

**Romona Elementary School PTA
General Board Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2020
Romona Elementary School, Wilmette, IL**

Present: Principal Cindy Anderson, President Kimberly Newman, President-Elect Paloma Samotny, Secretary Christine Mackris, 2nd VP Volunteers & Support Sharon Gertz, 4th VPs Fundraising Lauren Litchfield and Jacki Krashin, Parents: Heather Salazar, Sarah Squires-Doyle

1. Call meeting to order - Kimberly Newman

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Kimberly Newman.

2. Principal's Report - Cindy Anderson

- a. Winter Benchmarking was just completed and new WIN groups have been formed.
- b. Romona has 3 new student teachers.
- c. Lunch Clubs are going great thanks to organizers Amy Bowen and Aparna Bhaskaran.
- d. The School Board has agreed to contribute financially to our new playground if the PTA can raise an additional \$30,000 this year and \$30,000 next year.

3. President - Kimberly Newman

- a. Playground proposals have been received from 3 vendors. We're on track to install the playground in the summer of 2021.
- b. PTA membership is at 70% and Ignite membership is at 53%. Ignite contributions total \$24,000 so far this year.
- c. Nicole Rose has volunteered to be the Romona Nutrition Rep for a new D39 committee to take lunch menus and improve them and make them more nutritional.

4. President-Elect - Paloma Samotny

- a. The International Festival currently has 20 country tables and 33 kids for the parade. This year, a \$10 per family entry fee will be used to help cover costs. The talent show will focus on ensembles of 3 or more students.

5. Webmaster - Preeti Varshney

- a. Changes and updates to the calendar have been noted on the Romona PTA website. \$10 Tickets for the International Festival can be purchased on the site. Many helpful resources are also on the site.
- 6. 1st VP, D39 Communications & Legislation - Padma Ramanathan**
- a. SAC is always looking for parent volunteers to help with the Friday School store.
 - b. D39 Education Foundation Trivia Night on 2/1 was a big success and had 4 Romona tables represented at the event.
- 7. 2nd VP, Volunteer & Support - Sharon Gertz**
- a. Thank you to all parents who volunteer in the Learning Commons/Library, Cafeteria and WELL Garden. More volunteers are needed in the cafeteria and library.
- 8. 3rd VP, Enrichment - Tania Bouwman**
- a. Open Gym Nights will continue on February 2/11, 2/18, 2/25 from 5:30-7pm.
 - b. The 2nd Open Tech Night of the year was held last night from 5:30-7:00pm. Kids Explored Valentine themed activities.
 - c. The Son Fling is scheduled for 4/17 and the Daughter Dance on 4/18.
 - d. A 'Stock the Shelves' drive to help refugee families will be held in April.
 - e. Sarah Squire Doyle informed that the Girls On the Run sign-up will be open through the end of February. Practices will begin in mid-March.
- 9. 4th VP, Fundraising - Lauren Litchfield**
- a. 10th Annual Benefit, 2/29 - Additional fundraising efforts include a program/ad book will be offered where parents can buy a page. Also, table leaders will be needed to help collect donations and encourage guests to make donations. Experiences and prizes will be offered in a "blind auction" to encourage high bidding. An additional \$11,000 of fundraising has been received from corporate sponsors.
- 10. Adjournment**
- a. Kimberly Newman adjourned the meeting at 8:09pm