

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

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by PTA President, Nishant Parikh, at 7:06 pm, and held in person at Rockburn Elementary School.

Present: Nishant Parikh, Sonia Chainani, Tom Barnes, Aimee Schaech, Ammilee Oliva, Liz Yankle, Melisha Martin, Stephanie Schmid, Kelly Clark, Kimberly Patel, Tracey Lermينياux, Beth Shaw, Julie Brown, Howard Dustan, Jessica DeAngelo

**Officer Reports**

*Recording Secretary (Sonia Chainani)*

- Reviewed February meeting minutes. Ms. Martin made a motion to approve the January minutes as written. Aimee Schaech seconded. Motion/minutes passed.

*Treasurer (Tom Barnes)*

- Revenue for February was \$620, which consisted of \$143 from the read-a-thon fundraiser, \$20 from Bingo Night, \$150 from clothing to cash, and \$409 from Amazon Smile
- Expenses of \$2066 in February consisted of \$800 for the fifth grade shirts, \$1086 for the deposit for Sports Park Night, and \$180 in teacher reimbursements

*Corresponding Secretary (Sarah Cheplak)*

- No report

*VP 1 (Aimee Schaech)*

- No report

*VP 2 (Ammilee Oliva)*

- No report

*President (Nishant Parikh)*

- There will be some open positions for next year with the main one being treasurer, PTA Delegate and possibly VP amongst a few other positions

**Standing Committee Reports**

*Principal (Liz Yankle)*

- Great to see families at conferences
- School start time has been adjusted to 8:40 for next year
- Upcoming dates for end of year events will be coming out in the next few weeks

*Assistant Principal (Melisha Martin)*

- MISA testing about to start (formally MSA Science) for 5<sup>th</sup> graders
- MCAP will be after that for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders (end of March into April)
- MAP for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will be at the end of the year again
- Need help to return to outdoor lunch so looking for parents to volunteer to help with monitoring the kids

*Teacher Representative (Stephanie Schmid)*

- Kindergarten registration is next week; Rockburn is doing a registration night on Wednesday, March 8
- Family Fun Night is March 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8; there will be gym games, crafts, yoga, and an assortment of other activities

*PTA Delegate (Howard Dunstan)*

- Budget was adopted on Feb 16 by Board of Ed that goes to county council and then a final budget will be adopted in May
- Some legislative bills were discussed and what the various schools and Board of Ed are doing to address those bills

*Ways and Means (Open/Ashley Raabe)*

- Orioles Game on June 11
- A few other restaurant nights are being looked at for the upcoming months

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

- No report

*Family Involvement (Stephanie Willett)*

- No report

*Membership (Sonia Chainani)*

- No report

*Special Events (Amber Watters/Leann Milford)*

- Sports Park did not increase the price
- Sports Park Night will be June 2 with the bounce houses again like last year
- Looking at having a food truck at Sports Park Night

*SECAC (Leah Porritt)*

- No report

*Cultural Arts (Open Position)*

- No report

**Subcommittee Reports**

*Diversity (Open Position)*

- Ammilee Oliva will be helping plan the International Night/RES 30<sup>th</sup> year celebration
- The night will consist of bubbles, temporary tattoos (trying to get Rocky tattoos), DJ with dancing on blacktop, crafts (although still deciding what to do) and the Happy Hippo truck
- Event will be 5:30-7, held in the cafeteria and on the blacktop, possibly not having performances this year since combining with the 30<sup>th</sup> year celebration, putting together a slide show of facts from the last 30 years; past principals and assistant principals will be coming, possibly having county executive there,
- Looking for more food trucks

*Book Fair (Julie Brown)*

- No report

*Holiday Shop (Julie Brown)*

- No report

*Bulletin Boards (Stephanie Willett)*

- No report

*Staff Appreciation (Stephanie Willett/Sonia Chainani)*

- Thank you to everyone who donated for the raffle baskets, just one item left on there so 66 baskets are completed; several mixing bowls have been ordered but not received so please reach out if they were delivered to your home instead
- Looking for connections to restaurants; working with El Guapo through a connection from Mrs. Black
- Looking for donations for massages for prizes for a guess the number game

*Box Tops (Jill Mayotte)*

- No report

*Landscape (Aimee Schaech)*

- Will update shortly

*Reflections (Amber Watters)*

- Deciding whether we should we end this program, almost no submissions, and unorganized from county level until late in the semester this year

*School Toolboxes (Beth Shaw)*

- Supply lists from teachers have been requested
- Will keep the multicultural crayons
- Will bump up to getting \$2 per box for school

*Scholarship (Aneka Bledsoe)*

- Application has been posted to the Facebook group

*Webmaster (Nishant Parikh)*

- No report

**Open Items**

- Read-a-thon officially began today; 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); additional prize of free bundlet from Nothing Bundt Cakes for anyone that logs 400 minutes; 46 students currently registered and \$380 in donations thus far

**New Items**

- Should we have a LegoBot team for Rockburn? There is currently a team run by Donna Paulhamus but not specific to Rockburn; teams consist of 8 students; would need a storage space, which could be a potential issue
- Nominating Committee: Sonia Chainani, Beth Shaw, and one other person TBD

Meeting adjourned by Nishant Parikh at 7:51 pm.

The next meeting is April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Rockburn Elementary School in the Media Center.