

**ROCKBURN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA**  
**Board Meeting**  
**December 4, 2024**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by PTA President, Sonia Chainani, at 7:00 pm, and held in person at Rockburn Elementary School.

Present: Nishant Parikh, Sonia Chainani, Ammilee Oliva, Beth Shaw, Stephanie Schmid, Meghan Tress, Jess Taubman, Leann Milford, Liz Yankle, Garima Paul

**Officer Reports**

*President (Sonia Chainani)*

- We will offer free admission to our events for anyone in need.
- iCode prefers to hold the workshop at their location, however the timing would not work. Therefore, we are scheduling the first workshop at Rockburn on 1/9/25.

*Recording Secretary (Nishant Parikh)*

- Reviewed November meeting minutes. Sonia Chainani made a motion to approve the November minutes as written. Liz Yankle seconded. Motion/minutes passed.

*Treasurer (Beth Shaw)*

- Revenue for November was \$9939.43, which consisted of
  - Memberships - \$435
  - Company Sponsorships - \$250
  - Fundraising - \$593.05
  - Fall Festival and Book fair (pass through) - \$8861.38
- Expenses in November were \$916.15, which consisted of
  - Book fair (pass through) - \$300
  - Fall Festival - \$382.94
  - Classroom donations and goodwill - \$233.21

*VP 1 (Ammilee Oliva)*

- No Report

*VP 2 (Carrie Palilla)*

- No Report

*Corresponding Secretary (Garima Paul)*

- No Report

Meeting minutes by Nishant Parikh, Recording Secretary

### *Standing Committee Reports*

#### *Principal (Liz Yankle)*

- Thank you for American Education Week
- Teachers appreciated notes from parents

#### *Assistant Principal (Nicole Meyerson)*

- No Report

#### *Teacher Representative (Stephanie Schmid)*

- Conference dinner and desserts were delicious
- Thank you for the help with the book fair

#### *Membership (Sonia Chainani)*

- No Report

#### *Ways and Means (Nishant Parikh/Ammilee Oliva)*

- Big Greek Cafe - \$320.60
- Restaurant night scheduled for
  - Coal Fire - 12/9
- Looking into schedule a restaurant night for January/February
- Last check for sponsorships received

#### *Hospitality (Alison Raver/Jan Hoffman/Stephanie Willett)*

- No Report

#### *Family Involvement (Stephanie Willett)*

- No Report

#### *Special Events (Leann Milford, Meghan Tress)*

- AR Workshop went well
- Parent and Me workshop scheduled for January
- Looking into a Dad's night at Top Golf

#### *SECAC (Amy Phillips)*

- Defined behavior health and gave a number of resources on obtaining mental health services in the community and the school.
- Focused on understanding impact of anxiety and primary interventions
- Discussed school based mental health services
- National Suicide Hotline and Sheppard Pratt Hospital are also available resources

#### *PTA Delegate (Open Position)*

- Howard County delegation to the Maryland State Assembly has published its proposed legislation for the 2025 legislative session. Local school PTA's asked to review the proposed pieces of legislation and formulate an opinion for or against.

*Cultural Arts (Jess Taubman)*

- Tentative date set for Paws and Think assembly for 3/26/25.
- Discussed possible partnership with Eco Adventures. In exchange for advertising their organization, we would receive benefits such as after school events and fundraising opportunities.

**Subcommittee Reports**

*Book Fair (Ammilee Oliva)*

- Scholastic Book Fair went well
- Barnes and Nobles book fair scheduled for 2/27/25-2/28/25

*Bulletin Boards (Stephanie Willett, Julia Bannon, Marla Cutler)*

- 2 Fall bulletin boards will be updated
- Bulletin board in the teachers lounge will also be updated

*Diversity (Salil Aryal)*

- Culture night is scheduled for 2/20/25.

*Landscape (Beth Shaw/Nishant Parikh)*

- Updated sign with a static message

*Holiday Shop (Ammilee Oliva)*

- Holiday shop is scheduled for 12/13/24. Need more volunteers.

*Scholarship (Aneka Bledsoe)*

- No Report

*School Toolboxes (Kimya Davani)*

- Sprouts is cheaper and will provide a larger profit. We will sign the contract with them.

*Staff Appreciation (Sonia Chainani/Stephanie Willett, Julia Bannon)*

- Raffle baskets are being put together for staff appreciation.

*Passive Income (Sonia Chainani)*

- Minted fundraiser is ongoing

*Webmaster (Nishant Parikh)*

- No Report

**Open Items**

- N/A

**New Items**

- Next meeting will be virtual

Meeting adjourned by Sonia Chainani at 7:38 pm.

The next meeting is Wednesday January 8th at 7 pm and will be held virtually.