



T. H. ROGERS SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION
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PTO Meeting Minutes, Thursday, November 10, 2016

Attendees: Jasmine Galal, Fiona Beiyi Cai, Sonia Huerta, Cesar Huerta, Kelly Collins, Annette Botas-Rock, Jennifer Radcliffe, Eunice Chang, Kerry Ann Faro, Wendy Teoh-Chung, Brenda Oliveira, Mark Aldag, Lauren Aldag, Bê Petrosky

I. Call to Order at 7:00pm

II. Principals' Reports

Dave Muzyka, Principal. – Working on finding replacement for vacancies of: of 3rd grade teacher Hearne. Ms. McIntosh is currently helping with this position until it's filled. Sheila Foster is retiring in December. Ms. Montez (lunch **form collection** and Spanish translation) retiring in December. Snow Day has \$3000 donated from Gofundme.com out of \$6,900 needed. Magnet applications 1260 received for 760 openings. New HISD Superintendent Carranza's interaction has been positive. The Magnet Fairs held at high schools around town are good. One more Magnet Fair at Sterling HS. 8th graders have been touring potential high schools. Requested feedback on Ram News going paperless. 15% of THR population depends on hard copy/paper. There are many students who look at hard copy thus involving parents in school activities, concern by Brenda. A hard copy for specific family who Opt In, impossible due to too much labor involved. A suggestion made to put a hard copy of Ram News in each classroom. Two different formats required for paper versus email. All information sent home is on school website. Attempt to go paperless and review progress. In two years a new database system will allow messages to specific grades/classes. Safety Updates – Mr. Wilson caught the "intruder" sent to school and testing campus security. An automatic gate closer will be installed by district soon. Budget Updates – Meeting soon with Dan Nguyen regarding school financing. This year **THR underestimated student population**, thus school will receive some extra money in November. Dreambuilders - Texans player Duane Brown, who generously gave \$10,000 towards new, adaptive playground equipment, will come to THR's on Nov 22nd. United Health Care has been patient through long process. Children will perform at this dedication. HISD sent out a survey to all people regarding next year's school calendar (2017-2018) including a weeklong Thanksgiving vacation. District 7 Run-off Election to replace Harvin Moore will occur on Dec. 10 or 13th. Candidates Anne Sung and John Luman are both good choices. 8th grade graduation date moved one day earlier to accommodate the Odyssey of the Mind team's potential attendance at World competition in Ohio. One senior will graduate this year. (Basketball and Swim Schedules attached.)
Donald Lam, Assistant Principal, Middle School – Literacy Festival taking place Tuesday, Nov. 15th. (report attached.)

III. Request for Funds – Bê states Ms. Winn's request of \$425 for guest performance "Life of Betsy Ross" presented to MS, and fourth and fifth graders. This vendor is not approved by HISD. The performer coming to school is much easier/cheaper than transportation to a location. Motion granted and approved.

III. Committee Reports

- A. **Fundraising** – **Naba** Dental made \$2,000 donation that will be attached to an event.
- B. Treasurer's Report – Carnival brought in \$6,000. The first year chairs did a great job.

- C.** Membership – Next task is to distribute decals. A breakfast will be held for Platinum Donors. Matching donations are pending. Potential meeting to consider new models for PTO membership.
- D.** Directory – Goal to send all parents correct information of directory. Ad deadline extended to Nov. 15th. Recommendation to gather baseline student/family information early in the year or at Spaghetti Supper, to expedite directory delivery. An online directory is a security concern due to uploading of personal information.
- E.** SDMC – HISD’s Recapture proposition was voted down. HISD’s refusal sent message to state to consider new ways to handle the school finance reform.
- F.** Community Building – Last minute bowling for MS was cancelled as bowling alley closed, thus kids went to Indoor Soccer for dodge ball. **About** 100 kids attended.
- G.** Teacher Appreciation – Staff Holiday Breakfast is primarily food contributions from THR’s families. Ethnic foods especially welcome. Volunteer runners will accept foods at carpool drop-off lines.