

**ROTH PARENT GROUP**  
**MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2018 MEETING**  
**Roth Middle School - Conference Room**

**I. Welcome & Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm. There were 9 parents in attendance, with RH Board of Education representative Diane McBride, and Roth Principal Kerry Macko.

**II. Approval of March Minutes**

No changes. Cheryl Ellsworth motioned to accept; Angela Zanghi seconded.

**III. Treasurer's Report – Mark Tanner**

No changes; balance is the same as last time. Box Tops check should be on its way.

**IV. Principal's Report – Kerry Macko**

- Discussed 2018-19 daily schedule proposal (to be presented to the BOE for consideration)- A Day would have 7 40 minute blocks with a 30 minute midday “Study Hall for All”. B Day would be 8 50 minute blocks. This comes from feedback from the students that they would benefit from a study block built into their day, more face time with teachers, longer periods and redesign of home room. 1<sup>st</sup> period would be a few minutes longer to accommodate announcements. Transition time will be 3 minutes (4 minutes this year seemed more than enough for most). Lunches- 7<sup>th</sup> will have a dedicated lunch, 8<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> will be mixed.
- Students have expressed interest in changing how the school/district deals with dress code violations- stating current way can cause shame and embarrassment. Students brainstorming with administrators.
- Safety update- questions from parents about security during volatile situations- examples: walkouts, fights. Youth Assistants check bathrooms every 20 minutes. Kerry says there have been an increase of students reporting incidents to administration which has been very positive. Any concerns can be expressed through the DASA helpline, a safety tip line checked by district employee who reroutes concerns to appropriate administrators.
- Addressed rumor that students use copious amounts of profanity- Kerry monitors different areas of the building at transition times and says this is untrue.
- LOTE experiences- 23 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish students went to NYC and had a great time! Every other year French students can travel to Quebec, ASL trip to RSD, NTID, German culture experiences in the building.
- School exam schedule is set. Last day of school will be June 11th for 8th & 9th graders & June 15th for 7th graders. 7<sup>th</sup> graders may have ½ days if transportation can be arranged.

**V. Board of Education Update – Diane McBride**

Thanked participants of community for input with Superintendent search for Rush-Henrietta. Dr. Graham to meet with Mr. Wright this week, he will assume superintendent role July 1<sup>st</sup>. Next month is budget vote, will be presenting at Parent Group Meetings.

Andy Whitmore can be contacted with any questions on budget or Good Shepherd purchase.

Community reception for Dr. Graham will be on 5/22 4-6pm at Parker Admin Bldg.

Board received letters from Roth Social Studies classes- will be responding collectively. Very appreciative of students' thoughtful and well worded letters!

## **VI. District Committee Reports**

**District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC)** – Planning for Candidate's Night- will be videoed again this year and posted. District Priorities set for next year. SDM name and goals changed this year. District will do safety forum annually, summary of this year's forum is on website as well as a safety link to report concerns or ask questions. Opt outs for testing down this year.

**Multi-cultural Parent Advisory Council (MPAC)** – Watched the movie; next meeting is in a couple of weeks to debrief

**Budget Advisory Council** – last meeting of the year. Community forum was poorly attended.

- Budget gap of \$1M will be taken out of reserves
- 1.9% tax rate increase
- Budget vote is May 15<sup>th</sup>

**Rush-Henrietta Music Parents Association (RHMPA)** – scholarship apps are in, spring concert preparation

**Shared Decision Making (SDM)** – reviewed SIP, next year will include a few 9<sup>th</sup> graders, staff and parents

**Space Committee** – No update; this committee is concluded for the year

## **VII. General Updates – Laura Borate**

- 2018-19 Board Vacancies – seeking volunteers for Secretary position and Facebook group administrator. Will vote on any nominees next meeting.

Staff Appreciation is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup>; a SignUpGenius is out! A few samples of staff appreciation items that will be distributed the week of the breakfast.

**Next Meeting – May 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**

Meeting adjourned @7:45pm.