

**Roslyn Road School
PTO General Council Meeting
Thursday, February 11, 2010
Unapproved Meeting Minutes**

In Attendance: Jeanie Chapman, Beth Chernik, Lisa Meyer, Gina Brown, Jennie Nichols, Aimee Greenlief, Ann Dennerline, Dayna Imhoff, Emily Scoby, Julie Gay, Wendy Bower, Mr. Paul Kirk

Proxy: Kate Hauk, Paul Mahon, Kim McGreevy, Susie Kilayko, Sue Baumgartner, Amy Brown, Stacy Green, Lynnae Jenkins, Kathi Sutker, Sue Asuncion, Kelly Buckman, Lourie Ferrell, Shelly Dykes, Kathy Brodin, Jan Hoeltgen, Mary Rose Lutz

Meeting Called to Order at 9:20 am by Beth Chernik, President

President: Beth Chernik

- Donation of \$250 received from Ken and Jill Hartwig for Variety Show in their son's honor. Will go into the Music and Arts Fund.
- President's Council: Reminder for the Dr. Kenneth Ginsberg presentation 2/25 at 7pm at BHS; "A Parent's Guide to Building Resilience in Children and Teens: Giving Your Child Roots and Wings". Dr. Ginsberg will spend the day meeting with district students. The Presentation is being provided by the District 220 Foundation.
- Camp PTO is being planned for Wednesday, May 19th from 9am-12pm. More details will follow. Sitting is provided.

District 220 School Board Report: Emily Scoby

- The main discussion at the meeting was about MAP testing. The district has been using the test for 4-5 years and the teachers feel it is helping with curriculum planning and where additional help may be needed for individual students. It does not seem to be increasing student stress. Roslyn administers the test 3 times per year.
- The first weekend in March BHS will perform Beauty and the Beast.
- Budget cuts are expected with anticipated decrease in state funding.
- The Early Learning Center is ahead of schedule.
- Mr. Kirk will be presenting the School Improvement Plan at next Tuesday's School Board Meeting.

Treasurer: Beth Chernik for Sue Baumgartner

- Please see the Income and Expenses Report. Beth went through the sheet with attention to the Gifts to School.
- The District has agreed to pay ½ of the price for the 2 Smart Boards to be installed in the special education classrooms. Still awaiting bids and full cost will be voted on later in the school year.

Recording Secretary: Jeanie Chapman

- January PTO Meeting Minutes distributed for approval

Motion to approve: First: Lisa Meyer; Second: Dayna Imhoff; All in agreement

- Nominating Committee is currently at 6 members. Looking for 2 more. First meeting will be next Thursday. Mrs. Rychlik is the teacher member. Encouraged return of Year End Committee Reports to help explain committee's involvement. I have received 9 reports at this time.

VP Fundraising: Beth Chernik for Maggie Goodwin

- Gifts to School: The committee recommends using approximately \$1700 from the Fitness Gifts to School Fund for new gym equipment requested by Mr. Nettis. Mr. Kirk will fund half of the total amount from school funds (total \$3400 in new equipment). With approval, Mr. Nettis will attain more exact pricing for the items.

Motion to Approve \$1700 from Fitness Gifts to School to fund new gym equipment: First: Gina Brown; Second: Jennie Nichols; All in agreement.

- Reading Incentive: Julie Gay
 - Running smoothly in 3rd week.
 - Currently 75% of students are participating
 - Will have participation awards from Chessie's and Tropical Smoothie Café.

VP Fundraising: Jennie Nichols

- Passive Fundraising:
 - Onion Pub offering a Dine Out Friday, 2/19, same night as Daddy Daughter Dance. Available all day. Coupon will be sent home and in Wed. Weekly.
 - Gift Card orders will be available again this spring.
 - Jewel Shop and Share Program has changed to the offer to earn 5% from gift card sales over \$1000. Not sure whether this is worth the investment and would be difficult to manage with the minimum order so large.
- Family Dance: Date changed to April 9th. Wild West theme.
- Variety Show: Aimee Greenlief
 - 207 students participated
 - Today is last day for DVD orders.
 - Discussed the benefit of having all volunteers easily identified by T-shirts.
 - Meeting in 2 weeks to finalize the program and make recommendations for future

VP Service: Beth Chernik for Dayna Imhoff

- Mini-Courses: 18 of the 22 classes offered are full. Over 220 students placed in classes. Organizers have received some complaints about the equity of placement. Discussed among attendees. Felt that current method has been fair with first come first served, and benefits to volunteering parents. One change recommended for recurring courses is to limit a child to one year in that course and not allow them to take in future years. Kelly Buckman, chairperson, is contacting other 220 schools to see how they prioritize placement in their programs.
- Roslyn on the Run: Cross Country running program organized by Jen Boyle, Dayna Imhoff and Marjie Malia in similar manner as "Girls on the Run". All 4th and 5th grade students are eligible with numbers capped at appropriate adult/student ratio once volunteers are committed. Anticipate one run before school each week starting after spring break with optional weekend run, culminating in 5K in June. Organizers are participating in first aid and CPR training next week.
- Spirit Wear: Wendy Bower.
 - Several new offerings available, so putting together a spring order. Items include beach towels, folding chairs, stadium seats, new shirts.

VP Service: Gina Brown

- Caring Hearts for Haiti. Roslyn's Helping Hands committee will assist in collection of items requested for shipment to Haiti. A North Barrington Family has offered storage and shipment. A list of needed items is available in the Wednesday Weekly. Boxes will be both in the school vestibule and inside by office for drop off. This is another chance to involve our children in giving to others. Participation is voluntary.

Principal: Mr. Kirk

- Tomorrow is an institute day and the district is very excited to welcome Gay Su Pinnell to present to the teachers. Ms Pinnell and her partner Irene Fountas are the authors of the guided reading program that District 220 uses as its base for literary instruction.
- Mr. Kirk will present the School Improvement plan to the School Board next week and to the PTO General Membership at next month's PTO meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Mini-Courses Monday, Feb 8th through Monday, March 8th

No School Feb 12th and 15th

Kindergarten Registration, Thursday, Feb 18th at 7 pm

Daddy Daughter Dance, Friday, Feb 19th at 7 pm

Feb 25th at 7pm at BHS, PTO President's Council author presentation by Dr. Kenneth Ginsberg, "A Parent Guide to Building Resilience in Children and Teens: Giving Your Child Roots and Wings".

Speech Tournament, Sat Feb 27th at Station Middle School

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 am

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanie Chapman,
PTO Recording Secretary