

Rowe Lane Elementary PTO 2009-2010 School Year

September 2009 Minutes

1. Welcome

Kris Coronado opened the meeting introducing herself, Denise Crow (Vice president), Kim Kinsey (Treasurer) and Triona Gibson (Secretary). Kris Coronado explained that there are openings on the volunteer list if people would take a look and see if any of the positions would work for them. Kris Coronado continued by talking about getting involved in the PTO and the advantages associated.

The meeting minutes from PTO May 12th 2009 were reviewed and a motion to approve the minutes was made by Alnita Foote and seconded by Gail Abels.

2. Treasurer's report

Kim Kinsey presented the Treasurers report and announced a balance of \$4,836.88 for the current year 2009-2010.

The PTO Ended May 2009 with a balance \$12,662.97. \$7,826.09 was placed into a separate savings account with the sole purpose of buying playground equipment for the school when more money is raised.

Sherry Hindmarsh motioned to approve the report and Becky Wilson seconded the motion.

3. Committee/Activity reports

Cindy Simpson PPO update

Cindy Simpson introduced the PPO, namely "Pfall Pfreak Out" Festival, which will be held .Oct 24th from 2-6pm. Last year this event earned \$15,000 for the PTO and playground equipment fund.

Sponsorship and volunteer flyers will be sent home to parents this week (Sept 1st-Sept 5th). The sponsorship flyer gives the parents, businesses options of either \$50 or \$200 sponsorship to put their name/logo on the PPO shirt. This flyer is due back the 10th September. The volunteer sheet is aimed at getting help prior, during and after the PPO event. Middle and High school students are welcome to sign up too.

This year parents are asked to contribute to "silent auction baskets". This event made \$2,700 last year alone and will remain a key fundraiser at the event. Flyers will come home to the parents describing about this as each classroom will have a separate theme.

T-Shirts this year will be either green with black font or black with green font. A contest prior to the Festival will give the opportunity to a lucky class to win T-shirts for the entire class. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

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Finally, A raffle will happen at the PPO too. Cindy Simpson asked if anyone works at a business - which may have contacts for a prize for the raffle. She requested \$2,000 as an estimate in forecasting upcoming PPO expenses. Jan Rigney motioned the approval of the funds and Melissa Chandler seconded the motion.

Regina Councilman/Melynn Maile, Hospitality

Regina Councilman thanked all the parents involved with donations for the teacher breakfast the day before school started. Regina Councilman requested \$460 at the meeting to cover the 68 teachers in Rowe Lane for 2 main courses. This works out at \$2.35 per teacher.

Regina motioned the approval of the funds and Juanita McKinney seconded the motion.

4 Principal update

Joni McKee/Dena Friesen

Mrs McKee thanked the hospitality committee for the lunch at the start of the year on behalf of her staff. Mrs McKee reminded volunteers to update their applications for volunteering by logging onto the PISD web page and either logging on as a new applicant for volunteering or update their previous application.

Mrs McKee discussed about the Health Council, which is a district wellness committee that is run within PISD. There is an option for a parent to sign up and be the representative for Rowe Lane Elementary. The commitment would have to attend five meetings per year in the PISD admin building as a representative for RLE.

Mrs Friesen announced the upcoming fundraiser at Chick Fila . It will be on September 24th from 5-9pm. Please remember to put your receipt in the box with our school name on it to make sure the school gets credit. Going through the drive through does not give any credit unfortunately to the school. This event raised \$600 for the school the last time it was held. October 22nd will be the next Chick Fila event.

Krista Payne, Counselor

Krista Payne Introduced herself as the school counselor and discussed what areas she focuses on within the school. In particular helping the children deal with interpersonal skills, conflicts, anger appropriate responses, feelings etc... Parents /teachers can refer their children if they have a concern to the counselor. In the Fall and Spring she will run 2 camps for grief/loss, divorce, friendship issues. She is also the main contact for TAKS testing, GT Co-ordinator,, 504. Her website is <http://www.teacherweb.com/TX/RoweLaneElementary/Payne/>, which can be found on the RLE website.

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Rachel Roe, Librarian

Rachel Roe introduced herself as the campus Librarian. , Library times this year have changed to be more flexible for the children. The classes can come anytime and check out books within the library open times. The teachers will need to schedule all the research/catalogue work with Miss Roe herself so the children don't have the wait for just 2 x periods per week. She is looking for volunteers to help staff the library 7:20 -3:30 Mon-Fri 7:20-3:00 Wednesday. Parents can have accounts open for them too if requested.

5 Dates to note:

The following dates were listed as being important in the coming weeks:

September 3rd –Orientation (1st&2nd) @ 6:30pm.

September 7th –Labor Day holiday from school

September 8th- Orientation (3rd, 4th and 5th) @ 6:30pm.

September 16th –Fall Fundraiser begins

September 21st – Staff development /Student holiday

September 24th –Chick Fil A fundraiser night, 5-8pm.

6 Opens

Sherry Hindmarsh thanked Kris Coronado for keeping the meeting within an hour.

NHS did not turn up tonight, thanks to Miss Wingate for minding the children today. The babysitting issue will be worked on by Triona Gibson so that the NHS or another party is secured for next meeting.

Diana Peña made a motion to conclude the meeting and Sherry Hindmarsh seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 7:45pm.