

ROYAL OAKS PTA Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm by Chelsie Kolnik

Attendees: Chelsie Kolnik, Lauren Stordahl, Miquette Bethke, Moira MacKay-Brown, Susan Risius, Vicky Waldo, Sarah Kariniemi, Emily Janke, Colleen Lanese, Mynda Lewis, Lindsey Lobner, Holly Johnson, Maddie Parker

Welcome and Introductions

Welcome back to another school year at Royal Oaks! Thank you for coming and it's good to get back to in person meetings. Let's go around and do introductions.

Approve last meeting's minutes: Motioned to approve by Holly Johnson, 2nd by Moira MacKay-Brown.

Principal Update: We had an awesome start to the year! Everything went smoothly. Our welcome back assembly was in-person outside.

Enrollment 510 total: 486 K-5, 24 Pre-K

Teachers focused on social emotional learning for the first few days to create bonds and help the kids be less anxious about the start of the year.

About 70 children had not been in the building for a year and a half since they attended VLA:

16-1st

8-2nd

14-3rd

12-4th

19-5th

Recess continues to be about 30 minutes long and lunch is in the classroom for approximately 30min. Lunch in the classroom has helped with community building within the classroom.

Specialists are 60 min per day with each classroom going to one specialist per week.

With using all the different doors for arrival and dismissal mornings have been smoother and has created a calm start to the day.

We've learned a lot from last year and are trying to implement to make the year more enjoyable and safer.

Question to Dr. Risius: Can students have nut lunches if eating in the classroom? Dr. Risius will get an answer and notify parents of the guideline.

Teacher Update:

Huge thank you for the first day of school breakfast! So happy to have treats in the lounge again! It's so wonderful to be back in the classroom with all of the kids. A lot of positive energy this year!

Treasurer Report:

We finished last year a lot stronger than we anticipated. Still had a loss, but not too bad since we couldn't fundraise.

Budget is similar as last year. We are being very conservative this year as we are unsure if we can fundraise.

Community nights have been very positive.

Most items stayed the same.

We removed the Angel Fund from the budget since lunches are free this year.

Budget items were announced line by line.

Motioned to approve the 2021-2022 budget by Chelsie, 2nd by Colleen. 10 Yes. 0-No. Motion was passed unanimously by PTA all members in attendance.

New Business:

Playground Update: The playground expansion survey went out to families last week. We will allow fundraising for a couple more weeks and then figure out what we can purchase for the playground. A guess is the equipment will be installed in the spring.

Committee Updates:

- a. Book Fair: We are unable to have an in-person book fair this fall and Scholastic no longer offers sidewalk book fairs so we will be doing an online book fair from November 8 through November 21.
 - a. We are hopeful to have an in-person in the spring.
- b. Community Dinners: Our calendar at royaloakspta.org/calendar is up to date with the community dinners scheduled for this year so far. We added Panera and Dairy Queen. We also have Culver's, Wendy's, Chipotle, Pizzeria Pezzo returning. We do not expect families to attend all community nights but whatever works for their family.
- c. Spirit Wear: New this year we are using Heritage Embroidery Design in Stillwater for our spirit wear. They offer an online store and take care of all the processing and packaging of the orders. When they are ready Chelsie will pick them up and drop them off at the school to be sent home with the students, probably in early October.
- d. Papa John's Nifty Fifty: We are running the Nifty Fifty promotion again this year through Saturday, Sept. 25. We receive \$8 from each card sold. It's a great promotion and our families seem to really like it.
- e. Box Tops/Coke Rewards/Amazon Smile:
 - a. Box Tops has moved from physical box tops to an app so we receive very little physical tops so we have decided to stop our portion of mailing in the box tops.
 - b. For Coke After some discussion with Coke it seems that it won't be realistic to set up a PTA account. Also, in the past couple years there hasn't been a lot of coke cap donations so we will no longer be processing coke rewards. Families can still go online and do it themselves with Royal Oaks as the recipient and that money will go to the school.
 - c. Amazon Smile has been a great addition and we will continue to offer and advertise for Amazon Smile. It's an easy way to shop and support the PTA at the same time.

Adjourn: Chelsie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm and Colleen seconded it.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12th at 6pm in the Media Center.