

**Ranch Creek Elementary School  
General PTA Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2019  
Minutes APPROVED 2019-10-08**

Meeting was called to order by Co-President Katrina Atkins at 6:01 pm.

A Quorum was established.

Katrina introduced this year's Board Members:

- April Osback-Bustoz, Co-President (not present)
- Jennie Rogers, Treasurer (present)
- Britton Varn, Secretary (present)

Katrina asked all those present to introduce themselves.

Jennie Rogers moved that the Minutes from the May 2019 PTA General Meeting be approved.  
MOTION PASSED.

Katrina stated that our Vice President position is still vacant for this year. If anyone wishes to fill this position, please email [ranchcreek.pta@gmail.com](mailto:ranchcreek.pta@gmail.com).

Karie Ebbens (Principal) welcomed everyone. Tricia Clough (Assistant Principal) presented the State of the School report:

- Enrollment for this year is 528 students. This is consistent with last year's enrollment.
- Our Fairness Dollars were spent last year on a new gym floor.
- Last year's Green Grant paid for all new LED lighting in the gym and for our new Hydration Station.
- We have 2 new security cameras this year.
- Our new playground (paid for with Bond money and last year's Boosterthon money) is complete, and students are enjoying it.
- We will be purchasing two Tower Gardens with this year's Green Grant.
- We will continue our partnership with Bonaventure Senior Center this year. One class will visit there most Fridays. We hope some residents will be able to come to the school for some events.
- We are trying to participate in a monthly "Gallop for a Cause" as a school this year. Our first one is the Walk to End Alzheimer's on September 21.
- This year we have School-wide Expectations that were taught to all students.
- We achieved "Accredited with Distinction" in our School Performance Framework last year. For CMAS, we achieved an "Exceeds" score in ELA, Math, and Science. In the Academic Growth category, we scored "Meets." We are still growing in the "Students with Disabilities" category.

Teachers were asked if they wanted to report anything:

- Miss Brassette is starting a Classroom Academy this year.
- Mrs. Bull reported that all 3rd grade classes are starting a Genius Hour to promote research and tech skills.
- Sra. Negron reported that the 4th graders will be the first to go to Bonaventure. The 5th graders will be going in October.

Jennie Rogers presented the Treasurer's Report.

- Jennie stated that the Treasurer's books are always open. If anyone wants to see them, email [ranchcreek.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:ranchcreek.treasurer@gmail.com).
- Jennie reported that our yearly audit report, mandated by Colorado State PTA, has been completed. Members of the Board and Mrs. Ebbens served as the Audit Committee and approved the audit report, and it has been submitted. (See attached.)
- The \$18,000 we raised from the Boosterthon last year supplemented the \$78,000 of bond money we had to purchase the new playground.
- Jennie presented the Proposed 2019-2020 Budget. Katrina moved that it be approved. MOTION PASSED.

Katrina reminded members that we have a contract with Boosterthon to help with our fall Fun Run. It was reported that the Board has discussed with Administration the possibilities for the use of these funds this year. The Board brought the following motion, which had been vetted previously by the Administration:

*We move that the amount raised from the 2019 Boosterthon be used to fund (or help fund) an outdoor classroom on the campus of Ranch Creek for use by all students, and that excess funds, if present, be used for these purposes in this order: 1) the purchase of a Gaga pit for our playground, and 2) for inclusion in the General PTA budget to fund additional opportunities and activities for students, congruent with the mission of PTA.* MOTION PASSED.

It was noted that Mrs. Mulholland has discussed her desire to have the scaffolding painted in the library. This would cost a few thousand dollars.

Katrina noted that the Falloween Dance on Oct. 25 needs someone to coordinate it. If interested, please email [ranchcreek.pta@gmail.com](mailto:ranchcreek.pta@gmail.com).

Katrina listed the other committees that still need chairs/ leaders: Fundraising, Yearbook, Health Jam, Staff Appreciation, Dance and Movie Nights, Pastries with Parents, and Game Night. If interested, please email [ranchcreek.pta@gmail.com](mailto:ranchcreek.pta@gmail.com). Teachers Brassette and Jarnigan are heading up a Yearbook Club this year (for 5th graders), so this committee would have lots of help.

Jennie Rogers presented the highlights from the Parent Sounding Board meeting (see attached).

**Reports:**

- Spirit Nights Committee reported that RCE received \$235.98 from the Josh and John's Spirit Night on the first day of school. There is a Chuy's Spirit Day on Sept. 26th all day. From 4:30-7:30, there will be face painting and a raffle for a gift.
- Popcorn Fridays Committee reported that the first one will be this week. Email [ranchcreekspiritnights@gmail.com](mailto:ranchcreekspiritnights@gmail.com) if you'd like to help out with any Popcorn Fridays this year.
- Reflections Committee reported that entries will be accepted in many categories for this arts competition (Photography, Visual Arts, Dance Choreography, etc.). Entries are due Nov. 8.
- The Membership Committee reported that we currently have 103 PTA members (77 parents and 26 staff).
- Possible future events: Wine and Dine Night at Dream Dinners and a Parents Night Out at PEAK Gymnastics
- Spirit Stick Committee reported that it will be offering some new initiatives this year - a Birthday Club and a Stick of the Month Club. The sticks that students purchase will allow us to purchase the motivational sticks that teachers hand out to students who excel or achieve milestones. Spirit Sticks will be sold on the last Wednesday of the month.

**Announcements:**

- Katrina announced that the Chinook Trail Elementary School PTA has invited us to attend presentations given by speaker Jennie Hecht, LCSW, at Chinook Trail Middle School on September 24. There is one presentation at 5:30 and another at 7:00 pm. More info will be emailed to PTA members.

The meeting was adjourned by Katrina at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Britton Varn, Secretary