

**RC Hinsdale PTA
September 4, 2018
MEETING MINUTES**

Present: PTA President Jared Powers, Vice President of Membership Tiffany Strah, Secretary Amie Wells, Fundraising Deanna Barkie and Amanda Ward. Dr. Castleman, and Assistant Principal Alex Fangman. Others in attendance; Jenny Bunnell, Crystal Brown, Kate Dornbusch, Katy Carroll, Tracy Nichols, Beth King, Beth Talbert, Emily Durstock, Erin Ledonne, Sara Thompson, Gabriella Sullivan, Tina Walter, Ken Hobbs, Jaimi Cabrera, Meghan Cooper, and Nancy Jackson.

1. **Call to Order:** PTA President Jared Powers called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the library of R.C. Hinsdale Elementary School on September 4, 2018. Mr. Powers welcomed all those in attendance.
2. **Guest Speaker:** Mr. Powers welcomed Kenton County School District Superintendent Dr. Webb to the PTA Meeting. Dr. Webb was happy to attend the meeting, stating that he has been Superintendent for 15 months and is excited about the many things happening in the District. He noted that the Kenton County School Board has approved all day Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year. The School District is also focusing on school safety as evidenced by the construction of Hinsdale's secure vestibule which will be complete this winter. He added that there are security guards or SRO's in each of the schools in the district. Dr. Webb welcomed everyone back to a new school year and was available for questions from those in attendance. There were no questions. Mr. Powers thanked Dr. Webb for attending the Meeting.
3. **How do I stay informed/Next Meeting:** **The next Meeting of the PTA will be held on October 9, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. The following are the PTA Meeting dates for the school year. These dates can also be found on the calendar magnets that were distributed with PTA memberships this school year. Oct. 9, Nov. 14, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr. 2, and May 14.**
 - **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**

Mr. Powers welcomed new teachers and staff for the new school year. Liz Williams - Kindergarten, Mary Vaal Kindergarten Assistant, Vicki Greco Kindergarten Assistant, Jason Bromley Music, and Kim Vogelpohl Art.

4. **Approval of the Minutes:** Mr. Powers called for questions or corrections to the May 15, 2018, Minutes. **Upon motion of Tiffany Strah, second by Deanna Barkie that the R.C. Hinsdale PTA Minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**
5. **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Natalie Linstruth was absent from the meeting. Mr. Powers reviewed the Treasurer's Report and stated that he would direct any questions about the report to Ms. Linstruth. **Upon motion of Beth King, second by Amanda Ward that the Treasurer's report be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

6. **Dr. Castleman's Corner:** Dr. Castleman announced that there are 104 all day kindergarten students and 596 students currently enrolled at R.C. Hinsdale Elementary. Dr. Castleman wanted to take the opportunity to recognize that the announcement of student placements for the 2018-2019 school year went differently than anticipated and is a situation that they are making plans and taking steps to rectify any issues so that it does not happen next year. Dr. Castleman apologized for any inconvenience the student placement issue may have caused. Construction continues on the secure vestibule. Dr. Castleman mentioned that the PTA Meeting format is different from last year in that the meeting has been brought back to the library instead of the gym. She added that the Patriot of the Month award has not gone away and will be presented for the first and second quarters. Administration is trying to determine the best way to celebrate the student's achievements and have parents share in the awards. Dr. Castleman called for questions. Ms. Ward asked about car rider dismissal. Dr. Castleman met with Officer Goodenough and the Officer was present at dismissal a few days last week and this week. She added that the traffic situation on Dudley Pike is a safety issue for the City of Edgewood. The number of car riders is up from last year. The issue will continue to be explored.

7. **Committee Reports:**

- **Membership** Tiffany Strah reported that those who purchased memberships after the open house will receive their membership cards and magnets soon. All PTA paid members received school calendar magnets with their membership this year. A PTA membership was offered to families this year in an effort to let any two adults support the school. Both changes were well received. Ms. Strah announced that there will be an ice cream party for the class with the most memberships.
- **Fundraising** Amanda Ward and Deanna Barkie announced that the fundraiser this year will once again be the Boosterthon Fun Run. The theme this year is Mind Spark Mystery Lab. All students will be able to participate in the fun run and receive a red dry fit t-shirt. Ms. Ward stated that this year we have had outstanding sponsor support. The following are sponsors so far:

Copper Woodridge Realty
Charles Schwab
Bigby
Quinn Electric
Jim Black Roofing
Indiana Wesleyan
Road ID
Dawn Gentry for Family Court Judge
Bottom Line Services Tessa Orr
Robyn Klare Huff
Centerpoint Church
Danny Schloemer
NKY Eye Care Center
Public School Works
Structured Cabling Systems
St. Elizabeth Hospital
Tom Rauf

