

**Ranch Creek Elementary School
General PTA Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
October 8, 2019**

Meeting was called to order by Co-President April Osback-Bustoz at 9:01 am.

A Quorum was established.

April introduced this year's Board Members:

- Katrina Atkins, Co-President (present)
- Jennie Rogers, Treasurer (present)
- Britton Varn, Secretary (present)

April asked all those present to introduce themselves.

The Minutes from the September 2019 PTA General Meeting were approved.

April announced that Jeanine Foley had been voted in by the Board to fill the vacant Vice President position and introduced Jeanine.

Karie Ebbens (Principal) gave the report from Administration:

- Boosterthon Fundraiser has already hit \$12,000 (even faster than last year).
- If Boosterthon gets to \$20,000, Tricia Clough (Assistant Principal) and Karie Ebbens will go to "jail" for the day.
- With the Boosterthon money and some leftover Bond money, we are hoping to be able to fund the Gaga pit and the outdoor classroom.

Carolyn Sterling, our PTA El Paso Council liaison for D20, was in attendance and introduced herself. She encouraged our RCE PTA to take advantage of Safety Town, Founders Day, PTA scholarships, and the upcoming D20 gathering for PTA Board members.

Jennie Rogers presented the Treasurer's Report. She commented that we have purchased new "IB Awesome" Spirit sticks since last month for Administration to use as incentives for kids. We have also purchased new signs for the front and back of the school to promote PTA events and activities. We have had lots of reimbursement requests from teachers for "Bucket Fillers."

New Business

- We are still in need of leaders for the following committees/ events: Fundraising, Health Jam, Pastries with Parents, and Game Night (postponed until the Spring)
- We are looking for volunteers for the Fun Run.

Reports

- Ranch Creek Accountability Committee - The District is hosting two forums for people to hear from the candidates running for D20 School Board - on October 10 and 22.
- Parent Sounding Board - There was a great presentation at the last PSB meeting on the growth and projected growth in D20. Jennie Rogers has the link to the presentation if anyone would like it.

- Spirit Nights - April Osback-Bustoz reported that we made \$95 from the Chuy's Spirit Night. 25 families participated. We have a Spirit Night at Chipotle (by the mall) on Oct. 26 from 4-8 pm.
- Popcorn Fridays - April Osback-Bustoz reported that they have lots of great volunteers. There were 3 Popcorn Fridays in September and will be 3 in November.
- Reflections - Aydin Hoo reported that November 8 is the deadline to submit entries. A flyer will be going home with students soon.
- Staff Appreciation Dinner - Jeanine Foley reported that we still need help for the Staff Conference Meal, especially with set up and clean up. Roadhouse will be donating salads and bread.
- Membership - Britton Varn reported that we sent in our bi-annual Membership Report to the Colorado PTA last week. We currently have 110 members.
- Dance and Movie Nights - Britton Varn and April Osback-Bustoz reported that our Falloween Dance will be on Oct. 25, and that the committee is working hard.
- Spirit Wear - We had over \$400 in sales last Wednesday after school. We are working on offering pre-sales for t-shirts, sweatshirts, and joggers. We have plenty of stock for adult sizes currently.
- Spirit Sticks - Traci McGrew and Jenny Rogers reported that they are offering Spirit Sticks this year with a Stick of the Month Club and for Birthday Favors. These sticks will help fund the purchase of motivational sticks that teachers and Administration will use with the students.
- Box Tops - Tracy Imbo reported that a flyer will go home for our Fall Box Top Drive very soon.
- Mustang Mondays - Mrs. Campbell is doing the counts each month. Stra. Jarnigan won the count for October. Students get to keep Spirit, the stuffed Mustang, for the month and also earned Spirit Sticks. They will get to participate in a Mustang party at the end of the year.

Announcements

- We have a fundraiser at Dream Dinners on Nov. 12 (5pm) and Nov. 15 (10 am and 5 pm). You can assemble 3 meals to take home while enjoying the company of other RCE parents. Dream Dinners gives RCE \$10 of every purchase.
- We have arranged for Peak Gymnastics to offer a Parents Night Out to our families on Nov. 16 from 5-9 pm. This is not a fundraiser, but a fun offering for kids and to give busy parents a night off.

Thanks for reading. The first person that mentions "Britton's note" at the end of the Minutes (who is not Admin or a Board member!) gets a free RCE t-shirt or hat! :)

April adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted, Britton Varn, Secretary