

**RC Hinsdale PTA  
April 9, 2019  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** PTA President Jared Powers, Vice President of Membership Tiffany Strah, Treasurer Natalie Linstruth, Secretary Amie Wells, and Sara Thompson Fundraising. Others in attendance; Jackie Schlotterbeck, Beth King, Emily Durstock, Jenny Bunnell, and Aimee Brown.

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 April 9, 2019.
2. **How do I stay informed/Next Meeting:** The next Meeting of the PTA will be held on May 7, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library at R.C. Hinsdale Elementary.
  - 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:** The Minutes of February 12, 2019, were not able to be approved at the March meeting due to lack of a quorum. **Upon Motion of Tiffany Strah, second by Emily Durstock that the February 12, 2019, Minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Upon motion of Natalie Linstruth, second by Mary Ball that the Minutes of the March 12, 2019, were approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Ms. Linstruth reviewed the March Treasurer's Report. She noted that the Art Fair will be in May and Mr. Powers will be touching base with art teacher Ms. Vogel-pohl. The art fair is a break even event. The baskets from the carnival brought in \$2,200.00. There aren't any final numbers just yet on the carnival as expenses and deposits have to be recognized. Ms. Linstruth called for questions.

The Treasurer's report from March, was not able to be approved at the meeting due to lack of a quorum. **Upon motion of Jenny Bunnell, second by Tiffany Strah that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Upon motion of Mary Ball, second by Aimee Brown that the April Treasurer's Report be approved. Motion carried unanimously.**

5. **Dr. Castleman's Corner:** In the absence of Dr. Castleman and Mr. Fangman, Mr. Powers gave the report. Mr. Powers reported that Dr. Castleman wished to thank the PTA and Hinsdale community for a great carnival. Angie Smith has been reelected to the site based council. The minority parent election to the site based council will take place in May. MAP testing is wrapping up. Mr. Bromley and Ms. Williams will be receiving their smart boards soon. They currently do not have anything in their rooms, and the three best smart boards were saved to go to them. Mr. Powers continued that the old office space and workroom ar-

eas are complete. Mr. Powers reported that after spring break there will no longer be students in the portable/mobile buildings on Hinsdale's campus. Everyone will be receiving instruction inside the school building. This was requested as a security measure.

#### **6. Committee Reports:**

- **Spiritwear** Ms. Bunnell reported that the fifth grade shirts have been ordered. She noted that one parent ordered the wrong size shirt. She offered to give the parent the vendor's phone number to have a shirt printed but the vendor will only print in units of 12. Ms. Bunnell wanted to ask the PTA if it was ok to pass on the artwork to a screen printer who would be willing to print just one shirt. The PTA advised this would be ok to do.
- **Spring Carnival** Ms. Schlotterbeck reported that the Spring Carnival was this past weekend and went well. Preliminary numbers (all numbers are not in) are showing a profit of around \$11,300, which is similar to last year's carnival profit. The silent auction numbers were down but ticket sales were up. The pottery pieces done by the grades were outstanding. Beth Wise will co-chair the carnival next year. The silent auction will need to be monitored more closely next year, but there were a lack of volunteers as a handful of volunteers did not show up for their positions. Ms. Schlotterbeck would like the carnival to be on March 20, 2020 next year. She will cut off ticket sales earlier next year, so that she will not be dealing with ticket sales on the day before the carnival. Ms. Schlotterbeck will be looking to add new and different games for the carnival. She asked that people direct ideas to her and Beth Wise. Overall she feels the carnival went well, the inflatables were great and cheaper than usual. Ms. Linstruth stated that she understands why Ms. Schlotterbeck didn't do penny wars this year but suggested that it would be a fun activity to have at the spaghetti dinner. Ms. Schlotterbeck stated that the baskets turned out amazing however, next year she is going to send out a sign up genius.
- **Special Events** Mr. Powers stated they are looking for a special events chair because Sara Thompson is taking over fundraising.
- **Restaurant Nights** Mr. Powers reported that there will be a Chipotle night on 4/23, and a Larosas night on 5/20.
- **Fifth Grade Promotion** Aimee Brown stated that Fifth Grade promotion will be on 5/20. She and Beth Wise are working on the silhouettes. Ms. Wise has a dessert business and will be getting together a menu and samples of bite size desserts. Ms. Brown asked the number that the Turkeyfoot gym can hold. Mr. Powers suggested that she get in contact with Turkeyfoot Middle School where the promotion ceremony will be held. The 5th grade class picture will be taken after spring break. Ms. Brown asked who is responsible for developing the picture. Mr. Powers answered that whoever chairs the event is responsible for the large photo and the individual class photos and frames.
- **Mother/Son Event** No Report
- **Father/Daughter** The Father/Daughter dance will be held on 5/10 and information on the dance recently went home with the students.
- **Muffins with Mom** Muffins with Mom will be held on May 1st. Ms. Proffitt will be at the May meeting. Ms. Proffitt has emailed the person that expressed interest in taking on Muffins with Mom and she has not heard back.
- **Old Business:**

