

# Roberts PTO General Meeting

## 02/02/2018 Agenda

**Friday February 2, 2018**

**8:12 a.m.**

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

- Call to Order, Natalie Smith- Meeting called to order at 8:12am
- General Meeting Commenced
- Approval of January Minutes, Natalie Smith
  - Motion to approve the December minutes by Valerie Tompson
  - Seconded by Margaret Henry
  - A vote taken and motion passed
- School Report, Erin Van Pelt
  - Budget Cuts- Reconsidering the payback the district has to repay the state. There is still a lot of unknown. Ms. Epps attended a district budget meeting last week and there is a meeting scheduled next week to discuss the implications on individual campuses.
  - There was a ruling by the TEA Commission after Hurricane Harvey that if a student fails the STAAR test in March/April they can retake the test in May. If the student fails the retake it is up to the school whether the student will be promoted to the next grade level.
- Treasurer Report, Devyn Wolens
  - Nothing to report
- Auction, Ashley Irwin & Cathy Lawrence
  - Invitations have been sent – 160 tickets have been sold to date.
  - Attire- Anything goes, just have the spirit of Mardi Gras in mind.
  - Parade on TV is a way for parents to bid from home without attending the Gala.
  - Liz Cook is working on Class donations – there are still a few classes in need of donations
  - Parking may be paid via CC in the Founder's Lot. Uber is strongly recommended as parking will be limited
  - Advertisement – Ms. Epps will send out email links featuring Harry Chin and students from several grades in order to generate excitement about the gala
  - Auction bidding – all mobile. VIP's will get a text at 6:30 to begin bidding. All others will receive a text at 7pm to begin bidding. Bidders will receive a text if their amount has been outbid or if the amount of a bid has changed.
  - Chairs are still accepting Auction Party Sponsors

- Post-Auction bidding will continue for unfilled parties/unsold items via notification in the Tuesday folder post-Gala.
- First Annual Mother-Son dance being offered as an auction item – committee will be seeking decorating assistance
  
- Rice Baseball Bash, Natalie Smith
  - Date: Friday April 6, 2018.
  - Ticket Price: \$12 with the school receiving \$4 of that price per Roberts child that attends/purchases a ticket.
  
- Any other business- Field Project, Margaret Henry & Ryan Taaffe
  - Margaret Henry & Ryan Taaffe have officially taken over the SPARK park project from Jennifer Thornton (whose children graduated from Roberts some 2 years ago).
  - The plans for the FIELD have been finalized with Ms. Epps
  - Margaret, Ryan & Ms. Epps will be meeting with an architect to draw out the plans
  - Goal: Implement the plans/drawings this summer as soon as school lets out
  - Main issues: Drainage from the basketball court onto the field, Releveling of the field, Maintaining the current concrete track
  - Minor issues: New backstop, minor hazard improvements, additional lighting if budget permits
  - The field will consist of grass sod
  - Request to consolidate the PTO sheds and add electricity
  - An email regarding the FIELD project will be sent in The Front Page after the gala.
  
- HISD Liaison, Jenny Beech
  - There will be informational sessions in the near future to explain the proposed HISD changes including centralization of the budget (which is currently decentralized/at the discretion of each school Principal).
  
- Meeting ended at 08:46 a.m.

**Next meeting is March 2, 2018**

Exhibit A

February 2nd 2018

PTO Sign In Sheet

Dunne Sudder	
Laura Neal	
Chic Taylor	
Wendy Miller	
Jenny Beech	
EMMOT	
Emonelle Correa	
Jurana Ronderos	
Sara Huse	
Jana Wj	
Arghavan Banau	
Lauren Kelley	
Martina Gau	
Corie Jacobs	
Ann Shah	
Margaret Wynn	
Nam Lau	
Mehnaz Motaie	
Julie McFarland	
MARIA ALIYAN	
<del>LAUREN</del>	

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Maria Janish	
Aparna Jotwani	
CATALINA PASTALE	
Valerie Tompson	
Valerie Thurmond	
Florencia Foster	
Viridiana Castro	
metnaz nohe	
Ina Thaffe	
P. J. Davis/Cran	
Margaret Henry	
RTA	
Natalie Smith	
Derryckles	