

PTO MEETING MINUTES 09/03

SEPTEMBER 03, 2019 / 6 p.m. / LIBRARY

ATTENDEES: Ms. Mason, Ms. Ivarie, Ms. Harris, Ms. Powers, Ms. Channell and 25 voting parents

New Business

Executive committee welcome : Madonna Poole and Kelly Price

- Still time to join PTO- \$6 (teacher incentive runs through Sept. 9, 2019)
- Volunteer sign up link is under PTO tab on RBES website
 - <https://signup.com/go/ZmZrFsH>
- You MUST be volunteer trained to help at school events
 - Next sessions are Oct. 3 at 6 p.m., Oct. 9 at 12 p.m.
- Decide PTO meeting times (vote 10 a.m. / 6 p.m.)
- Connections teacher supplies : We will be placing a bulletin board of connections teacher wish list in the PTO room for parents to donate supplies

Committee Team Reports

Vice Presidents- Alison Cunningham and Katie Terrell

Secretary- Jennifer Benton

Treasurer- Julie Elliott- Treasurer's report is on the back of the agenda. Starting balance is \$10,824. 43 for this school year. Ask Julie if you have specific questions on the detailed report. We are in the final stages of our 501C3 application. We are considered non-profit this year. This is exciting! Also Venmo is set up and will be available to use for the DASH.

DASH- Melissa Chafin and Christina Anderson- DASH is our largest fundraiser of the year. The date is set for Fri., Oct. 18. It is basically a 15 min Fun Run. The T-shirt contest is going on right now. Information should be coming home in Friday folders. DASH corporate sponsors are being gathered and letters are available to give to businesses. This money from our sponsors covers the cost of the T-shirts for every child and teacher at the school.

Spirit Wear- Kim Turner and Anna Jones- September 11 is the deadline for the 1st batch of school T-shirts to be placed.

Ice Cream Fridays- Holly Hollandsworth and Jennifer Benton- Sign up on the link online to volunteer to sell ice cream 10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. every Friday.

Rocket Mail- Ali Daeley- Updates to be sent out each week via email. Let Ali know if you need anything blasted out. We have a new PTO email address.

Book Fair- Madonna Poole, Kelly Price, and Christina Anderson- This Friday is a preview party for the book fair. Next week is the big event! Arctic Adventure is the new theme. All kids will come shop with their class on a designated day.

Fine Arts- Shea Brislin- This committee helps our music and art teachers with creating sets for school plays, hanging artwork in the school, and assisting with anything they need. They help on most Thursdays. Please let Shea know if you are interested in helping on this committee. This involves hanging an entire grade level's artwork at a time.

Staff Appreciation- Pamela Gordon, Anna Jones, and Kim Turner- This is planned for Spring of 2020

Staff Luncheons- April Pilcher- Dates for this year are Thurs. Dec. 12 and Thurs. May 7

School Landscaper- Amy Whipple- Planters to be done on Friday this week

Counselor's Corner- Morgan Massey- Ms. Morgan Powers is our new counselor this year. Mentors needed to assist with the Oconee Mentor Program. It is a 30 minute commitment. A mentor is a role model, listener, and friend. All Pro Dad and I mom breakfasts this year. You can pay through Venmo. 7:20 -8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 16 is the first one. Secret Santa comes together as a school family and tries to fill the gaps for families in need. You can help behind the scenes. Food for Kids is a program to help hungry kiddos. We are currently collecting single servings of mac and cheese for the month of September. Lunch and learn book study on how anxiety affects families. 11 people in current group. Another group is tentatively being planned for January.

Yearbook- Amy Lasley- no new updates

RaiseCraze- Jennifer Alligood and Candyse Pabian- Fundraiser in the Spring for acts of kindness. We raised around \$7500.00 last year.

Vote

- Vote on whether a 10 a.m. time slot or 6 p.m. time slot for the remainder of the meetings.
17 for morning and 8 for evening

Faculty Reports

- Ms. Harris (STEAM teacher) - Review of the communication audit from July 2019. The purpose of this audit is to provide a snapshot of where an organization currently is. E-mails, newsletters, programs, websites, etc. Some of the strengths were our Rockets Way; how it makes the school unique. We have a long list of partnerships. Our E-newsletter format was appealing. An area we can improve on is to streamline information across all areas of communication. We need to be grammatically correct. Send information to Ms. Harris to verify we are following the Branding Standards. Save documents as a pdf. Our school website has the highest number of views across the county. Our logo car magnet is for sale tonight for \$5. They are also available at the front office.
- Ms. Ivarie (Assistant Principal)- It has been a great start to the year! We have lots of new staff as well. Volunteer trainings. Teachers are planning field trips and parents are uninformed they cannot chaperone a field trip unless volunteer trained. MAP testing went great with 1:1 technology. The results should come home in Fridays folders
- Ms. Mason (Principal)- Our enrollment is around 510 thus far. 60 new students enrolled this year. This is a big year for us. We are recertifying to be a STEAM school and National School of Character. Oct. 31 is our annual book character parade. More information to come home on that. Spirit Night will be Tuesday, October 1 with Texas Roadhouse. \$1.99 kids meals.

WISH LIST 2019-20

- a) TOPS (Technology, Outside, and playground) The below items fall into one of these 3 categories. An approximate cost is listed as well.
- b) Charging stations for chromebooks \$7000
- c) Updates to technology (spheres,etc) \$1000

- d) STEAM Consumables \$1200
- e) Outdoor Benches \$2000-\$3000
- f) Umbrellas for picnic tables \$1200
- g) Replacement of soccer goals/nets on playground \$3000
- h) Grade level Equipment to take on playground (balls, jump ropes, mesh bags, etc)
\$600

NICHE rating -NICHE is a website that is not associated with any educational organization. It is based on 3 things: academics, teachers, and diversity. It has marketing tactics, search for homes feature, etc. Overall, the NICHE grade for our school is listed below:

A for Academics, A+ for Teachers, and a B- for Diversity. We are #20 out of 1261 schools.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sept 9-13 -Book Fair

10 -STEAM Night and ice cream social (5-7 p.m.)

16- iMom breakfast

19- 1st grade parent breakfast

19- Hearing and Vision screening

23- All Pro Dad breakfast

Oct 1- Spirit night at Texas Roadhouse

7- Zaxby's spirit night

17- 2nd grade parent breakfast

18- DASH

21- iMom breakfast

22- Mother/son skate night

28- All Pro Dad breakfast

31- Book Character Parade

Nov 5- PTO Meeting at 10 a.m.