



RC Hinsdale PTA March 13, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Present: PTA President Jared Powers, Vice President of Membership Tiffany Strah, Secretary Amie Wells, Fundraising Amanda Ward, Principal Dr. Castleman, and Asst. Principal Mr. Fangman. Various teachers and others in attendance for the Patriot of the Month Awards and the PTA Meeting.

1. **Call to Order:** PTA President Jared Powers called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of R.C. Hinsdale Elementary School on March 13, 2018. Mr. Powers welcomed all those in attendance.

2. **Guest Speaker:** Mr. Powers announced that the guest speaker would be R.C. Hinsdale Principal Dr. Castleman and she would be discussing school safety. Mr. Powers continued saying that he has been asked if he feels that the school is safe. He stated that Hinsdale is safe and that administration and staff are committed to keeping the students safe. Mr. Powers met with Dr. Castleman, Mr. Fangman, Officer Goodenough, and a member of SWAT recently to discuss safety. After the meeting he met with Kenton County School District Risk Manager/Safety Officer Teal Nally to share ideas about safety. Dr. Castleman welcomed those in attendance and reported that Kenton County School District Superintendent Dr. Webb will join next month's PTA Meeting. She noted that the staff and administration have been fielding questions regarding safety in the wake of so many school shootings. This evening she is hoping to ease parent's minds. Dr. Castleman stated that her son is a fourth grader at Hinsdale and she believes that Hinsdale is a safe school and safety is a priority. She reported that the secure vestibule has been approved by the Kenton County School Board and is awaiting approval by the Kentucky Department of Education. Construction should begin soon and continue through the summer with completion in November. The new entrance will be located by the Kindergarten wing of the building. She reported that the ginkgo tree will stay and the grassy areas and sidewalk will be impacted by construction. Dr. Castleman reported that there is a security camera already in place at school and if the staff does not recognize a visitor they will be asked who they are. We will continue to use visitor badges and the Kenton County Sheriff Department will be present three times a day during arrival, midday, and dismissal. The new secure vestibule will change the entry process into school. Dr. Castleman reported that she walked through the campus with Teal Nally, and a member of the SWAT Team to see how our safety plan could be strengthened. There will be more training for teachers onsite this summer. The City police department has been very helpful and she noted that Hinsdale is trying to be proactive. Dr. Castleman welcomed suggestions, questions, and encouraged open lines of communication. Someone asked that since the school has an open pod system that during construction of the new vestibule if the classrooms will be closed in. Dr. Castleman stated that there would be a secure corridor. Someone asked if bullet proof glass would be installed. Dr. Castleman stated that bullet proof glass is too costly. Someone asked if the exterior doors to the school are locked at all times. Dr. Castleman stated that each pod has a door to the outside and they are locked. She added that the building can be emptied in 1 minutes 20 seconds. The ALICE program is a good way to communicate emergency situation procedures with students. ALICE drills are performed every August and January in the school year. Dr. Castleman stressed that no one can just open a door and gain access to the school. There was a question regarding the security of the school's low roof. Dr. Castleman stated the roof is higher than it looks and there are many latches and mechanisms. It is not easy to gain access to the roof. There was discussion of security



during open school events such as the carnival, or Donuts with Dad/Mornings with Mom. Dr. Castleman informed that currently there is no sign in/out process during open events. Parents are asked to increase awareness and know where their children are. She added that they will look in to a sign in/out policy. Someone asked if the County is looking at the POST Program. Dr. Castleman said that she has not been appraised of the program yet. Moving forward it was suggested that a sub-committee of the PTA be formed to look at safety. Dr. Castleman informed that if anyone has any questions or concerns to please call the office.

3. **Patriot of the Month Awards:** Dr. Castleman presented the Patriot of the Month Awards for March.

