

RC Hinsdale PTA
October 9, 2018
MEETING MINUTES

Present: PTA President Jared Powers, Vice President of Membership Tiffany Strah, Treasurer Natalie Linstruth, Dr. Castleman, and Assistant Principal Alex Fangman.

Others in attendance; Aimee Brown, Emily Durstock, Nancy Jackson, Tina Walter, Katie Gibbons, Beth King, Jami McQuerry, Erin Ledonne, Lisa Proffitt, Ken Hobbs, Elisabeth Chiang, Sara Thompson

1. **Call to Order:** PTA President Jared Powers called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the library of R.C. Hinsdale Elementary School on October 9, 2018. Mr. Powers welcomed all those in attendance.
2. **How do I stay informed/Next Meeting:** **The next Meeting of the PTA will be held on November 14, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. The following are the PTA Meeting dates for the school year. These dates can also be found on the calendar magnets that were distributed with PTA memberships this school year. Nov. 14, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr. 2, and May 14.**
 - Facebook Page (RC Hinsdale PTA) - Like and share posts
 - Email blasts from Hinsdale
 - Twitter: @RCHPatriots
 - Join Remind 101: Text the following: @rchpta to 81010 for PTA Updates and information
 - Come to the PTA Meetings
3. **Approval of the Minutes:** Mr. Powers called for questions or corrections to the September minutes. **Upon motion of Lisa Proffitt, second by Beth King that the R.C. Hinsdale PTA Minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**
4. **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Natalie Linstruth reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Among the items discussed what the purchase of 5 interactive tvs for a cost of just over \$12,000. These tvs are replacing the outdated smartboards. Natalie also clarified how to process PTA deposits; write what the deposit is for on the deposit slip. Also, if you remove the stamp and deposit book from the safe, please have it returned the next day. **Upon motion of Elisabeth Chiang, second by Beth King that the Treasurer's report be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**
5. **Dr. Castleman's Corner:** Dr. Castleman thanked the PTA for the interactive tvs and explained how crucial this is for the classrooms. The Fun Run kicked off today with the Boosterthon tv. Dr. Castleman had a discussion with someone from another school who runs a similar efforts on their own but she discussed all of the benefits she has from using the Boosterthon team in our efforts to get the kids excited about the fundraiser and for the character building piece of the program. The Fun Run will help raise money for new musical instruments and more technology equipment. Dr. Castleman announced that Hinsdale is one of five Kenton County School labelled as "Other" through the new testing standards. This means our scores showed no Comprehensive or Target Areas of Improvement; our students are performing where they should be performing. Our new School Resource Officer should be in place very soon. He is currently training with the SRO at Turkeyfoot and the hopes is he will be in place by the end of the month. The construction project remains on schedule and the staff is looking to make a possible move over the holiday break.

