

Rockland Family Association Minutes

November 5, 2019 - Rockland Learning Center - 7:00pm

In Attendance

Jessica Longly

Jasett Ktsanes

Jessica Page

Toni Parvis

Joy Logsdon

Nicole Slobe

Stephanie Weatherly

Katie Sanderson

Lauren Wu

Robert DeBartolo

Katie Mickiewicz

Michelle Noll

Melissa Johnson

Susan Layburn

Elizabeth Kurkowski

Rob Mulsoff

Tom Wall

Lindsay McMahon

Maggie Krynski

Jennifer Martin

Amy Klobukowski

Jill Sahagian

Shannon Metzger

Eloisa Sosa Almonte

Laura Joyce

Abby Taylor

Tracey Janzen

Jeff Knapp

Linda Snader

Michelle Vertanen

Introductions

The RFA Board introduced themselves:

- Toni Parvis - President
- Joy Logsdon - Co-Treasurer
- Jessica Page - Co-Treasurer
- Jessica Longly - Secretary
- Jasett Ktsanes - 2nd Vice President
- Nicole Slobe - 1st Vice President

Playground Update

- The RFA board has reached out to another district-approved vendor, Landscape Structures, for a secondary quote
 - Toni recently met with them - Renderings and quotes are TBD
- We received a \$20,000 donation in honor of a former Rockland student D. Chris Osborne and grandparent of current students
- Raptor Run - Raised approximately \$15,000
- Corporate Task Force
 - Meeting November 5
 - Still looking for volunteers - If you're interested, please contact Jessica Longly at jklongly@gmail.com
- Alumni & Community Task Force
 - New Rockland Robin t-shirts are for sale
 - Cost = \$25
 - \$5 of each sale will go toward the playground
 - Bingo Family Night
 - Details TBD
 - Goal: Raise \$1,000 - \$3,000
 - Heather's Gym
 - Hosting a fitness event with proceeds going toward the playground
 - Details TBD
 - Likely to be held in January

- Rockland SkyZone Day
 - Working with SkyZone to establish a date where a portion of the proceeds will go towards our playground project
- Question: Are there lists available for the team to tap into?
 - Toni: She has older directories that we could potentially utilize
- Question: How do we broaden our audience to include more alumni? Is there a way to create a Facebook page? What are the rules regarding a post?
 - Jasett: Right now it's been a word of mouth campaign
 - Toni: We could put together Facebook posts for others to share
- Grant-Writing Task Force
 - Limited volunteers
 - 1 grant submitted to date
- Brick Sales
 - Goal: Raise \$5,000 - \$10,000
 - Information will be going home the week of November 4
- Playground mock-ups shown in the meeting
 - The mockups shown were from Miracle - They designed the other playgrounds in the district
 - The renderings from Landscape Structures are still being developed
- Question: What happens to the old playground?
 - Landscape Structures said we could reuse the posts if needed
 - No definitive plans regarding any recycling at this time
 - The district will remove the old playground
- Question: If we raise more money than we need, what will happen with the surplus?
 - All of the money will be spent on the playground
 - We could add additional portions to the playground
 - We could replace basketball hoops
 - If playground additions are available, any plans will be shared with the RFA community and voted upon
- Question: What was important to the kids/adults in the playground

survey that was sent out?

- Swings, slides and monkey bars were hot topics
- Most people use the playground outside of school hours
- Appropriate amount and variety of equipment was top of mind in the survey
- Question: How will we ensure our playground is ADA-compliant?
 - We have a flat surface, so that will help right off the bat
 - We want to make sure that all children have access to the playground

Committee/Chair Reports

- Rockland VIP/Son Dance - Laura DeBartolo
 - Thanks to Rob for creating the invitation
 - Thanks to Chris Colton for providing us with your DJ skills
 - Thanks to Lauren Wu and the team for setup and cleanup
- Book Fair
 - It was a success - Thank you for shopping
- Teacher Conferences Dinner
 - Thank you for contributing! The teachers appreciated it!
- Thanksgiving Bake Bread
 - If you're interested in participating, go to Signup.com and volunteer
 - You don't have to bake
- Author Day - Lindsey McMahon
 - Booked Jeff Mack - Author and illustrator
 - Kids really enjoy meeting someone who writes and illustrates their story
 - Date: May 5, 2020
 - He will be in the school all day
 - Presentation for all grades and workshops with the older students
 - Mrs. Johnson just ordered several of his books so the students can check him out before
- Rockland Cares - Jill

- Anti-bullying workshop completed
- Nicholas Dowden park cleanup - 2x per year
- Feed My Starving Children completed
- Food pantry event coming up
- Senior sing even coming up
- They were working with an LHS group for an MLK event in January, but they backed out.
 - They are looking to replace the event with another educational event (environmental, social impact issues, etc.)

Board Reports

- Budget Review with Co-Treasurers Joy Logsdon and Jessica Page
 - Book Fair - Generated \$1,048.40
 - Food Days - We still need to pay for the food, so the net income looks high right now
 - Shows Net income of \$13,011.72 - Before we pay for the food
 - Directories - They were on time and under budget
 - Net income - \$544.61
 - For more detailed information on the budget, please see the budget here:
 - <https://www.d70schools.org/schoolsites/lib/files/documents/5/Th eBudget20192020.xlsx1.pdf>
 - Marriott Trip Update
 - The district changed bus companies, so we were charged more this year
 - District contracts with Lakeside bus company
 - Principals have been able to work around that by going to First Student, but First Student raised their rates
 - The actual event is not raising their costs - The bus companies have raised their rates
- FAD 70 Update with 2nd VP Jasett Ktsanes

- There's no update right now
- The meeting is happening on Thursday, November 7

Building Updates with Mr. Knapp

- Veterans Day
 - This year, students are writing letters with their buddy classes for Operation Gratitude
 - A service member is going to come in and speak with Rockland Student Council and it will be broadcast to all Rockland students on a later date
- Mini-Grant Requests
 - Rockland teachers have the ability to apply for up to \$500 in grants
 - Money comes from any sponsor in our community
 - Local businesses
 - Business partners judge the mini-grant requests and award them
 - Rockland teachers earned 7 of those grants
 - 2 mini-grants for 3rd grade
 - Chicago and Growing Minds hands-on learning experiences
 - Happening in school, so no additional transportation is needed
 - Mrs. Sundh and Mr. Vipond
 - Robotics mini-grant
 - Mrs. Johnson
 - Cricket machine - making t-shirts mini-grant
 - Mrs. Sundh and Mrs. Vertanen
 - Mini-grant to continue creating a sensory room for students
 - EL Teacher
 - ESL games for students learning to speak English from Spanish
 - Mr. Kolar

- Snow much fun sleds
- Conference Dinners
 - Thank you Jennifer Martin and crew for all of your help!
- Junior Achievement
 - Mr. Knapp and Jessica Longly to chat ahead of Career Day in January
- Mrs. Stonehocker (Kindergarten) is looking for anyone who may be interested to volunteer an hour of their time on a month-by-month basis to assist in her classroom
 - Signup sheet available at the meeting for those interested
- Food Days Feedback
 - Stickers for Food Days has been positively received by teachers
- Rockland is going to undergo tuckpointing
 - You will see scaffolding on the outside of the building, but it will be quiet in the building
 - Timeframe: During Summer School
 - Mr. Knapp to confirm it won't interfere with a playground build
 - Elizabeth Davis and Steve Feldman are in charge of D70 Summer School, so if you have concerns regarding the tuckpointing project, please contact them

New Items

- None listed

Adjourn

- Next meeting - January 14, 2020