

**Romona Elementary School PTA
General Board Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2018
Romona Elementary School, Wilmette, IL**

Present: Principal Cindy Anderson, President Jacquelyn Singer, Secretary Kimberly Newman, 1st VP Asst. D39 Communications & Legislation Jacki Krashin, 2nd VP Volunteer & Support Sharon Gertz, 4th VP Fundraising Trina Platt, Teacher Sandy Karwowski, Parents Anika Chase, Morgan Estabrook, Julie Hanahan, Lauren Litchfield, Heather Salazar, Larissa Wozney

1. Call meeting to order - Jacquelyn Singer

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by Jacquelyn Singer.
- b. Lauren Litchfield made the motion to approve the previous minutes from 11/15, Morgan Estabrook seconded the motion, the minutes were approved after unanimous approval.

2. Principal's Report - Cindy Anderson

- a. CBM, MAP, Access and EL testing is happening. It will help us inform our teaching.
- b. Erin's Law presentations will be finishing up within 2 weeks. Good touching/bad touching talks are age/grade appropriate.
- c. The Smart Grid is here. It is ComEd's free program that travels to illustrate electricity and circuits.
- d. Come and enjoy the Open Gym Nights during February.
- e. Lunch Clubs have started. The Kindness Club had t-shirts made and will wear them during the assembly in March.
- f. We are gearing up for International Week! The Equity Team is making sure all kids feel welcome and included. Cultural flags will be hung on classroom doors. A cultural backgrounds survey was sent to parents of EC-2nd graders.

- g. The Courage assembly was in January. SAC students helped illustrate through skits what being an “upstander” is all about.
- h. There will be a new photography studio for next year’s school pictures. Stuart Rodgers will take pictures outdoors, offer online proofs and purchasing, and mail home pictures with free shipping if ordered online. We will not have to prepay and the process will be streamlined for parents.
- i. 4th Graders will have Google Chromebooks as an extension of Central Elementary’s pilot programs.

3. President - Jacquelyn Singer

- a. Open Gym Nights are going well and will continue into February: Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30-7:00pm. It is not a drop-off. Parent Morgan Estabrook inquired as to who determined the time, since sometimes it is hard to get home from work in time. Jackie responded that the gym teachers chose the time.
- b. Edu-Kits will be the new provider of school supplies kits for the 2018-2019 school year, a district wide change. We can now order through June 1st for the next school year. Parent Lauren Litchfield suggested letting parents know that it is actually a fundraiser for our school.
- c. D39 will hold a Parent Education Seminar at two of the elementary schools. Tony DeMonte (D39 Technology Director) and Raimond Pavely (School Resource Officer) will present “Raising Safe and Happy Kids in the Age of Technology and Social Media”. Parent Julie Hanahan remarked that Officer Pavely has a lot of good information.
 - i. Wednesday 3/7, 7pm at Central School
 - ii. Wednesday 3/21, 9am at Harper School

4. 1st VP Asst. Communications & Legislation - Jacki Krashin

- a. SAC (Student Advisory Council)
 - i. Teacher Sandy Karwowski, the SAC advisor, reported that they have narrowed it down to two choices of where all the money raised this year will be donated to and will vote at their next meeting.
 - ii. The next Spirit Day will be 3/1 - "Crazy Hair/Wacky Clothes" Day.
 - iii. SAC is helping to advertise the International Week/Festival.
 - iv. Going to help Stock The Shelves with an event w/o 3/12 "March to the Beat of Kindness".
- b. CRC - The Differentiation subcommittee putting together parent/teacher survey.
- c. D39 Educational Foundation's Trivia Night a big success.

5. 2nd VP, Volunteer & Support - Sharon Gertz

- a. The deadline to buy a yearbook is 2/26. They are \$30 each. Julie Hanahan asked if there was a way to find out if you had already bought one for your child?
Sharon said that the room parents will be emailing out a list of who has/hasn't.
- b. Parent Larissa Wozney mentioned that parents get a lot of emails from the district/schools on the same days and was wondering if the district can change the day of the week they send emails? Cindy to follow up with Ray.

6. 3rd VP, Enrichment - Jackie made the report (Linnea Johnson and Tania Bouwman absent)

- a. Lunch Clubs have started. In response to a question about enrollment this year vs. last year, Julie Hanahan said she would have to check.
- b. All families are encouraged to attend Romona's International Festival Sunday 3/4 from 2-4pm.

- c. The Daughter Dance date is planned for Saturday 4/21. There will be a DJ, a photo booth and will be held at Romona. Time/cost tbd.
- d. Come to the Open Learning Commons Night - "Electrical Event", Tuesday 2/13, 6:00-7:30pm.

7. 4th VP, Fundraising - Trina Platt

- a. The Sleepunder is Friday 2/9, 6-8pm. The movie is The Nut Job 2. You can still sign up online, \$15/student, max \$30/family. Volunteers will get a free ticket.
- b. BoxTops are due 2/16. The last submission earned \$885 so keep sending them in!
- c. Romona's parent-only fundraiser is The Red Gala, to be held on Saturday 3/17 at 7:30pm at the Wilmette Golf Club. Tickets went on sale today on the PTA website. Thank you to the beautiful invitation designed by Romona parent Becky McFall. It will be a garden/cocktail party. Dress is either cocktail attire or green anything (since it IS St. Patrick's Day)!

8. Additional Business & Announcements

- a. Gym teacher Mr. Toy is recruiting students to the Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) class he's teaching at Romona. Registration is now open online.
- b. Afternoon Adventures, a Wilmette Park District summer camp program, will be held at Romona this summer.
- c. Next General Board Meeting & Highcrest Transition - Wednesday 4/11 8:45-10:00am.

9. Adjournment

- a. Jackie adjourned the meeting at 7:52pm.