

## Royle School PTO Meeting

September 21, 2011

The April minutes were approved.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Mr. Margolus expressed his happiness at the smooth start of the school year. Explained a new social skills program called "Second Step" which will help provides students with the skills needed to discuss and address conflict. Natasha Torre-Heffron talked about how her background in literacy connects to Royle's balanced literacy, learner center instruction and SRBI programs. It is a collaborative effort that works to meet the needs of every student.

Keith went over a sample CMT record on an overhead. Discussed what to look at in terms of proficient, goal and advanced categories in relation to overall school performance. Went over strands and what they mean. If you have questions, start with your child's teacher but Keith and Natasha are always available. Then went over Royle versus the district and the state and what all the numbers mean. Explained that sometimes just a word can be used differently which can make a difference in a score and we do not teach to a test. Went over what we are doing moving forward.

**VICE CHAIR:** Fastest way to get a hold of your room parent is to go on the website where they are hot linked. Passed a sheet around to register Stop n Shop cards for A+ rewards.

**CO-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Thanked Katreina and Tara for the picnic. Thanked the child safety committee for riding the afternoon bus. Thanked beautification for the gorgeous planters and the upkeep of the Lattimer Garden. Thanked Shannon for the room parent roster.

No CDSP update because the first meeting is in October.

At the BOE meetings over the summer Royle had 8 teachers receive Barbara Harrington Grants. Final enrollment for Royle is the smallest at 409 and Hindley is the largest at 538 students. Current revisions to bullying policy in wording are: "bullying that occurs outside of school but affect the child's daily life." Keith explained the difference between bullying and being mean and we need to be careful of the language.

PTO bulletin board is directly in front of doors behind the glass. The old one is for Mrs. Morton's art display.

The grounds issue (cleaning of the playground) is the job of the BOE and not beautification and it has been resolved.

The water fountains are not installed yet but we are aware of the delay.

Open house is on Thursday and we will be selling the directory. It is for Royle use only and not to be used as outside information. Royle rags will be on sale.

New family coffee will be at Beth Cherico's house next Wednesday.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Have P&L and balance sheet on tables. It is early in the year so not much activity. We gave each teacher a check at the beginning of the year to purchase supplies (so parents do not have to).

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Debie Bossie, Director of Food Services.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **ENRICHMENT:** Calendar included.
- **ROYLE WRAP UP:** welcome checks for \$100 as a pure donation. Next Tuesday is the deadline. Internet sales are going well. Six matching gifts to date. Will be at open house.  
**ROYLE GOES GREEN:** Please sign up for Trash Free Tuesdays which kick off next week.
- **KIDS CARE** Thanks to everyone that bought or baked for the picnic bake sale. Next meeting is October 5 and will be at the Halloween costume drive.
- **SCHOOL STORE:** Will be at open house and working on Halloween treat bags. If there is a weather delay there will be no school store.

- **YEARBOOK:** Gearing up for the year. Need photos but please do not submit photos from an iPhone (resolution is poor).
- **PARENT AWARENESS:** The first meeting will be at Royle in the common room on Wednesday, September 28, 2011, 9:30 – 11:00 AM: Simple Steps to Raising Healthy Children in a Toxic World by Maida Galvez, MD, MPH and Rhonda Sherwood, BSE, MBA.
- **SOCIAL:** 650 people attended the picnic. Thank you to the volunteers. November 30 is movie matinee.
- **NOMINATING:** Jennifer Shea asked if anyone that wanted to get involved to contact her. Book Fair needs another volunteer.

The meeting was adjourned.