



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

PTO Meeting

Agenda

Thursday, September 10, 2015

- I. **Call to Order** at 7:52am. Smitha Rajesh and Sonja Gillette make introductions and all attendees introduce themselves. Very large turn out of parents

- II. **Principals' Reports** **David Muzyka, Principal**, says that we have three vacancies, one being a MS deaf math teacher. Search will continue for deaf teachers, which is hard to find fully qualified candidates. **Christian Winn, Assistant Principal, ES**, says adjustments of the budget for cuts that will take place next year being ~\$462,000. There is a change of funding from one source to another. March 2016 will have the preliminary budget; but foresee no cutting of positions. There's hope that PTO will help cover cost of the ES Orchestra teacher (\$23K) and a part-time officer. **Ashley Pringle, Counselor**, talked about the Parents are Partners program which'll have four meetings throughout the year to engage parents. First meetings are September 15th and 16th. **Kristen Chen, Magnet Coordinator**, says there's lots of changes to application process this year. HISD is returning to ranking of school choice. Very important to attend 8th grade parent meeting (Sept. 30th), 5th grade parent meeting (Sept. 29th) if this is relevant to your student. Oct. 1st applications process begins with deadline being Dec. 18th.

- III. **Select Committee Reports**
 - A. **Membership** - Goal is \$60K for this year. Joining online is better as handwriting is eliminated. Company matching is important, if available with your employer.
 - B. **Carnival** – Information is coming out soon. More inflatables this year. This event is to encourage community building. Sponsorships are available.
 - C. **Camp 6 Lunch/ Kindergarten Parent Coffee** - A positive, huge crowd at this event.
 - D. **Community Building** – Bat Watch was successful and had lots of mixing of families. George Observatory this coming Saturday. Lots of spots still vacant. A full day of activities. Gardening Day coming up. Bring supplies/equipment.
 - E. **School Supplies** – All well. If there are any problems please contact the co-chairs.

Attendees: Jing Zhou, Valerie Mabin, Nicole Reese, Eunice Chang, Stefni Tredennick, Annette Botas-Rock, Jennifer Radcliffe, Bermet Komanova, Sana Ahmedani, Ravi Chhibberr, Be Petrosky, Shazia Sheikh, Sadaf Ebrahim, Wendy Teoh-Chung, Whitney Parker, Laura Solitare, Wendy Chen, Sherie Chen, Monica Ho, Jennifer Cable, Susan Skipton, Essence Briggs, Jasmine Calal, Syalisa

Winatz, Nicole Zierlein, Nicolette Munguia, Jennifer Nguyen, Mirna Hackenberg, Taiying Ho,
Liliana Diaz, Smitha Rajesh, Sonja Gillette