

Rose Hill Junior High PTSA
General Membership Meeting
Minutes for October 13, 2009

Meeting held at RHJH library and called to order at 7pm by Jeanette Simecek.

Roll Call performed by Karen Brown. 15 individuals present.

Susan Hamilton moved to vote in new board members including Jeanette Simecek, and Sarah Brown. Donna Blinn 2nd the motion. All were in favor, 0 against.

Principal's Report:

-Dr. Laurynn Evans spoke of a small PTA turnout in the spring. She says this organization needs a stronger voice. Dr. Evans implores the few members present to **invite a friend** to the next meeting. She sites stronger parent involvement enables her to have a stronger voice with which to address the faculty. Kristen Gully suggests parents need to hear specific volunteering needs. Currently lists are being "meshed" to determine participants and needs. Dr Evans was receptive to a pizza feed idea partnered between school and PTSA.

-She emphasized feedback and communication. Dr. Evans chose this school. Her door is open. E-mail is a great tool for her. Jodi Pollett can schedule a meeting. She needs our partnership and help and wants to know what is going right and what our are concerns.

-We "bucked" a trend this year. Magazine sales exceeded the previous 3 yrs. Last day to turn in sales was changed to Friday, October 16th.

-There is a strong turnout for sports. Shane O'Brien encourages kids to participate.

-Dr. Evans has begun mentoring some at risk kids.

-Staff has pledge to donate \$1400 for PTSA for kids athletic scholarships.

-Laurynn spends 1-3 hrs daily in classrooms.

-She is challenging staff with a goal: The Rose Hill message. The rumors of scariness in hallways or disengagement are just ..rumors. It is not the case, so it's important to change the image.

-She offered clarification in response to questions regarding "slick" microphones in classrooms in a budget shortfall year. Once a levy or bond is passed for technology the funds must be spent on such things and may not be mixed with construction funds, etc.

-There is a big meeting at LWHS 7pm Wednesday. Two items on the agenda are reconfiguration of middle school/high school and the modernization time line.

City of Redmond Mayor John Marchione

-Mayor Marchione provided for the funding of a full time resource officer. Presently Officer Corson serves the junior high. He will going to a different school and we'll be assigned a new one. This post is an effort to build connections, connect he community and solve problems.

-Sarah Brown asked whether there are plans with the City of Redmond to partner with the district for field maintenance. This is being considered. The mayor offered that there are discussions for a pool to be built and shared between LW High and Redmond High.

-Mayor Marchione will have someone from city call Dr Evans regarding a pedestrian crosswalk on 140th.

-Dan Dorsey wants Ben Rush gym saved from tear down and retained by the City of Redmond.

-Christine Baker wanted to know the use of land at 132nd and Old Redmond Way. It is City of Kirkland land, used by firefighters for training and once CIP \$ is available will be a park.

-Anne Allan had concerns with a robber at Bridle Trails and permission granted for student release after school. That is the jurisdiction of City of Kirkland and they call the district with information.

Jeanette Simecek asked for a vote on the changes made to standing rules. The only change was the amount of membership to \$ 10.50 students, \$ 11.50 for parents \$19 for a couple and \$ 9 for staff. Dan Dorsey moved to adopt the new changes, Christine Baker 2nd. All were in favor.

Treasurer Report from Brenda Andrew

-Brenda led a discussion for a proposed increase in the grant budget. This covers such things as stipends for robotics, teacher supervisors for IM during lunch. Donna Blinn moved to increase to \$ 4K. Anne 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

-application for insurance. In years passed we've bought general insurance and officer liability. Additional coverages were discussed. Dan moved that we keep coverage consistent with prior years. Donna Blinn 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

-Brenda wanted approval to reimburse the school's paper supply from the summer packets plus 3 extra reams totaling \$ 45.15. In the future Tonja Mathews suggested taking to print center.

Wreaths/Poinsettias fundraiser. The goal is 1 wreath per family. Our focus is getting information out by 1. handing out flyers to other parents. Anne Allen offered to inform parents before school. 2. using the reader board 3. Jeannette will look into posting on the kirklandview.com website's calendar 4. copies for PTA parents to distribute who attend RH sporting events after school.

eSCRIP update-44 participants.

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Grandparent Luncheon – Heidi O’Conner is in charge of decoration/menu. Jeanette Simecek is to call Kristi Parnell. Donna offered to help.

Help needed for Health screening 7a-2p Nov. 13th. No scoliosis check this year. Donna Blinn offered to help.

Future General Membership Meetings:

1/20 6pm at the start of game night. Light refreshments to be served.

4/23 6pm at the start of movie night.

8:45pm Meeting adjourned.