



T. H. ROGERS SCHOOL  
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION  
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## PTO Meeting Minutes, Thursday, December 8, 2016

**Attendees:** Eunice Chang, Wendy Teoh-Chung, Susan Skipton, Elena Robbins, Lei Ye, Lalila Woodhouse, Sadaf Ebrahim, Jennifer Cable, Shazia Sheikh, Kurt Goedecke, Jennifer Radcliffe, Brenda Oliveira, Jasmine Galal, Kim Woodruff, Gregory Churnis, Jennifer Nguyen, Mirena Hackenburg, Alexandra Erkal, Bê Petrosky, Annette Botas-Rock

### I. Call to Order at 7:00pm

#### II. Principals' Reports

**Dave Muzyka, Principal.** – More money was received than expected since a lower number of students were recorded on the pupil attendance at the start of school, (~\$115K). Actual student population was higher than reported. Paperwork is due ten days prior to school year start. This year THR had 18 additional students. Vacancies – Still looking for Ms. Hearne's replacement for 3rd grade teacher. Ms. Libby Caulkin is replacing Ms. Foster who's retiring (responsible for student information register). Interviews are taking place for Ms. Libby's former position as receptionist. Bea Roodi is moving to Spanish translator / lunch data information. Joana Molina is moving to attendance clerk position. Magnet – A lot of applications coming in the last days before tomorrow night's deadline, 25 per hour. Thanksgiving for 2017 will be a whole week break, just announced. This year's five magnet fairs ended. He suggests next year's to have fairs in North area and West area of Houston, to better serve all HISD population, as most fairs were in the south region. District 7 run-off election for HISD council position this Saturday. Vote if you're in that district.

**Donald Lam, Assistant Principal, Middle School** – Remind MS students that there may be schedule changes in January. Changes can be made in the first two weeks of the semester. Next week's Finals schedule is on the Ram News. There will be an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Luncheon Meeting tomorrow at 8am.

**Christian Winn, Assistant Principal, Elementary School** – Biggest Fall Event Snow Day is next week. There's an increase of time for each grade level to 55 minutes. There's a smaller area of snow, lots of attractions in addition; schedule comes out today; first class at 8:15am, the last class at 11:55am. Class celebrations will also occur. Buddy events will take place in cafeteria today.

**III. Request for Funds** – "Be An Angel" organization gives holiday gifts to RDSPD students, but the list of students was not complete this year, (some kids inadvertently left off) The school will contribute towards the students academic/school items but not towards toys and other wish list items, as it's not allowed. A request is made for \$500 to complete the wish lists of 18 students. Brenda Oliveira makes a motion for a vote, seconded, and passed.

#### IV. Committee Reports

- A. Teacher Appreciation** – Teacher Holiday Breakfast next Thursday. Everything is taken care of by the PTO except for the food. THR families supply breakfast food early that morning. Carpool line will have volunteers picking up from there or deliver it to the WAC room. Staff really values this breakfast and it's a fun time to see the staff. Home cooked foods are welcome. Notices to families for donations in the Thursday folders.
- B. Buck Store** – This event took place on Tuesday for PreK-4<sup>th</sup> graders and was successful. Last class finished at 2:15pm. There was a negotiation table with bargaining for wristwatches, which kids really enjoyed. Thank you to all the PTO parents.
- C. Directory** – Nicolette sent word that she will work on the directory over the holiday break
- D. Community Building (Movie Night)** – Kids loved the movie, pizza, and popcorn, There was a problem with movie screen thus event ended early. The attendance was average to past Movie Nights. Many parents left early due to technical problems (oil on the disc?)