

# Rockland Family Association Meeting Minutes

## September 11, 2018

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### In Attendance

Toni Parvis  
Joy Logsdon  
Tara Deering  
Allison Carollo  
Kristin Brafford  
Sarah Paddack  
Katie Suttie  
Jasett Ktsanes  
Lindsay McMahan  
Stephanie Weatherly  
Lisa Lombardo  
Keri Woodward  
Katie Taylor  
Nicole Slobe  
Jami Schaer  
Jill Sahagian  
Lauren Wu  
Kristin Howeth  
Kristin Swanson  
Jennifer Martin  
Vanessa Vojodic  
Janine Sorboro  
Ryan Parvis  
Maggie Krynski  
Charmaine Butler  
Jessica Longly  
Sybil Chadwick  
Jessica Page  
Katie Sanderson  
Amy Klubowkowski  
Dale List  
Tejal Mehta  
Jeff Knapp

## **Chair Reports**

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade BBQ – Kristin Brafford**

Tentative date is Sunday June 2, 2019. Looking at Adler or Barefoot Bay pool party.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Memory Book – Katie Taylor**

She will be sending an email soon to 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents to request pictures to be collected.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Event – Maureen Santi**

Asked if the event is more fun or educational about growing up. Knapp responded that the school shows videos about puberty and the focus has been more fun but it is completely up to the chairperson.

### **Fall Book Fair – Keri Woodward**

All volunteers have been contacted to sign up for a time and information is on the Rockland website and RAP.

### **School Supply Kits – Janine Sorboro**

Janine said it went much smoother than last year and we had more kits ordered. \$8K in 2017, \$9K in 2018. The new company we used “1<sup>st</sup> Day School Supplies” had great customer service and teachers had positive feedback. RFA donated 16 kits to total \$1K in donated kits to Rockland families. Next year we are budgeting \$1500 to donating school kits.

### **Jennifer Martin – Teacher Conference Dinner**

RFA agreed to increase the budget so they can provide more main meat dishes. They need more people to volunteer to cook – please do so on [signup.com](http://signup.com)

### **Jennifer Martin – Teacher Appreciation Lunch**

They ask that families volunteer to decorate tables with a centerpiece and napkins based on the theme they decided upon. This is in May and they also need volunteers to decorate tables, set up and clean up the meals.

### **Jennifer Martin – Hospitality Mixers**

All mixer host volunteer positions have been filled and see the RAP for upcoming mixer dates for your child’s grade.

### **Vanesa Vojodic – Thanksgiving Bread**

It will be Monday, November 19 this year. We ask for families to volunteer to bake or purchase bread for the teachers to have over the holiday break. 45 loaves are needed. If it is homemade, we need a list of ingredients included.

### **Aimee Krummick – Son and VIP Event**

This is a dance in the gym on Friday, Oct 5 from 7-830pm. There will be a DJ and selfie station. Flyer will be coming home next week with details.

### **Lindsay McMahon – Family Reading Night changed to Reading Day**

In previous years, we brought in an author at night to speak about writing, reading and their lives. We realized in the last few years we were not reaching as many students as we wanted because of it being at night so we switched it to the school day this year. All students will be able to hear the author speak and learn about them. Tentatively Nathan Hale, author of the Hazardous Tales, will be presenting to all students on May 15, 2019. The winners of the writing contest will have lunch with the author instead of dinner.

### **Kristin Swanson – Room Parent Chair**

All room parents should look for an email to schedule a meeting about Room Chair responsibilities. All communication about Room Parent and Classroom Party Volunteers have been sent.

### **Charmaine Butler – Rockland Cares**

They tried a few different ways to get the word out this year – RAP, signup.com and a hand out in back pack mail and are putting on the RFA facebook page soon.

### **Toni Parvis – Food Days**

They begin Wednesday, October 3.

### **Board Reports**

#### **Treasurer – Stephanie Weatherly and Joy Logsdon**

At every meeting, they will show and explain the most current bank statement. It will be a bit out of date but they do online banking in real time.

In July, cash balance was \$15,618.38.

Each year we budget to roll over \$8000 in order to have money in our account to pay for the Welcome Back Picnic, Marriott tickets, teacher set up and school supply kits donations.

We also receive \$5000 from District 70.

We have \$2618 categorized as Gifts to School for anything that comes up during the year that may be requested.

The main changes in the Budget is we moved Movie Night, School Store and Directories to Money In as fundraisers because we typically end on the positive side.

Last year Box Tops and Food days came in lower than we budgeted so we adjusted the expected numbers for this year.

Stephanie requested a motion to approve the budget, motion made, budget approved.

## **2nd Vice President – Kristin Swanson reported for Elizabeth Kurkowski**

Kristin shared information from the FAD70 meeting held last week.

Please fill out the survey about the new superintendent.

The D70 dashboard area on the website has information about 10 and 20-year strategic plan, budgets etc.

Libertyville High School's pool construction will be done in Spring 2019 and the old pool will be changed into Library space. They also created 69 new parking spaces.

Rocktober Fest will happen again this year on October 13 at Austins and part of the entry fee will be donated to D70 schools.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Nicole Slobe**

She is in charge of Directories and Facebook communication. Please give us feedback on what you want to see on Facebook. The directories cost \$6 this year and 80 orders have been received to date. All orders need to be submitted by September 14. We are not allowed to have the directory be online because of District privacy rules. If you have questions about directories, get in touch with Nicole.

## **Principal Report – Jeff Knapp**

Construction Update – The air conditioning was turned off in the gym because of buckling of the subfloor. The subfloor is not breathing properly due to poor installation. The extra moisture of humidity will help the wood lay flat again and then it will be fixed.

The Resource Service Officer will be doing monthly programming with the children.

Mrs. List explained she heads Character Counts and our generosity helps families at Kenneth Murphy elementary school in Beach Park. The staff did a Feed My Starving Children night with their staff, we are collecting supplies for them and the students will have a pen pal to write to.

Also, on November 12, we will have a Veteran's Day Celebration at school. Any families who know any Veterans personally should respond to her outreach to have the Veterans join our celebration on November 12.

Career Day is Friday, January 25 in the morning. We have a lot of great presenters and more information will be in the upcoming RAPs.

## **Open Forum**

During the Treasurer Report, Stephanie explained the RFA gives \$100 to each teacher in the beginning of the year and they need to submit receipts for reimbursement by March of that year. We discussed whether this was enough money and if we need to increase? We also discussed a possible wish list on AmazonSmile where teachers add what they need for their classrooms and families can purchase these items that will be sent directly to the school. We

would also get money back through AmazonSmile. Several attendees were interested in creating this and setting it up. Look for more details soon.

- At meeting, it was discussed the best way to help the teachers right now would be to attend the Dine and Shares, where part of all purchases from a local eatery goes to Rockland on a certain day. They use this money as needed for items throughout the year. But all avenues will be explored as mentioned above.

It was requested if we have the money, could we replace the pads around the basketball hoops. Noted and will be looked into.

A playground update and renovation was mentioned and discussed it would take upwards of \$50,000 to do. If anyone is interested in getting this started, it is recommended a committee be created to look into all aspects. At the meeting, no one volunteered to create this committee. Each year the playground is inspected by engineers and this year, it was deemed safe so there is not any urgency in this as of yet but still open to discussion.

There was a request for Rockland to have yard signs as LHS, HMS and other D70 elementary schools have. A few options were discussed and Katie Suttie reached out to someone local who may be able to make them. More information to be gathered.

The next RFA meeting is November 6 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.