement. More to come!
- Donuts with Dad- We had an amazing turnout from dads and did not run out of treats! 1000 donuts from Dunkin Donuts were provided to students & dads. There was a little crowding but next year will be better with the new gym space to utilize.
- We added a holiday Spirit Wear sale with lots of gift options. Participation was lower than other sales but the pajama pants were very popular.
- Roguewood Family Businesses- We have lots of family owned businesses in our school. We encourage you to support them especially at the holidays- [link!](#) Email tinaworrall@sbcglobal.net to add your business to the list.
- Staff Highlights- We will start sharing some staff highlights on the [facebook](#) page including our new staff.
- SI Booster Fundraiser is Monday December 11th at Jody's Restaurant with a percentage of the sale going to the Boosters.
- Congratulations & Thank you to Mrs. Rito on the amazing music programs last week! We were blown away by the quality and creativity of the performances.
- Next meeting February 6. Meetings are bi-monthly
- Motion to adjourn by Becky Norris, Second by Tina Worrall. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm