

**Roberts Elementary School PTO Meeting
Friday April 1, 2016
8:10 a.m. Roberts Cafe**

In attendance: Arghavan Banan, Virginia Camerlo, Yvonne Chu, Emanuela Corradino, Heather Davis, Davis-Oran, PJ, Liping Dong, Liz Ehrhart, Vanessa Engel, Trealla Epps, Martha Gau, Maureen Glancy, Nina Godiwalla, Renae Holman Murti, Camille Jenman, Kevin Jensen, Aparna Jotwani, Jeiun Kim, Nam Lau, Goi Madden, Wendy Miller, Mehrnaz Molaei, Angel Plaza, Catalina Pastore, Christine Robins, Juliana Ronderos, Kristin Schuster, Donna Scudder, Lena Smith, Rocio Suayfeta, Jennifer Thornton, Jon Thornton, Valerie Thurmond, Valerie Tompson, Jana Wang, Kelly Wehrer, Pia Weyandt, Qiao Xue, Devyn Wolens

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| Meeting Called to Order | Camille Jenman |
| Meeting Minutes Approval. | Devyn Wolens |
| School Report | Trealla Epps |
| Treasurer's Report | Camille Jenman |
| Vote on PTO 2016-17 Elected Board Positions | Camille Jenman |
| Vote on PTO 2016-17 Budget. | Camille Jenman |
| SPARK Park Update | Jennifer Thornton |
| Campout | John Thornton |
| Carnival | Vanessa Engel/Jana Wang |
| Running Club Events | Camille Jenman |
| Any Other Business | Camille Jenman |
| Adjourn | Camille Jenman |

* Next meeting will be held Friday May 6, 2016

Meeting Called to Order
8:10am

Camille Jenman

PTO Meeting Minutes Approval

Devyn Wolens

Devyn Wolens, Recording Secretary, presented the minutes from the February 2016 and March 2016 PTO Meeting for approval. A motion to approve the February and March meeting minutes was made by Valerie Tompson and seconded by Jennifer Thornton. A vote was taken and motion passed. All in favor - "Aye".

School Report

Trealla Epps

Finished first round of STAAR. Next round in May week of 9th-11th. 3, 4, & 5th grade so closed campus during that time. No lunch with kids or other activities like library during that time.

Portfolio picnic May 2-4th.

Spanish Day will be a full day this year on April 20th instead of only a half day as in the past. Contact MS. Brandon if you can volunteer. You do not have to speak Spanish.

GT applications final round due by 15th April.

The district had originally come up with a budget where the per-pupil allocation was decreased by \$72 per pupil compared with the \$275 per-pupil allocation decrease previously proposed. This is due to HISD having to pay the State funds under Robin Hood. The HISD Board had a meeting and currently everything related to the budget has been tabled/postponed. Nurse, librarian, & counselor for each school proposed independent board proposal. Budget able to be balanced at \$275/per people allocation. Non-essential staff could be affected if board votes higher than \$275 per-pupil allocation. Principal meeting all day next Wednesday will likely discuss budget at length. Magnet funds proposal to be cut 50% for 2016-17. Currently at 347k in magnet funds now pays for ancillary staff & AP. Nobody's position will be cut unless our general budget is cut outside of Magnet. We can send email to Mike Lunceford to inquire about when budget will be made/finalized. By now budget is usually finalized. Our budget runs through June. We cannot do anything to prepare for new school year/teacher development until budget is approved. There is a 60/40 carryover on unused funds from the general budget. Budget retreat last Thursday - every proposal was denied.

Treasurer's Report

Camille on behalf of Lara Frazier

Copies of Robert's PTO budget on the tables. How much we budgeted for, how much we spent, & how much we brought in. Ms. Epps has plans on where to spend technology, professional Dvlpmt. etc.... which are in the red right now. Technology includes a whole grade level of computers used in the classroom. Grade levels are not complete but Ms. Epps established a standard so we now know which grades need what. This year's upgrade will bring us up to speed in every grade & classroom. Professional development

Art tiles in front hall. Kinder, 1st & 2nd will be covering the sitting walls. 3rd, 4th & 5th are sketching out designs for their tiles.

\$750 raised from Rice Basketball bash. Roberts gets \$5 from every ticket sold. Same as baseball bash. Another effort in fall with Dynamo & Dash - up to 30 students would be permitted onto the soccer field prior to the start of the game.

Jerry Built Roberts School Spirit Night will be held on March 22nd. Jerry Built will donate 20% back to Roberts from our sales on that day.

Fundraising \$497,000 raised to date

"Happy New Year" card distributed by the Spark Park Committee members was a success as the committee gained \$60k in donations from that holiday card. There are still underwriting opportunities.

\$75k in Spark budget has been set aside by the school and will be kept for use in renovating the field. Field renovation won't be started until after playground is done next year. Playground will be done over the summer 2016.

Campout

John Thornton

Rescheduled from last fall due to rain. To be held next Friday April 8th at 5:30pm. Dinner, movie, arts & crafts, breakfast next day. Not advertising again but there will be a few spots to register with t-shirts. Attendance is capped at 500 for safety reasons. Registration is at 460 now. Email dads. Need 20-30 volunteers. Email Thorntonjj@gmail.com

Running Club

Camille Jenman

Running Club Track Meet Wed may 4th at 6:30pm on Rice Track. Cost is \$15 and includes entrance to baseball game afterwards. The Track Meet is being held in honor/memory of Adam Metry. Roberts running club will compete in a triathlon on Saturday morning April 23, 2016.

Carnival

Vanessa Engel/Jana Wang

Scheduled for April 30th. Still Looking for henna painter!! 4 people to learn how to do origami (1 hour lesson then one hour booth shift). Carnival committee meeting after this PTO meeting ends. Committee chairs have identified 10 focal points in which to designate volunteers. More classrooms than booths this year so we are going to ask parents to help before & after with set-up & clean up. Committee chairs decided not sell t-shirts this year because t-shirts did not sell well in previous years, so they will be selling a drawstring backpack with carnival logo (designed by 2nd graders) instead. Send email to Vanessa or Jana. Any high school volunteers for beauty shop & face painting - parents for the assigned class will volunteer with students to help. Complete volunteer form currently circulating in this meeting. No time for field day this year - cancelled from fall.

Any Other Business

Camille Jenman

Community night tomorrow night at 6:30 pm. 7:42pm sundown = movie will start. Pizza, hotdogs, popcorn, lemonade, candy will be offered/sold. Movie to be shown: "Hotel Transylvania".

Adjourned

Camille Jenman

Meeting adjourned at 08:51am