

ROTH PARENT GROUP
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 MEETING
Roth Middle School - Conference Room

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m.

II. Welcome & Introductions

The board welcomed Diane McBride. Mrs. McBride is the RH Board Member assigned to Roth Middle School to represent any parent concerns, interests, or board questions this year. She shared the *2015-2016 Board of Education Meeting Information and Agenda Supplement* with the group.

The Roth Parent Group (RPG) Board members introduced themselves and their role on the board. Sam Singhal – Co-Chair, Amy Rowe – Co-Chair, Mark Tanner – Treasurer, and Rhonda Boas-Blue – Secretary.

Amy Rowe and Sam Singhal also shared the purpose of the Sign Up Genius signup sheet and RPG Facebook page. They shared both are a way to stay connected to the group.

III. Principal's Report - Denise Zeh

Mrs. Zeh reported the students are off to a very good start. While the 6th grade enrollment is down slightly with 200 students in the class, the 7th grade has 252 students enrolled. The 8th grade has 230 students enrolled. This number is the average class size.

Town meetings were held last week for each grade and were well received by all participants. Bus drills have taken place. Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests are underway. This week is Spirit Week for students. It has been well received. Mrs. Zeh shared some upcoming activities – Student Fall Pictures, Field Day, and curriculum nights by grade. Watch e-News for details.

The Chromebook rollout is well underway. 6th graders will leave their Chromebooks at school for a while until teachers are comfortable with how they will care for them. The 7th and 8th grade students are taking the Chromebooks home or leaving them in the library for daily use. Ms. Zeh offered that the Chromebooks are used at a teacher's discretion to aid in instruction. She offered to have instructional leads come in to present how the technology is being used in the classroom and give parents some hands-on experience with the Chromebooks.

Ms. Zeh additionally addressed some questions that came up in our Facebook community:

- o Art Room/Side Door access – this door is locked and only available with a fob for obvious safety reasons. It will remain locked. Ms. Zeh may re-evaluate when the weather turns colder, but for now believes it is best to remain locked.
- o PE/Study Hall blocks – some students not participating in Band, Chorus, or Orchestra may have additional study halls in their schedule. Some of these traditional study halls have been turned into “gym activity” blocks as it appears some of the younger students don’t exactly know how to effectively use a study hall block yet. Teachers are working with those students, who prefer not to use the activity time around the proper use of study time and organization skills.
- o Ms. Zeh says she coordinate the AM announcements and office communications so that parents can be better provided information on after school activities taking place at the school. She will also look to link directly to the district athletics tab on Roth Web page to aid the communications around athletic tryouts and practices. She also shared that the 2015-2016 after school clubs are close to being updated and will be on the Roth Web page soon.

IV. Approval of October Meeting Minutes

The next item of business was the presentation of the minutes of the May 4th, 2015 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes were duly made and seconded. After having confirmed that there were no changes or corrections, it was unanimously RESOLVED, and that the minutes of the meeting held on May 4th, 2015, be and hereby are accepted and approved.

V. Treasurer’s Report – Mark Tanner

Mark Tanner submitted the report dated September 14th, 2015. Amy Rowe reviewed the typical income and expenses incurred by the Parent Group. The current balance in our account is \$2,709.22. See attachment.

VI. District Committee Reports

Budget Advisory Committee (BAC)

No report. No meetings yet this year.

District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)

Samantha Singhal spoke about the review under way to help alleviate the Senior High School Parent Group meeting conflicts with Roth activities.

She also shared that the group spoke about the Vollmer transition to Good Shepard. She commented that the group is referring to the new grade organization as K-3rd grades as primary, 4th-6th grades as intermediate, 7th -9th grades as junior high, and 10th -12th as Senior High.

Rush-Henrietta Music Parents Association (RHMPA)

Samantha Singhal reported that RHMPA is sponsoring an RPO Community Concert on October 8th from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Senior High School. The concert is free and open to the public.

Diane McBride reported that the first meeting will be in mid-October. Date TBD.

Space Committee

Upcoming meetings are on 10/22, 11/12, and 12/10. Another parent volunteer is needed for this committee.

Shared Decision Making (SDC)

Ms. Zeh will report on upcoming meetings soon.

VII. Volunteer Opportunities

- September 21 through 28 – Book Fair. Parent help needed to stock and help kids. Book fair volunteers also help during 6th Grade Curriculum Night (September 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m.) and 7th/8th Grade Curriculum Night (September 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m.)
- October 9 – Field Day. Parent help needed to help with concessions. Jen Prindle will take the lead in coordinating parent support for the event.
- October 23 – Fall Fling. Parent help needed with concessions and student guidance.
- Grade level activity nights. Various dates, watch eNews communications. Parent help needed with concessions and student guidance.

VIII. Open Discussion – Kudos/Concerns/Challenges

Samantha Singhal asked the group if there was interest in learning more (hands on) about Chromebooks in next meeting. Group agreed.

Several parents had questions/concerns about School Tool access and information within. Ms. Zeh referred parents to the counseling office 359-5140 or 359-5120 for assistance with any issues/concerns.

Parents gave kudos to those teams providing homework hotlines.

There was discussion around how parents get involved with technology. It was offered that while there wasn't a volunteer opportunity today like that that the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) might a good arena for the parents and technology connection.

Concerns were raised about the various instructional information sheets provided and the parent sign offs being in spots where the information was "cut off" or not valuable after returning the sign off portion. Ms. Zeh said she'd urge teachers to put that information on their Web pages, if they haven't already.

Lunch room seating arrangements and lunch purchasing process (cash vs. MealPayPlus.com) was discussed. Ms. Zeh reported that lunch room seating is assigned to prevent the anxiety most students experience around where to sit at lunch time. Parents had concerns whether assignments will be re-evaluated next quarter. Ms. Zeh offered to work with any student individually on a preferred seating arrangement offering that the quarterly change up cause too much confusion in mass.

IX. Adjournment

The next Parent Group meeting will be held on **Monday, October 5th at 6:30 p.m.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda L. Boas-Blue, Secretary

Attachments:

2015-2016 Board of Education Meeting Information and Agenda Supplement
Treasurer's Report [dated September 14, 2015}