



T. H. ROGERS SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION
VANGUARD • PDHH • PSI/MI

PTO Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 7, 2016

Attendees: Smitha Rajesh, Sonja Gillette, Jennifer Radcliffe, Rohan Abeyesekena, Kerry Faro, Jennifer Nguyen, Nicolette Reese, Wendy Teoh-Chung, Be Petrosky, David Tang, Deepa Govindarajan, Anila Khan, Huda Khar, Brenda Oliveira, Lilian Diaz, Sadaf Ebrahim, Sherie Chen

I. **Call to Order** Smitha Rajesh / Sonja Gillette

II. **Presentation and Request for funds for Quiz Bowl** Smitha Rajesh / Sonja Gillette

\$450 registration fee for Seven Lakes HS in Katy, a state tournament. \$4K for state (3 teams) and nationals (2 teams.) \$2K for travel, \$2K for fees, etc. State tournament is April 19, 2016. National is May 6, 2016. Last year PTO paid for both state and national. THR will split the cost with PTO: \$1,500 for registration. Brenda motioned to approve \$1500, second and voted to approve.

III. **Select Committee Reports**

- A. Walk 'n' Roll - Anila Khan/Shipra Jhunjhunwala. Incentives/schedules have been requested from admin. No Buddy Game this year. Can teachers accompany student to the field and distribute the tickets?
- B. Teacher appreciation – Great event. Plenty of food. Ardon's trees were a huge hit again.
- C. Spring Gardening Day - Nicole Reese. Gardening Day Feb. 13th.
- D. Community Event (Family dinning) - Nicole Reese. End of the February another Family Movie Night.
- E. School Directory - Nicolette Munguia. Directory is done and distributed today.
- F. Box Tops - \$1,066 check received.
- G. School Supplies – Rohan's last year as chairperson.
- H. Donations - \$3,425 in corporate matched donations are expected. Exxon Mobil employees receive money for their volunteer hours.
- I. Swim Team Shirts - \$1,200 voted. Mustafa found a great deal as \$8.95

IV. **Principals' Reports -**

David Muzyka, Principal. Bellaire HS Principal wants to update us on construction. Lam is on 3rd interview for RDSPD MS. Slack resigned last day of semester – need to fill slot. Expecting 10-16 vacancies for 2016-17 school year. Muzyka gives staff two weeks to announce before he announces. 3,142 applications to THR's. No construction updates. Bullhorns to be installed. Swings are to be fixed. Rodent problem. Spirit week first week of February; themes TBA. Homecoming is Feb.5, 2016; 8th grade is narrowing down Court nominations. Brenda suggested maintaining database with graduated student information. Testimonial of what THR meant to them.

Christian Winn, Assistant Principal, Elementary - Summer professional development. Harvard Project Zero Institute. 4 elementary, 4 MS teachers to be sent this summer. Harvard documentary to film @ THR about the Project Zero pilot program (Houston Harvard Club). \$4k per teacher each program. Last year THR's set aside \$35K for this program and will set aside same amount.

HISD has moved to 100% centralized activity fund. THR's no longer has a checking account at Chase. Requests will be made online and sent by the district. Subaccounts have been reviewed, consolidated, or eliminated as needed.

School Pay - (vendor who handles "credit card" transactions). In person or online payments. Small convenience fee. You can pay for school events once the event has been created (field trips, dances, etc.)

Grant Teams - Fitze attended seminar regarding grant writing. Parent volunteers sought.

Core Enrichment changes for 3rd- 5th. Deadline is Jan. 8, 2016. Request must be made by parent. Currently there is no elementary Spanish teacher but interviews are underway.

Successful golf tournament for PSI. A hole tournament held in the gym. Volunteers needed, should contact Coach Combs. Be An Angel volunteers will also help.

WITS Field Trip - At the Menil Collection. 5th Grade added with WITS digital where they design a video game. At the end there'll be a program called Game Jam / Story Slam to celebrate their work

Donald Lam, Assistant Principal, Middle School – MS schedule change requests are due Jan. 11.

PE / Health education will include sex ed. Software used if you want to preview the video, email Coach Neckar or Munoz.