Open Chair/Co-chair positions

Mr. Powers reported that the Executive Board met before the PTA meeting to discuss the open chair positions and whether it might minimize the number of volunteers requested should we re-organize how the positions are laid out. We will have a better idea of how that might look by the next PTA meeting. Mr. Powers said that possibly fundraising would be the

point person to make sure that all events are not overlapping. Communications would be added to the Vice President of Membership position.

#### Disney Tickets for Volunteers

Mr. Powers stated that the Executive Board decided that the Disney tickets would be used as an incentive. There are twelve tickets left, 4 tickets will be used as an incentive for people to join the PTA instead of giving a class party to the class with the most memberships. He continued that 4 tickets will be used for the Fun Run as an incentive and 4 tickets for the carnival next spring. Ms. Schlotterbeck noted that the tickets are good for 2 years. Mr. Powers stated that the Executive Board and spouses are not eligible to win the tickets as well as the chair of an event. Administration will do the drawing. Ms. Linstruth stated that in order to be eligible, people must fill out the I Want to Volunteer form with their membership. Ms. Schlotterbeck was thanked for her hard work in obtaining the tickets from Disney.

### **7. New Business:**

#### **Get to Know the PTA Night**

There will be a Get to Know the PTA Night on May 7, 2019, before the PTA Meeting, at 5:30. Mr. Powers asked the Executive Board and chairs to attend this event if possible. The event will take place in the cafeteria with light refreshments. Putting people's faces to names and relationship building was discussed. Those interested will be able to learn more about the positions open for the 2019-2020 school year. Hopefully those in attendance will want to stay for the last PTA meeting of the school year. This event will hopefully run again in September.

#### **Communications**

At the Executive Committee meeting it was discussed that communications should be under the Vice President of Membership position. The Vice President of Membership would take care of updating Facebook, emails, and fliers that get sent home and other things that may deal with communications.

#### **Teacher/Staff Gift Cards**

Mr. Powers stated that this item would be tabled until we could get an idea of how it would look if it were under fundraising. He asked Ms. Linstruth how much the PTA makes from this item. Ms. Linstruth stated that with Christmas the PTA makes around \$900 on gift cards. Mr. Powers stated that Ms. Ward was in charge of teacher/staff gift cards and there has been no mention of it happening at the end of year.

Ms. King stated that the Chromebook carts are currently holding 25 chromebooks, but have room for 30 chromebooks. She asked if the PTA could purchase the remaining chromebooks to complete the carts. Mr. Powers responded by saying that Dr. Castleman still has some booster-thon funds left and could possibly fill the carts. Ms. Linstruth confirmed that the PTA gave \$30,000 to the principal for technology. She noted that the technology budget goes to zero each year and in years past the PTA has been lucky and always carries a surplus of \$10,000. There was discussion as to how funds from the PTA are spent. Mr. Powers noted that the new sound system is used in the cafeteria and for car riders at the end of the day. It has made the car rider procedure a lot smoother. The PTA is in place to support and supplement the school, not to fund the school 100%.

**8. Adjournment: Upon motion of Ms. Powers, second by Ms. Brown that the PTA meeting be adjourned.**