

## Ridgewood PTO Meeting- October 10, 2017

Meeting Location: Media Center at Ridgewood Elementary

Gym Helpers: Sophia Roberts, Gabby Roberts

Call to Order- 7 PM

- Welcome and Purpose
  - To help our kids!
  - Yellow Cards- ideas and items to add to our agenda
  - Roberts Rules of order review
  - 8 Great ways to help our school reminder
- Approval of Minutes
  - Lucia Motions, Sarah W. 2nds, Motion passes; minutes approved
- PTO Website- is on school Website- Spirit nights also listed there
- Staff Recognition
  - Dawn Beyleveld (Kitchen)- Going above and beyond for a kid with very special food needs
  - Robin Hersha (Volunteer)- very prominent and consistent volunteer, helps with bulletin boards, puts up artwork, helps with staff recognition, connected with CATCO, has joined volunteer reading group
- Treasurer Report
  - Will have more reports at November meeting
  - Note of appreciation from Mr. Marshall for staff assistance
  - Funds are used annually for each grade level and ultimately each kid!
- Principal Report
  - Energy Bus Talks Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> - Parents can still sign up
  - This month's topic in class: create a positive vision (goal setting)
  - Social Media / Web
    - Twitter: @ridgewoodes (probably used a little less than last year)
    - Website (used frequently) [www.hilliardschools.org/rgw/](http://www.hilliardschools.org/rgw/)
- ISPTO Meeting
  - Brainstorming / Idea sharing on fundraising
  - All District rewards rationale: 27% of Hilliard students live in poverty
  - "STATE OF THE SCHOOLS" Thursday, October 26- Makoy Center at 6 pm
- Committee Reports
  - Room Parent coordinator- Cindy Conway
    - Communications- district policy room parents **cannot** email parents directly in mass
    - Check donations- should be payable to the room parent not the PTO
  - Wellness Committee Update- Lori Gill
    - 1<sup>st</sup> taste test Tuesday- Celery and Blueberries (for all kids, even K)
    - Sign-ups for Taste test Tuesday- pretty full for the year already!
    - School Garden-SACC is using the vegetables
    - Looking into using rainwater spouts for gardening in the future
    - Next Wellness Committee meeting- November 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm
  - Publishing Shop- Jen Heimberger
    - Two ways to volunteers- makes covers or come in and help make books

- Change this year: Cart to make books goes into rooms
      - Teachers want their parents to come in and make with the class
      - How-to video will be sent to parents with request with teacher and available for review on cart (QR code)
- Hospitality – Rebecca Jacobs
  - Conference night, Weds Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, Sign-up genius out now
  - Rusty Bucket donating 6 pizzas
- Walk-A-Thon
  - Donation team- \$1550 from corporate sponsors
    - Business matching form online
  - Student Pledges- \$10,548
    - Sharing page leads to larger donations
  - Prizes- 10K Temporary Tattoos, 15K Mr. Buchman kisses a pig, 20K Emoji Keychains, 25K Fall Fest and Pig, 30k new gaga ball pit
- Old Business:
  - Donations Team: Looking for volunteers for Spring Silent Auction
- New Business:
  - Book Fair volunteers needed: October (16 & 17 Browsing Dates) 18 during conferences
  - Tailgate party on October 27<sup>th</sup>- Mr. Buchman will grill for the kids
    - Also give out / celebrate PTO Walkathon prizes
  - Updated Classroom Snack List
    - Discussion around a policy instead of a list
    - Cindy will draft a policy for October meeting attendees to review
- Adjournment- Lauren Taylor Motions, Kristin Pease 2nds, Meeting Adjourned at 8:17pm

**THANKS TO ALL PARENTS FOR COMING! YAY!**

**2017-2018 School Year PTO Meeting Dates:** November 14, (NO MEETING IN DECEMBER), January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10, May TBD

**Spirit Nights:** October 24- Dickey's BBQ, November 9- "One Hope Wine Event" at Coffee Connections Annex, January 16- Rapid Fire Pizza Mill Run

**PTO Website:** [www.hilliardschools.org/rgw/pto](http://www.hilliardschools.org/rgw/pto)

**PTO Facebook:** Ridgewood Elementary PTO