6. Committee Reports:

- **Membership** Tiffany Strah reported we have 296 membership, that is up from 282 last year. Everyone who has joined should have received their membership cards and their magnet. Anyone can still join by returning a membership form and dues but we will not actively be soliciting members beyond this point. Mrs. Bogard's class was the winner of the ice cream party which was held last month. All volunteer contact information was forwarded to the chairs of the committees that members expressed an interest in joining.
- **Fundraising** Amanda & Deanna were not present. Jared Powers explained children received pledge postcards that went home today. Emails have been sent to encourage parents to participate as well. As Dr. Castleman mentioned, there was also a school pep rally to kick off the Fun Run today.
- **Spiritwear** Ms. Bunnell reported the tshirt sales are complete. She is working on a winter order that will include long sleeve shirts, sweatshirts, and winter hats. She is looking to order 5th grade shirts in January – with the design being finalized before then. There was a mention of school incentive money that has been used to purchase these in the past which will be looked into further. Mrs. Bogard has been the 8th grade teacher who served as a contact on this project in the past. Jenny will reach out to her.
- **Spring Carnival** Jackie Schlotterbeck was not present at the meeting so Mr. Powers gave the report. He reiterated that the Kenton County School District informed Hinsdale that that in order to continue to have its raffle at the Spring Carnival we will have to obtain a gaming license because we make over \$150.00. This has been done. The date for the Spring Carnival has yet to be determined.
- **Special Events** Sara Thompson is chairing this committee. She announced she has reached out to Color Me Mine about the ornament painting which will take place on November 21st. It will expand to include an additional session. Color Me Mine is also raising their prices slightly so we will have an increase as well.
- **Donuts with Dad** Lisa Proffitt reported things are on track for Donuts with Dad to be held on November 14, 2018. More information will be coming out soon.
- **Restaurant Nights** Renee Collins was not present. Jared Powers reported that Chick Fil-A night went really well. The next restaurant night will be at Larosa's on October 17th.
- **Mother-Son Event** Aimee Brown discussed plans for a Mother-Son Movie event. This would happen in February to see the Lego 2 Movie at the Florence Race. The group discussed a possible Friday before 6:00pm showing versus a Sunday afternoon showing. It was decided Sunday would probably work better for families. Several theaters could be reserved but we pay for the seats once a reservation is made. Aimee expressed the need to do pre-sale only tickets for this reason which was supported by the group. Tickets for the afternoon showing would be around \$10 with the option to add a popcorn & drink package.
- **Upcoming PTA Events**
 - Boosterthon Fun Run 10/9-10/18 – Amanda Ward & Deanna Barkie
 - Veterans Day Celebration 11/12 – Dr C said this will now take place in two assemblies this year because of the number of students in the building all day now (with the additional of full-day kindergarten). The details are still being worked out.
 - Donuts with Dad 11/14 – Lisa Proffitt

7. Old Business

Brain Pop/Kids Discovery Mr. Powers stated there was a large price difference between the two programs. (\$150 for Kids Discovery, \$1,400 for Brain Pop) Kids Discovery is used in 5th grade right now but teachers are only using Mrs. Gibbons account. She will work with other teachers using the program to see how many additional accounts need to be purchased.

- **Popcorn Fridays** The 1st one went very well. But we did realize we have two machines, one not working and one not working well. We're expecting to spend about \$90/month for popcorn and bags; there has been more than enough collected to cover these costs. Beth Wise is looking into purchasing a new machine as well. **Upon a motion of Natalie Linstruth, second my Aimee Brown, that the PTA provide up to \$350 to purchase a new popcorn machine. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Open Chairs/Co-Chairs** Amanda is looking for a new or co-chair for Fundraising for next year. Sara Thompson agreed to move over to that position next year. Lisa Proffitt is looking for someone to co-chair with her this year and take over Donuts with Dad/Muffins with Mom next year. Natalie Linstruth is looking for a co-chair for the Treasurer position this year with plans to move into the position next year.

8. New Business

- **Redbook** Jared Powers and Natalie Linstruth attended Redbook workshops and reported that we need a different way to handle reimbursements and start-up funds for the teachers. The PTA cannot give reimbursements or gift cards up front; instead purchases need to be made by the PTA. Research will be done on possibly setting up Amazon Wish Lists or Wish Lists at the Parent Teacher Store. Natalie is also looking into getting a debit card for the PTA to limit reimbursements; fewer people are willing to pay for things upfront themselves and wait for the reimbursement check, especially on large purchases. Natalie is also going to look into the new Stockyard Bank going into the old BB&T location as that location was very convenient.
- **Mr. Bromley Wish List** Jared Powers read a letter from Mr. Bromley. He hopes to purchase about \$6,000 worth of ORF instruments for the music department through funds collected in the Fun Run. **Upon a motion of Aimee Brown, second my Jenny Bunnell, the purchase will be made for those instruments now and the money will be pulled from the Fun Run as it comes in. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Basketball Concessions** PTA will sell water, Gatorade, chips, ring pops at the basketball games. A sign-up genius will be sent out to cover shifts; the concession stand will only be open during times a volunteer has agreed to run the concession stand. Mr. Chevalier would like to use these funds to purchase PE items.

9. **Adjournment:** Upon motion of Lisa Proffitt, second by Katie Gibbons that the meeting be adjourned.