| Teacher | Student | Student |
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| Mrs. Walter | Grace Benner Frankie King | Gracie Yates Lillian Lovell |
| Ms. Talbert | Madelyn Ullrich Harper Scully | Ben Dickow Amelia Klaene |
| Mrs. Cook | Riley Todd | |
| Mrs. Jeffries | **** | ***** |
| Mrs. Smith | Annie Collins | Noah Post |
| Mrs. Cooper | Jessica Clasgens | Oliver Martin |
| Mrs. Patterson | | |
| Mrs. Steinbrunner | Finley Clements | Madi Berkemeier-Hays |
| Mrs. Cottengim | Corey King | Salin Haskins |
| Mrs. Stainforth | Jack Rose | Clara Chiang |
| Mrs. Metzger | Alexis Hergott | Lukas Wagner |
| Mrs. Granger | Jaya Dharmapori | |
| Mrs. Cox | Kaitlyn West | Mason Sierra |
| Mrs. Kiefer | Elizabeth Oliver | |
| Mrs. Watkins | Elyse Puitz | Mallory Rommel |
| Mrs. Nichols | Carmena Maxwell | Will Collins |
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| Mrs. Kuhlman | Trinity Swank | Brayden Golsch |
| Mrs. McQuerry | Karter Holbrook | Malia Hambrick |
| Mrs. King | Jamie Golden | Naomi Gibbons |
| Ms. Brown | Lily Smith | Austin Morehead |
| Mrs. Howell | Lily Clabes | Owen Gabbard |
| Mrs. Bogard | Greg Chiang | Maddy Kluck |
| Mrs. King | Sierra Hitchcock | Bowyn Schatzman |
| Mrs. Gibbons | James Hennekes | Karlissa Collinsworth |
| Mr. Horine | Hasanali Rana | Sydney Rommel |

4. **How do I stay informed/Next Meeting:** The next Meeting of the PTA will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.
 - Facebook Page (RC Hinsdale PTA) - Like and share posts
 - Email blasts from Hinsdale
 - Join Remind 101: Text the following: @rchpta to 81010 for PTA Updates and information
 - Come to the PTA Meetings

5. **Approval of the Minutes:** Mr. Powers called for questions or corrections to the February 6, 2018, Minutes. **Upon motion of Tiffany Strah, second by Gina Powers that the R.C. Hinsdale PTA Minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

6. **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Natalie Linstruth stated that the Treasurer's Report would be on the website. She reviewed the Treasurer's Report for those in attendance. **Upon motion of Beth King, second by Scott King that the Treasurer's report be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

7. **Committee Reports:**
 - **Spring Carnival** Jackie Schlotterbeck updated the PTA on the Spring Carnival to be held on March 17-18th. An email blast will be going out shortly with information pertaining to the Spring Carnival. Ms. Schlotterbeck stated that she is still in need of 12 cakes for the cakewalk, 16 people are needed to work the spaghetti dinner, there are 25 spots for games and if these spots are not filled some of the games will not happen. Thursday before the carnival will be the penny war pep rally. There are 5,000 silent auction items. The carnival will be inside this year and due to March Mad-



ness there will be tv's at the spaghetti dinner and carnival. Most of the baskets are complete and are being displayed.

- **Father/Daughter** The dance went well, there is no further report.
- **Mother/Son** The event will be on May 4, 2018. There is no further report.
- **Staff Appreciation** Laura Puitz reported that plans are on track for Staff Appreciation Week. They need to know where they will be able to set up for the week and should know before spring break. Food is secured for each day and a signup genius will be going out after the Spring Carnival.
- **Mornings with Mom** Lisa Proffitt reported that Mornings with Mom will be on April 25th this year and during the book fair. A sign up genius will be coming out soon.
- **Art Fair** The Art Fair will be held on March 28th.
- **Restaurant Nights** Renee Collins reported that on April 30th there will be a Chipotle Night. She is looking to have a restaurant nights at Frischs and Larosas. Mr. Powers reported that Larosas stepped up and donated over 90% of the food for the spaghetti dinner.

8. **Old Business:**

- **Curriculum Enhancements** Dr. Castleman stated that she will review the document and it looks solid but she needs to read over it. It will be on the April Agenda. She thanked the generosity of the PTA and thanked the committee members for their hard work next year. There should be a vote next month.
- **New Basketball Goal** Mr. Powers reported that the Edgewood Public Works Department installed the new basketball goal free of charge. He would like to give them a gift card to Larosas for their hard work. They saved the PTA about \$1,600.00. **Upon motion of Beth King, second by Crystal Brown that the PTA give the Edgewood Public Works Department a \$100.00 gift card to Larosas for installing the new basketball goal. Motion carried unanimously.**

9. **New Business:** Mr. Powers reported that PTA Executive Board is looking at PTA vs. PTO and will be meeting with Longbranch Elementary who is a PTO. The findings will be presented at the April PTA Meeting. Anyone interested in helping is welcome.

Mrs. King reported that Site Based Committee elections will take place throughout the weekend of the Spring Carnival, with voting opening on Thursday, March 15th. Any custodial parent may vote. There are three people running, Shannon Groendyke, Gina Powers, and Nikki Caskey. Mrs. King noted that under 20 people voted last year. She explained that the Site Based Committee is a group of parents and teachers that meet once a month to review and discuss curriculum, space needs, and policies.

10. **Adjournment:** Upon motion of Amanda Ward, second by Tiffany Strah that the meeting be adjourned.

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