

**RC Hinsdale PTA  
November 14, 2018  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** PTA President Jared Powers, Vice President of Membership Tiffany Strah, Secretary Amie Wells, Treasurer Natalie Linstruth, Fundraising Amanda Ward, Principal Dr. Castleman, and Assistant Principal Alex Fangman. Others in attendance; Aimee Brown, Crystal Brown, Jackie Schlotterbeck, Sara Thompson, Gina Powers, Mary Ball, Lisa Proffitt, and Beth King .

1. **Call to Order:** PTA President Jared Powers called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in Sycamore Pod of R.C. Hinsdale Elementary School on November 14, 2018. Mr. Powers welcomed all those in attendance.
  
2. **How do I stay informed/Next Meeting:** **The next Meeting of the PTA will be held on December 11, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library at R.C. Hinsdale Elementary.**
  - **Facebook Page (RC Hinsdale PTA) - Like and share posts**
  - **Email blasts from Hinsdale**
  - **Twitter: @RCHPatriots**
  - **Join Remind 101: Text the following: @rchpta to 81010 for PTA Updates and information**
  - **Come to the PTA Meetings**
  
3. **Approval of the Minutes:** Mr. Powers called for questions or corrections to the October 9, 2018, Minutes. **Upon motion of Aimee Brown, second by Lisa Proffitt that the R.C. Hinsdale PTA Minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**
  
4. **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** Ms. Linstruth reviewed the Treasurer's Report, she noted that the Art Fair has expenses. She explained that Art and Drama have their own account that she keeps a running total for each. Ms. Ward asked if there would be an Art Fair this year. Mr. Powers reported that the art teacher would like to do something but she is not sure what. She has been given contact information of those who have been involved with the Art Fair in the past. Ms. Linstruth reported that Amazon Smile is doing well for the school. A \$2,200 check was received from Larosas for the most recent restaurant night. Mr. Powers noted that Ms. Collins said that Hinsdale should have received \$225.00 for that restaurant night, so the check was issued incorrectly. Ms. Collins will contact Larosas to notify them of their error. Mr. Powers stated that he would like a line item added for concession stand sales. Ms. Linstruth wants to make sure that Mr. Chevalier is aware that the proceeds need to be spent on the school. Mr. Powers stated that he is aware and will be submitting a list. A sign up genius was sent out calling for volunteers to work the concession stand. This would be a good opportunity for those who need service hours. **Upon motion of Lisa Proffitt, second by Amanda Ward that the Treasurer's report be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**
  
5. **Dr. Castleman's Corner:** Dr. Castleman began by thanking Amanda Ward, and Dianna Barkie for their effort and everything that went into the fall fundraiser. She said that once again the Boosterthon Funrun went very well. Instruments for the music program are being purchased, the five televisions have a ship date of December 5th and decisions will be made for technology. She noted that a lot of things are happening and more resources are being put into the hands of the teachers and students thanks to the PTA.

Dr. Castleman thanked the PTA and everyone who participated in the Veterans Day program. There were space issues in the gym and there was not one assembly but all students were accommodated.

Dr. Castleman thanked Lisa Proffitt for the work that goes into Donuts with Dad. Unfortunately they arrived at the decision to cancel the event on November 15th. The decision was not made lightly but in the interest of keeping everyone safe with forecasted weather concerns. If school is in session on November 15th the donuts will be distributed to the children. The date for Donuts with Dad was changed from November 14th to November 15th because the cafeteria was participating in a district wide audit that happens every three years.

Dr. Castleman reported that Ms. Ryan has identified 10 Hinsdale families to help during the holidays. There is also a canned food drive going on. A third grader came up with the idea to help others during the holidays. The local location for the Freestore Foodbank on Turkeyfoot Road will receive the donations next week.

Construction on the secure vestibule is continuing and while there have been some setbacks they are hopeful that the move date will still occur during the holiday break or as close to that time as possible.

Aimee Brown asked if the fourth and fifth grade classes would be doing a service project during the holidays as they have done in the past. Ms. Beth King stated that Ms. Ryan would be adding two more families to the giving tree. Aimee Brown noted that she has been speaking with Ms. Granger about the kids making blessing bags as the third graders did last year.

