

**Roslyn Road School
PTO General Council
Thursday, January 14, 2010
Unapproved Meeting Minutes**

In Attendance: Beth Chernik, Kristine Rychlik, Jeanie Chapman, Aimee Greenlief, Lourie Ferrell, Jan Hoeltgen, Cherie Kolder, Paul Mahon, Rebecca Morris, Gina Brown, Jennie Nichols, Kelly Buckman, Tracy Seagren, Kelly Donlea, Lisa Meyer, Mr. Paul Kirk.

Proxies: Stacy Green, Maggie Goodwin, Jim Goodwin, Susie Kilayko, Kim McGreevy, Cindy Gabbert, Barb Larkin, Julie Smith Gay, Jodie Hart, Lynnae Jenkins, Kathi Sutker, Mrs. Denise Harwood, Lynsey Kroft, Dayna Imhoff, Sue Baumgartner, Wendy Bower, Sharon Simone

Meeting Called to Order at 9:25 AM

Guest: Cinda Pittman, Chairperson, District 220 Educational Foundation Board
Ms. Pittman gave an overview of the Foundation, what it has to offer, how it collects funds and examples of the ways it has enhanced CUSD220 schools.

- Some of the larger projects the Foundation has accomplished are the BHS-TV station (all equipment provided), updates to BMS Applied Technology Labs, and provided 60% of the funding for the sound field amplification systems for K-3rd grades.
- This year a pilot project funded the field trips to Vehe Farm for 2nd graders and Citizens for Conservation for 4th graders. All pilot projects are limited to funding for 2 years.
- All teachers and staff can apply for ongoing grants, either PIE (Projects for Innovation & Education) or Helping Hands grants. Two recent grants that have benefited Roslyn are the Children's Garden and Leveled Readers.
- All monies raised are through private donations. The Fall Fundraiser is a golf outing. The Winter Chili Fest is coming up Jan. 30th at pm at Millrose; \$75 per person.
- The Foundation is providing funding for the Dr. Kenneth Ginsberg presentation 2/25.

For more information visit: www.220foundation.org. Contacts are Cinda Pittman at cpittman4@gmail.com and Donna Penyak, Vice Chairperson, Projects at dmpenyak@aol.com.

President: Beth Chernik

- Thank You for participation in Barrington Giving Day and Frosty's Friends. 2 \$50 gift cards were given to each of Roslyn's needy families with much gratitude received.
- Samaritan Counseling Center is offering a "Parenting with Peace and Purpose" workshop, see the Wednesday Weekly for more information
- Barrington Area Drug Prevention Coalition is looking for more participants (badpc.org)
- The League of Women Voters of the Barrington Area is hosting a Republican Candidate Forum Wednesday, Jan 27th at the Barrington Area Library from 7-9 pm.
- The Speech Tournament is Feb 27th. Volunteers are needed to judge the event. Please contact either Beth Chernik or Mrs. Chaviano, Roslyn's Tournament Coordinator, (vchaviano@barrington220.org) if interested.
- This year's PTO President's Council All-District Book Read is "A Parent's Guide to Building Resilience in Children and Teens: Giving Your Child Roots and Wings" by Dr. Kenneth Ginsberg. The presentation is Thursday, Feb 25th at 7pm in the BHS auditorium.
- The Nominating Committee is in the process of starting up for next year's positions.
- The 4th and 5th grade lock in has 65 spots and is planned for Friday 2/5.

School Board Report: Cherie Kolder

- School overcrowding continues to be a big concern. All of the schools are full and discussions are continuing regarding how to address this issue.
- Grove Principal presented one of their projects. A group of their students are volunteering during their recess assisting neighboring seniors.

Treasurer: Beth Chernik for Rayna Arrezola and Sue Baumgartner

The current budget was reviewed. Attention brought to the following items:

- Passive Fundraising netted \$403 with the Dec Sales.
- Fifth Grade Celebration currently has raised \$4,333.
- Spirit Wear sales earned \$1763.
- The Variety Show entrance fees are at \$365, which go into the Fine Arts Fund.
- Gifts to School assets to be detailed later with discussion of requests.

Recording Secretary: Jeanie Chapman

The December General PTO Meeting Minutes were distributed for approval.

