

ROTH PARENT GROUP
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 MEETING

Roth Middle School - Conference Room

I. Call to Order

Co-Chair Samantha Singhal called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Introductions and Guest Speaker

All attendees introduced themselves and explained their connection to Roth (*i.e.* parent/staff/faculty). Sue Smith, a member of the R-H Board of Education, is the Board's official liaison to Roth. We will see her at Parent Group meetings throughout the year. Mrs. Smith said that because the 2014-15 Budget was approved, next summer Roth will be getting new windows and our auditorium will be renovated. She then distributed a handout of the Board's Vision Statement that also contained Board member's contact information and meeting schedules (copy attached).

The Parent Group next welcomed guest speaker Geraldo Torres, Director of Food Service for the R-H District. Mr. Torres gave a presentation entitled, "Child Nutrition Update – Preparing for the 2014-15 School Year". He explained the nutrition standards/requirements for all foods and beverages sold in our schools. (A copy of his PowerPoint presentation is attached.)

III. Principal's Report - Denise Zeh

Mrs. Zeh reported the students are off to a very good start. Class schedules were mailed out a week earlier this year and that helped things go more efficiently the first week.

Town meetings were held last week for each grade and were well-received by all participants. Five scheduled fire drills have taken place and math testing begins at the end of this week.

The Chromebook roll-out for the 7th graders went very smoothly and they are all quickly learning "digital citizenship" and the responsibilities and protocols that go along with using the Chromebooks. Next year they will be issued to **all** of the Roth students.

Mrs. Zeh then presented a thorough review of the District's priorities for the school year.

IV. Treasurer's Report - Amy Rowe

Mrs. Rowe submitted the report dated September 8, 2014 and reviewed the typical income and expenses incurred by the Parent Group. The current balance in our account is \$3,158.34 (copy attached). If anyone has an interest in serving as our Treasurer this school year, please contact Amy Rowe or Samantha Singhal.

V. Volunteer Opportunities

The Book Fair is scheduled for September 15th-22nd.

Field Day is scheduled for Friday, October 10th and it is going to be a full day this year; not a half day. A SignUp Genius e-mail will be sent out for volunteers. We would also like to have one parent sign up to volunteer for the entire day, if possible.

The Fall Fling is for all 3 grades this year and is scheduled for Friday, October 24th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and is always a lot of fun. A SignUp Genius volunteer request will be sent as the date draws closer.

VI. New Business

There are several District-wide Committees that need Roth representation:

- Budget Advisory Committee (BAC);
- District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC);
- Shared Decision Making (SDM);
- Space Committee; and
- Rush-Henrietta Music Parents Association (RHMPA)

It would be helpful if we were able to get 2 representatives for each Committee. Please contact Amy Rowe or Samantha Singhal if you would be interested in serving on any of the Committees.

VII. Open Discussion – Kudos/Concerns/Challenges

Ideas for upcoming speakers/programs.

At our October meeting the librarian will join us to discuss the rollout of the new technology program. In January we will have a budget discussion concerning district and building changes to come.

One parent suggested that Mark Head, the District's Drug and Alcohol Counselor could present and another suggested that a college readiness presentation would be helpful.

VIII. Approval May Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the May 5, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. After due discussion and deliberation and having confirmed that there were no changes or corrections, following a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on May 5, 2014, be and hereby are accepted and approved.

IX. Adjournment

The next Parent Group meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 6, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Meetings for the rest of the school year are as follows: January 5, 2015; March 2, 2015 and May 4, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail L. Cook, Secretary

Attachments:

Rush-Henrietta Board of Education Informational Handout
PowerPoint presentation: Child Nutrition Update - Preparing for the 2014-15 School Year
Treasurer's Report [dated 9/8/2014]