17 of the 20 sponsor spots have been filled. Ms. Ward thanked teachers and families who shared the sponsor request information. The kickoff for the Fun Run will be October 9, and the run will take place October 18th. Teachers will receive their packets earlier this year and by the end of September. The goal for the fundraiser is \$26,000 profit. The students will receive their t-shirts the morning of the fun run. Mr. Powers asked the teachers if they would like volunteers to help get the shirts distributed and on the children. Ms. Ward stated the Fun Run will take place during the student's specials time and the Boosterthon team will be there to help teachers and staff with whatever they need. Mr. Powers added that the top three sellers will be able to slime Dr. Castle

man, Mr. Fangman, and Ms. Ryan. The top class will get to slime their teacher. **Upon motion of Tiffany Strah, second by Jenny Bunnell that if the fundraising goal of \$26,000 is met the PTA will provide lunch for the staff with some of the funds over the goal. Motion carried unanimously.**

- **Spiritwear** Ms. Bunnell reported that she is collecting order forms for short sleeved t-shirts. Long sleeve t-shirts and sweatshirts as well as knit hats will be offered in early October. Ms. Bunnell stated she is open to any ideas for spirit wear that others might have.
- **Spring Carnival** Jackie Schlotterbeck was not present at the meeting so Mr. Powers gave the report. He noted that the Kenton County School District has informed Hinsdale that that in order to continue to have its raffle at the Spring Carnival we will have to obtain a gaming license because we make over \$150.00. Mr. Powers added that we will continue to get information on this issue. The date for the Spring Carnival has yet to be determined.
- **Special Events** Mr. Powers reported that currently there is no chair for Special Events as Ms. Elfers work demands have changed. She would be willing to answer questions concerning Special Events. Mr. Powers informed that the Special Events Committee puts on the skating party in Jan/Feb, Color Me Mine in November, and a back to school dance.
- **Donuts with Dad** Mr. Powers reported in Ms. Proffitt's absence that Donuts with Dad will be held on November 14, 2018. Ms. Proffitt will be looking for a co-chair as this will be her last year to head the event.
- **School Supply Kits** Mr. Powers reported that supply kits made \$175, the supplies were better, and there were zero errors this year.
- **Restaurant Nights** Mr. Powers reported that Ms. Collins will be looking at options soon for restaurant nights during the school year.
- **Staff Appreciation** Mr. Powers reported that Ms. Bullock and Ms. Puitz are working on Staff Appreciation to be held April 23-26th.
- **Upcoming PTA Events** Muffins with Mom 5/1
Special Someone Dance 4/5

8. Old Business:

- **Reserve Money** Mr. Powers stated that at the April meeting there was a discussion and a motion to purchase interactive tv's to replace smart boards in the classrooms. There was a major price increase and Mr. Powers is speaking with the provider to get a new quote for 5 interactive tv's (1 per pod). Mr. Fangman noted that the district is moving away from smartboards due to streamlining and no longer having to purchase and store bulbs. Mr. Powers will report when the updated quote is received. Mr. Powers showed those at the PTA Meeting a mock up of the retirement plaque. The plaque will read: *R.C. Hinsdale PTA recognizes the following retired staff members for their years of service and dedication to the students of R. C. Hinsdale Elementary.* Mr. Powers added that we are going back 5 years for retirees. The teachers and their years of service will be listed on the plaque. They are: Ms. Boehmker, Mr. Konerman, Ms. Schnatz, and Ms. Combs. The plaque was \$115.00 and \$2-3 for the plates. The plaque will be hung when the secure vestibule is finished.

9. New Business

- **Continuing Education Request** Mr. Powers stated that the PTA received a continuing education request from Ms. Kiefer who will be attending classes to obtain her Rank 1. **Upon motion of Ms. King, second by Ms. Nichols that the continuing education request by Ms. Kiefer be approved for \$200.00. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Popcorn Fridays** The PTA will ask for a voluntary \$5.00 donation per student so that on the last Friday of the month everyone can enjoy popcorn. This just happens to coincide with the Patriot of

the Month assembly dates. A flier will be going home soon as well as a sign up genius for volunteers.

- **Open Chair Position** Mr. Powers asked if anyone knows of someone who would be interested in drawing the silhouettes of the 5th Grade students for graduation. He noted that they are having trouble contacting the person who worked with Ms. Michels last year.

Ms. King informed that the logins for Brain Pop Jr. and Kids Discovery will be expiring on October 3rd. **Upon motion of Ms. Ward, second by Ms. Strah to renew the licenses for Brain Pop Jr. and Kids Discovery under \$2,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.**

10. **Adjournment:** Upon motion of Ms. Brown, second by Ms. King that the meeting be adjourned.