Motion to Approve: Rebecca Morris/Second by Jennie Nichols. All in approval

Nominating Committee: The current committee chairs will be receiving a request for the Year-End Committee Report. All are asked to complete the report with a commitment of whether they would like to continue with this committee next year. This form will be used to assist the Nominating Committee to determine nominations for next year's positions and the new chairpersons to understand the expectations of the position. If you are interested in being part of the Nominating Committee, please contact Jeanie Chapman at chapjb@comast.net. The committee will be formed in the next two weeks.

VP Fundraising: Beth Chernik for Maggie Goodwin

- Reading Incenting forms will go home Friday. Awards for completion again include a Kane County Cougar game and/or a ticket to Great America.
 - Hope4Bridget Read-a-thon is Monday, 1/18. See Wednesday Weekly for info.
 - Family Reading Night is Thursday, January 21st, 6:30-8pm. Guest Readers will be in different areas of the school. There will be no food offered this year to bring the focus back to reading and family.

VP Fundraising: Jennie Nichols

- Passive Fundraising:
 - As discussed before, gift cards made \$403 in Dec. This was from purchases from only 15 Roslyn families. We need to get the word out so more families purchase gift cards for their everyday shopping needs.
 - The next Box Top Derby ends today, 1/14. Currently a promotion at Jewel to give extra 50 boxtops with \$20 purchase of participating brands.
 - Campbell's Soup Labels: Replacement tetherballs were ordered using labels.
 - A gourmet pretzel company is offering \$1 per label returned. More information to follow on which brand.
- Family Dance is 3/12. Wild West Theme. Potentially will offer a boxed family dinner.
- Variety Show: Kelly Donlea
 - Approximately 300 students are expected to participate
 - Finalizing the act order tomorrow, but plan younger students first
 - Next week's Wednesday Weekly will have procedures for dress rehearsal and the show and the DVD order form. Parents are expected to keep acts seated and orderly in the audience.
 - Please encourage extended family to attend the dress rehearsal.
 - Volunteers are set for the concessions
 - We are able to borrow headsets again this year, but will need to pursue purchasing in the future.

VP Service: Gina Brown

- Mini-Courses: Kelly Buckmann
 - 23 courses are offered with 7 staff members offering classes. There are 270 spaces for students, and as of Wednesday 160 registrations have been received.
 - Volunteers will be needed to assist instructors with each course.
- Yearbook: Tracy Seagren
 - Same price quote as last year. Reports of some of the bindings falling apart. Coil binding is 20 cents extra per book and should still remain under budget.
 - Please continue to send in photos

Principal: Mr. Kirk

Presently all grade level classrooms are outfitted with Smart Boards. Mr. Kirk requests the completion of the project with purchasing 5 more Smart Boards. The order of priority is:

1. The Music Room and the Gifted Classroom (2 Smart Boards)
2. The 2 remaining full classrooms, currently housing the special education students.
 - a. These classrooms currently serve about 24 total students; however, the potential exists that these rooms could be converted to regular graded classrooms as the needs arise.
 - b. These students have minimal exposure to Smart Boards as they spend little time in their homerooms.
 - c. Mr. Kirk has requested financial support from District 220's Special Education as these classrooms teach children through district sponsored programs.
3. A portable unit is requested for the last ¾ classroom and allows the ability to use the technology elsewhere in the building.

It is estimated that this purchase will cost around \$25,000. The Gifts to School assets are currently at \$35,371. A Gifts to School committee was reconvened in December and recommends the purchase of all 5 Smart Boards for installation over next summer. The district needs our request by Feb 1st to apply for bids. After the bids are finalized, the numbers will return to the General PTO and a final vote on the purchase will be taken. Hopefully there will be more details on whether there is any district assistance available at that time.

Motion to request the purchase of 5 Smart Boards (4 mounted, 1 portable):
Rebecca Morris/Second Jennie Nichols; All in Agreement

Upcoming Events:

- H.E.R.E. in Barrington presentation January 14th at 7pm: High Tech Trouble: Keeping our Children Safe On-line and on Their Cell Phones.
- Hope4Bridget Read-a-thon Monday, Jan 17th
- No School Jan 18th and Jan 22nd
- Family Reading Night-January 21st, 6:30-8pm
- Variety Show-Dress Rehearsal, Thursday, January 28th
- Variety Show-Friday, January 29th at 7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at 11:02AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanie Chapman, PTO Recording Secretary