

Rosemary Hills Primary School
PTA Board Meeting, October 12, 2009

In attendance: Holly Gross, Emily Mazzella, Lisa Hermes, Hunter Hogewood, AB Carneal, Sue Choi, Jenny Emmett, Cheryl Rosenblum, Karen Jacob, Sonia Suter, Ralph Viggiano and Leslie Zimmerman.

Meeting commenced at 6:30.

(1) Update from Mr. Viggiano and Mrs. Zimmerman: Mr. Viggiano reported that the Classroom Open House, held on Monday, Oct 12, was well attended. This year an afternoon session was added to accommodate parent schedules as well as allow parents to attend both math and reading lessons. Mrs. Zimmerman reported that RHPS teachers are working with CCES teachers for an inservice program designed to facilitate consistency and ease the transition between RHPS and the feeder elementary schools with regard to writing.

(2) Budget: Cherie Rosenblum reported that she does not have the final figures from Super Saturday yet. She requested that the board vote on adding line items to the budget for the Green Committee, including a \$250 fundraising income and \$500 expenses line. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Cherie brought the line items for "all school general" and "principal fund" to the attention of Mr. Viggiano. Finally, Cherie noted that the budget would be presented at the PTA general meeting that night.

(3) Super Saturday recap: Feedback from Super Saturday was excellent. Parents liked the set-up in the gym, as well as the new games including Wheel of Fortune.

(4) New business:

Paperless Rainbow: Efforts to collect names and cross-reference with class lists is progressing; a meeting is scheduled to coordinate the Rainbow editors, listserv and website. The next Rainbow may still be in paper, but work is progressing towards the ultimate paperless goal.

Directory: The directory team would like to request the assistance of room parents to collect missing information such as parent names for inclusion in the directory.

(5) New business:

Thanksgiving boxes: This year, in order to be sensitive to confidentiality issues, the committee will work with Manna's Kids Helping Kids program for distribution of the Thanksgiving food boxes, rather than through the school office. The collection drive and sorting remain the same as in past years. This year the Saturday sandwich event will probably benefit a local food bank.

Classroom coffees: No action reported. The kindergarten coffee will be the first one scheduled.

Math Survey: Holly and Emily distributed a math survey last week; if additional surveys are returned by Wednesday, Oct 13 they will request a volunteer to help compile the results.

Special projects proposal: Mrs. Goldstein requested that the PTA purchase 8 cd/cassette recorder listening centers at \$117 each (total \$936) to replace outdated or broken models. The PTA proposed that the funds come from the media budget and the staff grants. A vote was taken and the motion passed, pending confirmation from Mrs. Goldstein to spend her entire media budget. (Follow-up: After discussion with Emily Mazzalla, she proposed purchasing four sets, for use by the reading initiative teachers, with funds coming out of the all staff general fund. The motion was approved by the board using e-mail.)

Halloween parties: The Halloween parade and parties will begin at 2:00 on Friday, October 30. The PTA will sponsor an overflow party in the APR for parents and siblings following the parade. Refreshments will be requested by donation.

(6) Fundraising update: The Sally Foster campaign is approximately \$680 shy of reaching the goal necessary for the 50% contribution. Mrs. Zimmerman will send a Connect Ed message encouraging last minute purchases to support the PTA.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05.