

**ROTH PARENT GROUP**  
**MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2018 MEETING**  
**Roth Middle School - Conference Room**

**I. Welcome & Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm. There were 14 parents in attendance, with RH Board of Education representative Diane McBride, Roth Assistant Principal Mike Sweeney, and a representative from Facilities.

**II. Approval of January Minutes**

No changes. Renee Zanghi motioned to accept; Melissa Holahan seconded.

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

Hope to come to a decision soon on the next Superintendent for Rush-Henrietta. Feedback from community groups was very helpful.

**IV. General Updates – Laura Borate**

- 2018-19 Board Vacancies – seeking volunteers for Secretary position and Facebook group administrator
- Staff Appreciation is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup>; a SignUpGenius will go out in advance of the event
- In response to the questions raised by parents on Facebook regarding scheduling for next year, Kerry Macko confirmed (offline) that scheduling details are still in the works. Roth is considering whether they will have 7 periods or 8 periods in the schedule; no decisions have been made yet; outcome will depend on teacher contracts. Some parents had a concern about halls being congested during class changes; next year’s enrollment is ~80 students less than this year so even without schedule changes, the lower enrollment should help with the congestion.

**V. Facilities Update – Parking Lot**

- New lights in the parking lot are beautiful; school received some feedback from the community to tilt the lights down
- To address the issues with traffic backing up in the morning during student drop-offs, district administration reviewed the traffic patterns and plans to setup a “Student Drop-off” area to divert traffic away from staff parking; staff will go straight and parents will go right to drop-off their students; this work will be completed over the summer
  - Handicap parking and visitor parking will be pushed to other side of island
- There were a couple of questions from parents about whether we would be losing any parking spots and whether traffic patterns during pick-up in the afternoons would be affected with the planned changes in traffic flow (especially given after-school sports activities); will be looked into

**VI. Treasurer’s Report – Mark Tanner**

No changes; balance is the same as last time.

## **VII. Box Tops – Cheryl Ellsworth**

Encourage parents to turn in Box Tops as soon as possible because they tend to expire

## **VIII. District Committee Reports**

**District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC)** – Last month was the Parent Leadership forum; attendees reviewed the results from the annual Parent Survey; parents are encouraged to offer feedback as all their input is considered and taken into account when working on the district and school priorities

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

**Budget Advisory Council** – Thursday there is a Community Forum from 7-9pm at the Parker Administration Building re: the budget

- Budget gap of \$1M will be taken out of reserves
- 1.2% tax rate increase
- Budget vote is May 15<sup>th</sup>

**Rush-Henrietta Music Parents Association (RHMPA)** – No update

**Shared Decision Making (SDM)** – No update

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

## **IX. Principal's Report – Mike Sweeney**

- National Foreign Language Week just concluded
- Kerry Macko (not in attendance) was very impressed with the student play
- PBIS group continues to focus on Random Acts of Kindness and minimizing kids' time out of class
- Safety drills every day this week; randomized drills; on Friday, students will be dismissed 10 minutes early to comply with a state-mandated early dismissal drill
- Jr. High Art Show is on March 19<sup>th</sup> 4-6pm in the Webster Building
- Student Council is planning a "Come as you are" dance for 9<sup>th</sup> Graders to encourage attendance
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter ends April 16<sup>th</sup>
- Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Grade orientation is scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm
- One of the parents had a question in light of recent events in Rochester: what is supposed to happen if a student doesn't show up at school when they are supposed to be there?

Answer: Parents should receive a call from the school. Parent should make sure their contact information is kept updated.

- Wednesday is the National School Walk-out; students are not allowed to leave the building; four 8<sup>th</sup>-grade young ladies want to take the lead on this; they are going to present at lunches; the school will allow kids to use the auditorium for the 17 minutes of silence; campus will be closed.
  - Parents requested that Kerry Macko publish an update via eNews so that parents are aware of the arrangements for the walk-out. *Post-meeting, Kerry shared the March 14<sup>th</sup> update issued by the RH District Office that provided an overview of how the district would be ensuring the safety of RH students that day.*
- Parents took a tour of the Student Lounge & new technology rooms
  - 25 students go in over lunch; flexible seating; quiet
  - Digital citizenship is the focus so kids who use their devices inappropriately lose their privileges to the lounge
  - New picnic tables built by technology students

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

Meeting adjourned @7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Samantha Singhal, Secretary

Attachments:

Minutes of January, 2018 Meeting  
Treasurer's Report  
Facilities Map



**ROTH PARENT GROUP 2017/2018****March 12, 2018****TREASURER'S REPORT**

Account Balance as of last report (January, 2018) = \$2,828.78

<b>New Activity Details</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>Total Activity: 1/8/18 – 3/12/18</b>		<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

<b>2017 – 2018 SCHOOL YEAR ACTIVITY TO DATE</b>			<b>Totals</b>
Beginning Balance as of 9/18/2017			\$ 3,230.85
Income for 17/18 school year	0.00		\$ 0.00
Expenses for 17/18 school year		402.07	\$ 402.07
<b>Balance as of 3/12/2018</b>			<b>\$ 2,828.78</b>

2016/2017 Beginning Balance = \$ 2,723.39

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark C. Tanner  
Treasurer