

**Roberts PTO General Meeting  
10/7/2016 Agenda**

**Friday, October 7, 2016**

**8:10 am**

**In attendance:** See PTO Sign-In Sheet attached hereto as Exhibit A

**Meeting Called to Order - Valerie Tompson**

**Approval of September Minutes - Liz Ehrhart**

- Motion to approve the September 2016 minutes by Devyn Wolens
- Seconded by Donna Scudder
- A vote taken and motion passed

**Treasurer's Report - Devyn Wolens**

- Summary of funds circulated

**School Report - Trealla Epps**

- Enrollment
  - Total students = 781
  - Number of students from other schools = 33
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade capped
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade space limited; not accepting transfer students
- Recapture is the biggest HISD issue
  - Ms. Epps encourages PTO to read through ballot options carefully
  - Vote November 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Ms. Epps requested police officer to help facilitate
  - Parent suggested use of parent volunteers (Ms. Epps to contemplate)
- Safety Issues
  - Active shooter training for staff took place at beginning of school year
    - No student training (too intense)
  - Gates in back of school are broken
    - Parts are on order
    - Telling kids not to open doors for strangers
    - Visitors to go to reception for entry
- School Honored with 5 star distinction from Texas Education Agency
- Middle School Selection

- Great turn out for middle school night
- Magnet applications due December 9<sup>th</sup>
- If zoned to Pershing no application necessary

#### **Community of Giving - Donna Scudder**

- Campaign concluded
- Collected approximately \$75,000
- Still accepting donations
- Awaiting corporate matching

#### **International/Science Garden - Virginia Camerlo**

- Goal is to raise awareness of International/Science Garden
- Each semester classes plant vegetables with objective to harvest at end of semester
- On Wednesdays Virginia will be working in garden for an hour (8am-9am); looking for 3-4 volunteers to assist her
- Working to minimize use of budgeted funds
- Please don't pick produce in garden (preparing new signs)

#### **International Festival - Helen Belgrove & Isabel Khan**

- October 21<sup>st</sup>, 3pm – 6pm
- 26 countries represented
- Need help setting up at 1pm

#### **Fun Run - Margaret Henry**

- October 24th – November 4th
- Pep rally on the 24<sup>th</sup>
- Fun run on 4<sup>th</sup>
- Looking for class liaisons
- Open to parents, family and friends
- Need volunteers 2:45pm – 3:20pm daily to distribute prizes (a sign-up sheet passed around at meeting and SignUp Genius to be distributed)
  - Working to minimize class disruption
- Big prizes to be shipped home
- Raising money for the field and improved drainage
  - This work includes the track

#### **Other Business**

- Recognition of Ryan Taaffe for obtaining multiple corporate sponsorships
- Thank you to Community Night chairs
- SPARK Park – permits approved; awaiting on start date

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45 am**

**Next meeting is November 11th, 2016**

**Exhibit A**

PTO Sign-In Sheet

[attached]