## **6. Committee Reports:**

- **Fundraising** Amanda Ward reported that the fall fundraiser was a total success and \$29,760 was raised. As of last Thursday 98% of pledges were collected. Ms. Ward noted that when selling 1700 units of cookie dough in years past the same amount of proceeds were given back to the school but with Boosterthon there is 100% participation from the kids and great ratios, 85% of the student body pledged which was up 4% from last year. The goal for each class was \$80 a lap and 8 or 9 classes were over that figure a lap. Ms. Ward announced the top pledges, and the appropriate teachers and staff were slimed. \$5,750 was received in sponsorships and dry fit t-shirts were purchased for the kids with a portion of those funds. Dr. Castleman praised the event and said that the children just love it. Ms. Ward announced her retirement from fundraising and introduced Sara Thompson as her replacement. Mr. Powers reminded that in the past there has been discussion about moving the fall fundraiser to the spring and moving the carnival to the fall. He asked for thoughts on this idea. Everyone agreed that the fundraiser should remain in the fall. Mr. Powers stated that he liked the way Boosterthon runs the fun run and as if right now they have penciled in a date for Hinsdale's Funrun on Halloween next year.
- **Spiritwear** Ms. Bunnell was not present but Mr. Powers reported that Ms. Bunnell has the winter spirit wear forms ready to distribute and orders should be in before Christmas.
- **Special Events** Ms. Thompson reported that Color Me Mine will once again take place the day before Thanksgiving. She asked for help at the check in table. Ms. Thompson noted that many forms were turned in after the deadline and unfortunately those people may not get their choice of ceramics. She stated that she would check with Color Me Mine to see what could be done.  
Ms. Thompson noted that there may be a Putt Putt event later in the year.
- **Donuts with Dad** Ms. Proffitt reported that she is hoping that everyone will understand the reason for the cancelation of Donuts with Dad, that safety of the students and Dads is a priority and weather

is unpredictable. Dr. Castleman reiterated that the safety of our families is priority. Ms. Proffitt stated that Mornings with Mom will take place in May with the book fair. Mr. Powers added that Donuts with Dad could not be rescheduled as the calendar is very full. He asked that Ms. Proffitt forward any complaints or calls to him. Dr. Castleman noted that because of weather concerns the book fair will be available an extra day on Monday.

- **Restaurant Nights** Ms. Collins was not present and Mr. Powers reported that there were no current nights scheduled. Ms. Collins will be checking with Larosas to get the check issue taken care of.
- **Mother/Son Event** Ms. Brown reported that Hinsdale will be doing a movie day at the Cinemark Cinemas in Florence in February. Two theaters have been reserved. One theater seats 102 and the other seats 47 people. A save the date reminder will be going out soon. The movie is Lego Movie II and will be held on February 10th at 2p.m. Ms. Brown is working on the particulars for the event. Mr. Powers stated that a \$15 presale ticket for drink and popcorn and after presale date \$17 sounds reasonable. He noted that the different prices should be put on the order form. Ms. Brown asked for suggestions with regard to seating in the theater. Seating suggestions were discussed.
- **Candy Cane Corner** Mary Ball reported that Candy Cane Corner will take place December 10-14th. A sign up genius will be sent out soon. The kids will shop during their music special in the music room. Ms. Ball asked how much the gift certificates for those who do not have money should be so that everyone can shop. It was decided that \$5 should be given to those who need money to shop. Ms. Ball was looking for suggestions on how to move the children along in their shopping as they only have 45 minutes to shop. She asked if there should be a limit of how many people children can shop for or how much can be spent. Discussion ensued. It was decided that no more than \$30 should be given to a child to shop and the schedule for shopping may be tweaked a little in an effort to help with shopping time given. Ms. Ball pleaded for more volunteers and noted that grandparents are welcome to help as well.
- **Spring Carnival** Jackie Schlotterbeck reported that she wanted to have the spring carnival on April 5th and 6th but found out that the Someone Special Dance is scheduled for April 5th. Dr. Castleman suggested that the Spring Carnival should be on a Saturday/Sunday due to the after school program on Fridays. Mr. Powers noted that he would talk with the Someone Special Dance committee about their date. The Spring Carnival is scheduled for April 6-7th, with the spaghetti dinner from 4-7pm Saturday and the carnival from 2-6pm on Sunday. Ms. Schlotterbeck stated that she was going to speak with the art teacher to see if the classes could do art projects that could be used for a silent auction item. Mr. Powers asked about the gaming license as he needs to get it before the Board of Education Meeting for approval. Ms. Schlotterbeck asked if anyone has pictures from last year's carnival. Ms. Schlotterbeck stated that she will get the basket lists to the teachers very soon.
- **Upcoming PTA Sponsored Events**
  - Color Me Mine 11/21-Sara Thompson
  - Popcorn Friday 11/30-Beth Wise

#### 7. **Old Business:**

- **Popcorn Fridays** Mr. Powers reported that a popcorn machine was purchased for \$317.00 and the students are enjoying Popcorn Fridays.
- **Basketball Concessions** If any students are looking for service hours, working the basketball concession stand is a good way to get hours.
- **Open Chair/Co Chair positions** The Treasurer position will be available in the next school year. Donuts with Dad/Mornings with Mom will be open. Mary Ball is asking for a co-chair for Candy Cane Corner.

Ms. Ward stated that gift card and buddy card fliers will be going out soon.

8. **New Business**: Upon motion of Aimee Brown, second by Mary Ball that the following continuing education reimbursements be granted. Mr. Bromley to receive \$140 for a conference, Ms. Stainforth receive \$200 towards her Rank I. **Motion carried unanimously.**
  
9. **Adjournment**: Upon motion of Ms. Ward, second by Ms. Powers that the meeting be adjourned.