

Rockwell-Wheeler PTO Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2019 – Rockwell Elementary

Meeting called to order: 7:00pm Meeting adjourned: 8:30pm

Present: Margie Hart, Warren Smith, Rob Price, Jennifer Woody, Lindsey Yonko, Toni Walsh, Megan Morris, Lauren Winters and Amy Bisnett

Approval of Minutes: 7:02pm

I. Principal check-in:

- a. Mrs. Hart: Kindergarten orientation went well. AIM's web testing in 3 weeks. Mrs. Hart is challenging the students to read 100,000 minutes, the students voted for Ms. Hart to have "a day on the roof" on June 20th. She's going to ask the Nedrow Fire Department to put her up in the bucket. Math Literacy Night had a small turnout due to nice weather. Event after event until the end!
- b. Mr. Smith: Wheeler finished the Math testing and makeups, the number of students who opted out was about the same. 4th Grade Science testing will begin on May 22nd. JA will continue where 25 volunteers throughout the school teach in the classrooms. Walk for Teddy is on May 21st, 260 t-shirts were sold. The teachers put the orders in for the t-shirts and made changes later in the day. It'll be a busy couple of weeks.

II. Calendar & Fundraisers:

a. April:

- **Apparel Sale:** (4/16-5/11) The PTO will not have the Apparel Sale this Spring; hold off until the Fall.

b. May:

- **Teacher Appreciation Week:** Wheeler had their lunch in Faculty room today, everyone loved all the food from Green Hills as well as the desserts from all the parents. Rockwell received their "Thanks A Latte" gift cards today. Tomorrow Lindsey will bring food for Rockwell and on Friday she will deliver the "Thanks A Latte" gift cards to Wheeler.
- **Derby Day Reading Challenge:** Mrs. Kissane compiled all the minutes today. She's in the process of figuring out the 3rd/4th grade winner and the 5th/6th grade winner. Lauren will organize/set up the ice cream social for Mrs. Matzke's 3rd Grade class and Ms. Fitzgerald's 5th Grade class.

c. June:

- **Book Fair:** (6/10) Mrs. Hart needs volunteers – Toni will create a Sign Up on Sign Up Genius.
- **Junk-In-The-Trunk:** (6/8) \$5 off if you register early. Looking at a new location for next year. Lindsey spoke with the new owner of the Planet Fitness Plaza and the outlook does not look positive for the current location in the fall.
 - ✓ Toni will make a Junk-In-The-Trunk poster design that Mrs. Hart will have printed at through OCM BOCES.
 - ✓ Lauren will purchase a dozen signs from Camillus Home Depot for the posters to be placed on for advertising at \$3.98 for 14"x18".
- **Game Day:** (Rockwell - 6/10) PTO will purchase popsicles, and fill the lemonade coolers with ice water. We will need to purchase bags of ice (ice water) and cups. Toni will make a Sign-Up Genius page for the parents.
- **Race Day:** (Wheeler - 6/14) PTO will purchase freeze pops and set up ice water on the 50 yard line. Possible cookout, Mr. Smith will talk to West Genesee about it. Toni will make Sign-Up Genius page for parents.

- **Skippy Ice Cream Truck:** (6/19 & 6/20) Usually the PTO pays for the Skippy Truck to come and give out 40 free ice creams but due to the result of last year we are considering going with Gannon's. Gannon's will bring a cooler (\$4 per cup). Still trying to sort out the details.
 - **End of the Year Party:** (6/21) Deferred until next year.
 - d. Fundraisers:
 - **Cherrydale:** They got bought out but they are not bankrupt.
 - Lindsey & Toni will set up a separate meeting.
- III. Teacher Requests: All Approved – Mrs. Hart spoke with the Rockwell teachers about approvals of everything by the PTO before buying everything.
- Robyn Beresevoy (Family Fun Night Materials Feb & April) \$74.57
 - Doug Annable & Kindergarten Team (T-Shirts for Kindergarten celebration song) \$133.12
 - Mrs. McPartland (Chairs for classroom) \$459.52
- IV. Treasury Reports/Issues: \$19,600
- V. Communication: Toni emailed the Junk-In-The-Trunk posters to Mrs. Hart to print through OCM BOCES; corrugated signs have been purchased from Home Depot. Toni will look into Square Account.
- VI. Yearbook Updates: All Set! PTO should receive a bill for the year book shortly. 207 yearbooks were ordered, 20 of them were purchased at \$15 per book; however the schools will sell them for \$20 with a profit of \$100. Yearbooks should arrive by June 7th.
- VII. Open Forum:
- Wheeler Playground: Follow up with Mr. Price on the remodeling of Wheeler Playground. The PTO wants to create a Playground Committee that will work together to raise funds for age appropriate playground equipment. Mr. Price will reach out to Assemblywoman Hunter to see if there are extra funds left from the Rockwell Outdoor Classroom. Toni can create a google form that will allow teachers and students to vote on playground equipment options. We can reach out to David Muir or Latavius Murray and see if they want to donate or set up a district event to raise funds for the playground.
 - District Calendar: PTO will add PTO events to the district calendar – turn in information for the district calendar before June 7th. No fundraisers allowed in the calendar.
 - District Budget & Tax Levy: Rob Price and Jennifer Woody informed the PTO of the 2019-2020 district budget and tax levy that will be voted on May 21st. The power point presentation highlighted each school and their accomplishments. The main goal of the 1.95 million increase in taxes will be composed of:
 - ✓ School Buses (purchasing 3 new buses & maintaining existing buses)
 - ✓ Providing support for the ENL's and Alternative Education Programs
 - ✓ State/Mandates
 - ✓ Maintenance on the buildings and equipment
 - ✓ Annual Computer Replacement Program
 - ✓ Maintaining the STAR rebate for homeowners.