

**ROCKBURN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA**  
**Board Meeting**  
**February 1, 2023**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by PTA President, Nishant Parikh, at 7:05 pm, and held in person at Rockburn Elementary School.

Present: Nishant Parikh, Sonia Chainani, Tom Barnes, Sarah Cheplak, Aimee Schaech, Ammilee Oliva, Liz Yankle, Melisha Martin, Stephanie Schmid, Maria Bible, Olivia Disten, Howard Dustan, Carrie Palilla, Chung France, Indira Rai, Ashley Raabe

**Officer Reports**

*Recording Secretary (Sonia Chainani)*

- Reviewed January meeting minutes. Liz Yankle made a motion to approve the January minutes as written. Ashley Raabe seconded. Motion/minutes passed.

*Treasurer (Tom Barnes)*

- Revenue for January was \$375, which consisted of \$100 from Ale House restaurant night, \$152 from Box Tops, \$74 from clothing to cash, \$24 from spirit wear and \$25 in donations
- Expenses of \$3139 in January consisted of \$2085 for the Holiday Shoppe pass through, \$498 for Fall Festival, \$349 for Bingo Night, \$90 in teacher reimbursements, \$60 for spirit wear, and \$57 for supplies and banking/PayPal fees

*Corresponding Secretary (Sarah Cheplak)*

- No report

*VP 1 (Aimee Schaech)*

- No report

*VP 2 (Ammilee Oliva)*

- No report

*President (Nishant Parikh)*

- Amazon Smile will be going away; there will be one last check so will need to look at a fundraiser to replace this income

**Standing Committee Reports**

*Principal (Liz Yankle)*

- Report cards came out yesterday; make sure you are logged in as the parent

Meeting minutes by Sonia Chainani, recording secretary

- Sign up for math conferences; in person on Thursday and then virtual Thursday evening/Friday afternoon
- Order your memory book (deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>)
- Looking for volunteers for Kids Heart Challenge

*Assistant Principal (Melisha Martin)*

- No report

*Teacher Representative (Stephanie Schmid)*

- Family Fun Night is March 14<sup>th</sup>
- Looking forward to seeing everyone at conferences

*PTA Delegate (Howard Dunstan)*

- HoCo by Design – long range plans for Howard County were shared; can give input on their website regarding the development that will be happening in the next 20 years
- School start times for next year are possibly switching with schools starting at either 8:00 am, 8:40 am and 9:15 am; final vote regarding this will be February 23; community can still give feedback but looking like it will pass; Rockburn would start at 8:40 am, ELMS and HHS would start at 8:00 am and BBMS would start at 8:40 am
- Distances for utilizing the bus are changing: Elementary students have to be 1 mile from school for bus, middle school 1.25 miles, and 2 miles for high school; hope to have fewer busses run for next year although cost will go up for busses
- HCPSS places highest priority on school safety; listen to your child, if notice any changes in your child in demeanor/behavior let the counselor know; hoaxes are taken seriously and there will be consequences; monitor child's social media presence
- Legislation is out regarding possibility of adding two more members to the board, which would be appointed rather than elected, thus it would be 9 members total

*Ways and Means (Open/Ashley Raabe)*

- Chipotle was a huge success raising \$491
- Will do at least one more in the spring
- Looking into May 14 (Mother's Day weekend) or May 28 (Memorial Day weekend) for the Orioles game; will likely go with May 14 if available

*Hospitality (Katie Biskey/Alison Raver/Stephanie Willett)*

- No report

*Family Involvement (Stephanie Willett)*

- No report

*Membership (Sonia Chainani)*

- Last spirit wear shirts were distributed today
- Shirts and bundle memberships are no longer available for purchase

*Special Events (Amber Watters/Leann Milford)*

- Thank you to Ms. Schmid for helping organize 10 teacher raffles for BINGO
- During the BINGO event, there will be popcorn and water in cafeteria
- Bundle member tickets were sent

*SECAC (Leah Porritt)*

- No report

*Cultural Arts (Open Position)*

- Still looking for someone to help with organizing the cultural festival in May

**Subcommittee Reports**

*Diversity (Open Position)*

- No report

*Book Fair (Julie Brown)*

- No report

*Holiday Shop (Julie Brown)*

- No report

*Bulletin Boards (Stephanie Willett)*

- Updated for Valentine's

*Staff Appreciation (Stephanie Willett/Sonia Chainani)*

- Sent the wish-list for making 72 raffle baskets; thank you to those who have already donated; still looking for lots more donations

*Box Tops (Jill Mayotte)*

- No report

*Landscape (Aimee Schaech)*

- Will be updated soon

*Reflections (Amber Watters)*

- No report

*Amazon Rewards (Beth Shaw)*

- As Amazon Reward will be going away this subcommittee will be disbanded

*School Toolboxes (Beth Shaw)*

Meeting minutes by Sonia Chainani, recording secretary

- No report

*Scholarship (Aneka Bledsoe)*

- Is in the process of starting to get organized for the scholarship for this year

*Webmaster (Nishant Parikh)*

- No report

**Open Items**

- Read-a-thon will be happening in March; prizes for anyone who logs at least one minute and raises at least \$1 (a bookmark), for the top reader in each grade (bag of books), and for the class that logs the most amount of minutes (pajama day)

**New Items**

- Happy Hippo is a shaved ice food truck, we would get 15% back, thinking of possibly having this during culture night (May 18)

Meeting adjourned by Nishant Parikh at 7:40 pm.

The next meeting is March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm at Rockburn Elementary School in the Media Center.