E.S.Rhodes PTA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 10, 2017

Attending: 10 (Alissa Forleo, Deb Linehan, Tina Ash, Melissa Ruggieri, Joshua McDonnell, Janiece Peichocki, Erica Stackhouse, Courtney Croke, Lori Nelson, Natalina Earls)

The Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm. Couldn’t approve May and June minutes at this time so that was bumped to next month. Alissa has our new school bylaws. Bill previously set up a Google Drive for PTA forms, Janiece and Deb are looking into it. It would be nice to use a single Gmail account to correspond with parents.

Waiting to hear from Colleen Maynard about cancelling the Fall book fair with Scholastic.

Natalina motioned to approve September minutes and Janiece seconded.

**Treasurer’s Report**:

Janiece went over the treasurer’s report to catch all attendees up.

We will discuss rescheduling the Back Yard Bash in the spring, since it was cancelled due to rain (twice).

A little over $7000 in accounts, combined. Still trying to spend down surplus.

Alissa and Janiece reviewed proposed budget for the year. Deb motioned to accept and Lori seconded.

**President’s Report**:

Membership - We are trending to finish the month of October with 30 less members than last year at this time. How can we bring it up? Natalina suggested reminding parents of all that the PTA does, ie REAP. Alissa suggested resending the PTA FAQs home to parents.

There was probably a drop in numbers since the Back Yard Bash was cancelled, we got a bunch to sign up there last year. So instead, we will set up a table at the Halloween dance on Oct 27 Maybe give spider rings out to the kids when parents sign up?

Josh suggested setting up a table after school a few times to ‘sell’ the PTA. Josh and Deb will do that on Oct 20 to see how it goes.

Upcoming Events:

**Teacher Grants**:

Alissa will attend the November 6 staff meeting to talk to the teachers about the available grants. There are suggestions offered in the guidelines that will be passed out at the meeting.

**Harvest Day:**

Janiece is all set for volunteers and donations. Volunteers will meet in the cafeteria. Event will run from 9:30-11:30. One grade at a time will be called down to sample the food. K will be brought food in the classroom.

**Health Walk**:

Natalina still needs volunteers (plenty for K). Parents will be notified that they can still send in walk pledges for a week after the event before the winning classroom is announced. Natalina will do a FaceBook announcement.

**Halloween Party**:

Courtney to co-chair with Alissa. Flyer will be distributed next week with details. $5 per family at the door and food donations will be accepted.

**Principal’s Repor**t:

Erica needs a list of students without a health walk permission slip. She will be getting Police to assist at crosswalks during the walk. Safety/security officer will be coming in December to go over school procedures.

**Open Agend**a:

Natalina asked about the parent liaison program. We have some volunteers already, need to ask a few more parents to help with that. Not sure of the best way to do that as of yet (pilot year).

Tina will be sending home box top collection sheets this week. The winning classroom could be announced at the Halloween dance and the halloween song choice will be played over the PA on Halloween.

Janiece motioned to adjourn the meeting, Courtney seconded the motion and a majority approved it. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tina Ash