

Ridgewood PTO
Minutes - February 12, 2019 Meeting

Meeting Date: February 12, 2019

Meeting Location: Media Center at Ridgewood Elementary

Welcome/Call to Order

President Report

- Review of meeting minutes from January 2019. **Kathryn Baron** motioned to accept the minutes, **Carol Chapple** seconded.
- Staff & Volunteer Recognition:
 - **Melissa Forbes** for doing a fantastic job with both silent auction, and room parent coordinator
 - **Miss Beck** for doing a great job with reading tests and supporting students.
 - **Mr. Chad** was nominated for being patient with a new bus rider, focusing on safety with child.
 - **Ms. Barno, Mr. Eder, Mrs. Smallwood** were all nominated by Ms. Monahan for helping to acclimate her and support her in her role this year.

Teacher Report

- Second Grade Presentation: Entire team presented the plan to attend a play by the Tennessee Theatre company performing at Ohio State. They are presenting Aesop's Fables, which ties well into the curriculum of fairy tales and fables which is a study unit in second grade.

Coordinator and Committee Reports

- ISPTO Report
 - ISPTO toured Memorial Middle School, the group will be reviewing bylaws soon 2020-2021 school year - Britton & Norwich are combining campus.
- Wellness Report
 - Register for parent university, registration now open, visit Hilliard website to register.
 - The next Wellness meeting is on 2/26 5pm here at Ridgewood next meeting.
 - Taste Test Tuesday today 2/12/19 - kids tried oranges and broccoli.
- Hospitality
 - We are working hard on late parent teacher night 2/13/19 - many parents volunteered to contribute food and Carrara's will provide food too.
 - Staff appreciation week will likely be in May, still in planning stages. Looking for ideas and recommendations on ideas to celebrate teachers throughout the week. Hoping to involve room parents to get kids involved.
- Room Parents
 - Class parties are coming up on 3/22/19. More info to follow.

- Silent Auction
 - Over \$3000 in-kind donations raised. If anyone has connections to businesses, we are still looking for more donations to include in the silent auction. Auction will be open April 1-8th. Baskets will be on display during school day March 22nd (for viewing during class parties). A team will be putting baskets together between March 11-15, more info to follow if you want to get involved. We will also need a team to monitor the baskets while they're on display - a sign-up genius will be coming out.
- Roadrunner
 - The team is working on RRR. Four roles still need to be filled: Volunteer Coord., Games Coord., Publicity Coord., Sponsorships. contact Jill Snyder at jillrsnyder@gmail.com if you'd like to get involved.
 - There is an incentive to register by noon on Feb 28 will be entered into a raffle for a food truck gift certificate.

Treasurer Report

- We still have mini-grant funds, so new ideas for entire grade are still welcome for consideration & approval. Special programs still has funding available. Teachers & staff should finalize all spending for reimbursement by the end of the school year.
- A new budget committee is forming review funds and provide input to the Treasurer. Several parents and one teacher have volunteered to serve, anyone else interested should contact Katy Swathwood.
- Reminder that we have several potential sources of income that we need to promote and encourage throughout the school, including
 - Kroger Rewards - sign up for digital app and link your card
 - Giant Eagle Rewards - sign up for digital app and link your card
 - Amazon Smiles - link your account for online purchases
 - Boxtops - discussion that school could motivate youth to bring boxtops through simple rewards of stickers or a prize cart that travels room to room monthly.

Principal Report

- Next week Mr. Buchman is giving a talk on Social Emotional learning. It's 6:30-7:30pm in the Media Center. Childcare will be provided.

Old Business

- Family Game Night is 2/22/19 in Media Center and Gymnasium. Snacks will be available for purchase. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

New Business

- **Katie Kibler**, Media Specialist is applying for a mini grant. Steve Harpster is an author/illustrator who visited Ridgewood 3 years ago. Now he has a new program for creating graphic novels. K-2 would have specific grade-level-based programming, and 3rd-5th graders would spend the day learning to write a graphic novel. Every student would participate. Keep in mind, students don't know about this yet. Her proposal is attached to agenda (\$600 request). **Katy**

Swathwood motioned to approve the grant request. **Carol Chapple** seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.

- **Tharp** Principal will be visiting at the March meeting. 5th grade parents are encouraged to attend the next PTO meeting.

Announcements:

- **Jenny Petrillo** has packs of 5 to put together publishing books. See Jenny if you want to get involved in the Publishing shop.
- Spirit Nights - Next Spirit Night is March 18th at Chipotle.
- **Jennifer Wolpert** volunteered that her family owns a restaurant (Mazah) in Grandview and they are interested in getting involved in supporting Ridgewood.

Meeting Adjourned 7:45 PM.
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SPRIT NIGHTS

MARCH: Chipotle (Mill Run) March 18th 7PM - 9PM