

Roosevelt Elementary School, Hawthorne, NJ
PTO Minutes
September 12, 2019

Toni-Ann Raj & Stephanie Silvera called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The PTO Board was introduced.

Ms. Tomarchio the elementary school guidance counselor gave a short presentation. She will be doing individual and group counseling, character education, etc. She will be at Roosevelt two days a week and can be contacted at: jtomarchio@hawthorne.k12.nj.us.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Amanda Lupino)- Opening Balance: \$18,614.02. Closing Balance: \$5,682.11. The majority of the expenses were for teacher wish list items.

CORRESPONDENCE & SUNSHINE – We received many wonderful handmade notes and pictures from students and their teachers thanking the PTO for their field trips, field day, etc. from the previous school year. They came from the following classes: Mrs. Audino / Siss, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Hook / Verone, Mrs. Mearon, Mrs. Hurley, Mr. Patula, Mrs. Marshall, and Mrs. Sico. We also received a thank you from Sofia DiFilippo and Emma Mathews for their high school scholarships.

SEPAC (Krista Michel) This group focuses on the special education population. They are still collecting pull tabs. The 1st meeting is on 9/25 at the Hawthorne Ambulance building and all are welcome.

ASSEMBLIES (Kelly Parisi): Right now, we have one assembly booked for December. We are also looking for suggestions for good educational assemblies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Amy Pollick)

Bake Sale – Parent Orientation (Becky Baird) The first bake sale is 9/18. Class parents will bake and others who sign up. A Sign-Up Genius email will be sent so you can sign up for what you are bringing. It would be helpful if you individually pack your baked goods so it doesn't have to be done the night of the bake sale. We will need volunteers to work the table that night also. Reminder: **we are a nut free school.**

Book Fair (Amy Pollick, Stephanie Silvera, Samantha Ricart) The book fair is 9/24 - 9/25. Volunteers will be needed to work throughout the day to help students shop. We will also be open 6pm – 8pm on the 24th for anyone to shop. Volunteers can sign up on the Scholastic website or contact one of the chairs. Students who don't purchase anything may choose one of our

donated books to bring home. This year you have an option to add money to an “eWallet” through the Scholastic website. Using a credit card, a dollar value is put on hold to be spent at the book fair. For example, if you put \$25 in the eWallet your child will not be able to spend more than \$25. If they spend \$19 you will ONLY be charged \$19 on your credit card. You will only be charged for what you actually spend.

Box Tops (Krista Michel & Jackie Stonehouse) Please send in your Box Tops to school. There is now a Box Tops app where you take pictures of your receipt to receive credit for Box Tops.

Cookie Dough (Rosie Lambert) The Mrs. Fields cookie dough sale will run October 1st through October 18th.

Directory / Membership (Sally Reilly, Megan Blau) There is one form for both. Membership is \$10 and you need to be a member to receive a directory. The directory will be emailed this year. Please get the forms in by the end of the month to be make sure you are included in the directory.

KidStuff (Cynthia Williamson & Alie Barry) The coupon books are \$25 each. The PTO gets a 50% profit for every book sold. Books or payment are due back by 9/20. Books can also be ordered online, but for those books sold we only get a 40% profit.

Give Backs: (Eric Cohen & Kathy Martinez) This is when we pick a date with a business and they will donate to back to the PTO a percentage of their income from that day or a certain time frame. Often a flyer has to be shown to the business. Upcoming give backs:

9/18	Villa Rosa – 20%
9/21,22	River Road Hot Bagels (Fair Lawn) – 10%
9/24	El Gallo – 20% - this will be a monthly give back
10/8	Uno Chicago Grill (Clifton) – 20% plus kids eat free that day (with purchase)
10/11	Green Dragon (Fair Lawn)
10/14	Tastee Pizza

Spiritwear (Leslie Dewhurst & Jacky Stonehouse) Sportswear can be ordered online at www.indesignapparel.com/Roosevelt or order forms can be sent into school. Roosevelt will be celebrating its 100th year so get your commemorative t-shirt. Orders are due in by Monday, September 23.

Zumba (Robin Gamon) This will be held on Friday, October 4th, 7pm – 8pm in the Roosevelt gym. The cost is \$5 per person. It will be a great family event.

Yearbook (Tania Sanford & Amy Pollick) Yearbooks are for any grade to order. We will need pictures from class parties, field trips, etc. Pictures must be taken on school property or field trips. You can upload pictures directly to http://sw.balfour.com/tops-services/publicupload/loginForm?fbclid=IwAR00A-PbDAIxT6rQeRqBUGK83EZZBbFLmz9g-hd_rz_OFZEfKtF8SlpxjBg – our project # is **022017**. Or you can download the Balfour Image Share app. Please send pictures in as soon as possible.

Devil's Game (Toni-Ann Raj) The game is on Saturday, January 4th at 7pm vs. the Colorado Avalanche. Tickets will be \$65. We are looking into a Yankee game for the spring.

Smencils (Kelly Parisi) Recycled newspapers are used to make these scented pencils. They are \$1 each and the PTO earns about 45% per pencil. We will be selling them at Back to School Night.

Tricky Tray (Kaitlin Emery, Amanda Lupino, & Erin Gulmy) The tricky tray is on 3/26/20 at the Westmount Country Club in Woodland Park. Donation letters are available to start asking businesses for donations. If you have any new, unopened items you don't want we will collect those along with empty baskets.

Board of Education (Abbey Goff). The next public meeting is 9/17 at 6:15pm at the high school. After the meeting there will be a tour of the high school facilities and then a bus will take everyone to LMS for a tour. The special election referendum vote will be held on September 24th. The referendum money would be spent on capital improvements, student & staff safety and many other improvements.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Mr. Pisacane) We had a great opening week. The kindergarteners have settled in nicely especially at lunch. As a reminder we are a peanut / nut free school. Mr. Spirito will be at Back to School night to speak about the referendum vote.

We will be sending the majority of our flyers home on Tuesday's. So, make sure you check your students' backpacks.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing this month.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. **PTO 50/50 Raffle** (Kelly Parisi & Sally Reilly) The raffle will be held 10/10/19 – 12/19/19. Tickets are \$5 each. We will need people to help sell the 4,000 tickets. They will be available at our next meeting.

b. **Trunk or Treat** – We discussed holding a truck or treat on the blacktop for Halloween. Some people can decorate their cars or donate candy. The membership voted **YES** to hold the truck or treat. More information will follow regarding the date and how to participate.

c. **Holiday Photo Fundraiser** (Tania Sanford) This will be held on Saturday, November 16th at the school and Tania will be taking the pictures. There will be four back drops to choose from. You will have to sign up for a time slot. The cost is \$40 for one digital file and there will be an additional fee for each additional file. A percentage of the money collected will go back to the PTO.

d. **ShopRite Gift Cards** (Amanda Lupino) We will be selling ShopRite gift cards in different denominations. The PTO will earn 5% back from ShopRite. A flyer will be sent home about this fundraiser.

Our next meeting will be on October 10, 2019.

The meeting concluded at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Reilly
Secretary / Roosevelt PTO