

Rockland Family Association Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2019

In Attendance

Toni Parvis
Joy Logsdon
Tara Deering
Elizabeth Kurkowski
Stephanie Weatherly
Jessica Page
Christine Liu
Sybil Chadwick
Maggie Krynski
Kate Mariani-Vacek
Charmaine Butler
Greg Reilly
Paul Sahagian
Jessica Longly
Dale List
Jeff Knapp

Approval of November 2018 RFA Meeting Minutes

Stephanie Weatherly made the motion, Elizabeth Kurkowski seconded and minutes were officially approved.

Board Reports

Treasurer – given by Co-Treasurer Stephanie Weatherly

Stephanie first reviewed the December 2018 bank statement for transparency.

The current balance is \$35,698.21. There is \$8000 rolled over from last year to cover beginning of the year expenses. We are keeping the \$5000 the district gives each year as our surplus savings. And \$2618.38 is allocated as Gifts to School for any needs that come up throughout the year per the teacher's request. We just approved a \$450 assembly for the Spring to bring Sweat Shop to Rockland for a PBS assembly. We have a healthy budget and are on track for the year.

2nd Vice President – Elizabeth Kurkowski

The last FAD70 meeting was November 15, 2018.

5 Essentials Survey – Dr. Schumacher encourages all of us to fill out the 5 Essentials Survey. This survey is for you to “review” Rockland School. Answer these questions about your experience as a parent and your children's experience. This includes leadership, collaboration, family involvement and supportive environments. The 4th and 5th graders will be taking the survey during their learning center time in the upcoming weeks so we will have first-hand information from the children. In the past, we have only had 25% of families participate and our goal is at least 50%. Mr. Knapp, the teachers and the District take this information to help gear their direction and dedication for the upcoming years. Dr. Schumacher sent an email with this link to

the survey this week. Please look for it and fill out the survey.

Text Emergency Notifications – please sign up for text notifications about emergencies or school closing so you receive important information from the school.

Snow Days and Instructional Time – The School Board is trying to define what is needed in order to not tack on days at the end of the year due to snow days. They are voting on it at the next Board Meeting. Right now, they are looking at creating 1 hour of contact time where the students will have a week to complete an assignment. The resolution is to be determined.

School Report Card and District Assessment Data – The School Report Card (ESSAs) and the District Assessment Data (PARCC) were reviewed by Dr. Youngman at the meeting. All information is on the District website under Curriculum. Please review.

President – Toni Parvis

3 RFA Board positions are coming up for election at our March Board Meeting: Secretary, 2nd Vice President and Co-Treasurer. Each position is a 2-year commitment. If you have questions about responsibilities or are interested in a position, please contact Nicole Slobe.

Committee Reports

5th Grade Gift – given by Toni Parvis

They will be having a Bake Sale during conferences in February and will be selling treats on the playground after school once the weather warms up. A gift is yet to be determined.

Yard Signs – given by Toni Parvis

All yard signs have been delivered.

Spring Book Fair – given by Toni Parvis

The Spring Book Fair is during conferences in February. Volunteers are needed for set up, clean up and cashier. Additionally, if you love the Book Fair and are interested in Co-Chairing it with Keri Woodward next year, please let her know.

Career Day – Tara Deering

We have plenty of volunteers to help children get to their presentations. If you are confirmed to volunteer, please wear a red shirt.

Movie Night – Greg Reilly (for Erin Reilly)

The date has changed from February 8 because the Village Daddy/Daughter dance was this night. The new date is Thursday, February 28 at 6pm. The movie will be Incredibles 2. There will be pizza to purchase in advance and movie snack packs of popcorn, water and candy that can be purchased in advance or that night. All information will go home in back pack mail soon.

Food Days – given by Toni Parvis

If you selected to pay half in the beginning of the year and half mid-year, you will be receiving your invoice to pay within the next few weeks.

Reading Day – given by Toni Parvis

This will now be during the school day. The author is Nathan Hale and May 15 is tentatively scheduled.

PattyCake Breakfast – given by Toni Parvis

We are in need of a Chairperson for Pattycake and a Food Chairperson. Last year we used Uncle Pancake for food and it was such a great success we have contacted him again, in hopes he is available. The Food Chair would be in charge of food and drinks for the event.

We have someone to help collect classroom raffles but are in need of sports tickets, monetary donations, hotel/airline/limousine donations. Please contact Jessica Kuehn if you can donate.

Rockland Cares – Sybil Chadwick and Charmaine Butler

They are having great turnout at the events. They are switching up things for next year to schedule things on weeknights and weekends to reach more families and have new activities. They need lunch meat for PADS this month. And next month is Fill a Heart.

Teacher Conference Dinners – Kate Mariani-Vacek and Toni Parvis

They need dinners during conferences for the teachers. They will be sending out an email to volunteer.

Rock The House, February 20, 6pm – given by Stephanie Weatherly

Rock The House is a basketball game played by the 5th graders. It is fun to watch them play, cheer them on and be part of a fun event. We will be selling pom poms, noisemakers etc before the event.

Principal Report – Mr. Knapp

The Junior Achievement Program is coming to Rockland. It will be a ½ day program for all students. Parents will volunteer to teach the students from the program guide. Training for all parents who would like to be involved is the morning of April 16 and they are trying to get additional days after work etc. The Junior Achievement Day will be April 26. More information to come via emails and back pack mail.

The D70 Board of Directors selected Dr. Matthew Barbieri to be our new Superintendent. He will begin in July 2019. He currently is the Deputy Superintendent in Palatine District 15.

Character Counts – Dale List

February 4-8 Rockland will be packing lunches for PADS. Each day 50 sandwiches will be made by student council, staff and teachers. We are in need of parents to drive the sandwiches to the PADS location in Waukegan. The last week of January she will send out requests for food donations for the PADS sandwiches. Additionally, our Beach Park Buddy School, Kenneth Murphy, is in need of non-perishable foods for their students. We will be collecting for those students in the upcoming weeks also.

The next RFA meeting is March 6 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.