

**Romona Elementary School PTA
General Board Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2018
Romona Elementary School, Wilmette, IL**

Present: Principal Cindy Anderson, President Shannon Zock, President-Elect Kimberly Newman, Secretary Christine Mackris, 2nd VP Volunteer & Support Sharon Gertz, 4th VP Fundraising Lauren Litchfield and Jacki Krashin, Parents: Heather Salazar, Jacob Shorr, Sara Menna, Morgan Estabrook

1. Call meeting to order - Shannon Zock

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Shannon Zock.
- b. Shannon motioned to approve the previous 10/26 minutes which were then approved by Lauren, Sharon, Christine.

2. Principal's Report - Cindy Anderson

- a. The 2nd Grade music show as well as Spirit Day are coming up. All are excited!
- b. The 5Essentials Survey for students in grades 4-8 coming up week of 12/10. It provides school districts with detailed data on school culture and climate. Students' identities will be confidential.
- c. Plans for a new playground for grades 1-4 under way. Cost estimate at \$130,000 - money to be raised by Romona PTA.

3. President - Shannon Zock

- a. PTA will be responsible for raising the \$130,000 for Romona's proposed new playground. Various fundraising efforts will take place throughout the year.
- b. Thank you to Romona parent volunteers for all their help and support with enrichment activities such as International Potluck, Book Fair Sales, etc. It couldn't be done without you!
- c. Romona PTA's tax filings have been turned in for this year.

- d. Edukits - For the 2nd year in a row, Edukits will provide school supply kits for 2019-2020 school year. PTA receives a small portion of funds raised through use of EduKits.
- e. Open Gym dates will be finalized soon. Probably on Tuesdays and Thursdays in January and February.
- f. Dates for Daughter Dance are April 6th and for Son Fling on April 7th.
- g. The Assistant Treasurer position is still open if anyone is interested.
- h. We are looking for volunteers to plan the 4th Grade end of year party.

4. President-Elect - Kimberly Newman

- a. The Romona Benefit, the PTA's largest fundraiser, will be on February 23, 2019. Theme is "Jump Jump Jubilee". Our goal is to make it very inclusive to parents and teachers so that all feel comfortable to attend. People are starting to make donations for the silent auction. Teachers are also offering auction items such as babysitting services, bedtime story reading session, etc.
- b. Looking for parent volunteers to host possible parent fundraising parties, i.e., Tacos and Tequila, Mom's Night Out, a Dad's BBQ, etc.

5. Treasurer - (Shannon made report in Kristine Heitner's absent)

- a. iGNITE Fund participation is up 21% from last year. 48% of families are currently participating.

6. 1st VP, D39 Communications & Legislation - (Kimberly made the report in Sanaa Imad's absence)

- a. The D39 Fashion Show was a great success! Thanks to all our models!
- b. District 39 Educational Foundation approved a GRIPP Grant to bring 5 QBall microphones to Romona, as well as a GRIPP Grant to receive Sphero Bolt Robots, which helps teach coding in a collaborative way.

- c. SAC - Student Council helped out with the Thanksgiving Food Drive and it was a big success! School Store will be open each full Friday. School Spirit Day is 12/6 and is themed "Disney Day".
- d. PASS39 - The next meeting is on 1/16 at 9:15 am at WJHS. Topic: Social/emotional learning.

7. 2nd VP, Volunteer & Support - Sharon Gertz

- a. Extra AtoZ Directories are available for \$5.
- b. Learning Commons can use additional volunteers.
- c. Buy your yearbook via PTA website! Price through January 31st is \$23 then increases to \$30.

8. 3rd VP, Enrichment - (Kimberly & Shannon made the report in Tania & Linnea's absence)

- a. The Multicultural Potluck on 10/12 was a great success! PTA used the opportunity to promote iGNITE in 7 different languages. A fun Mariachi singer performed.
- b. The Environmental Awareness event to make bird feeders on 11/25 was snowed out but we look forward to more EA projects throughout the year.
- c. Lunch Club organizers are still looking for more parent volunteers to host winter lunch clubs.
- d. The Book Fair was a great success.
- e. Reminder that the Daughter Dance and Son Fling are scheduled for April 6th and April 7th.

9. 4th VP, Fundraising - Lauren Litchfield & Jacki Krashin

- a. "Square One Art" deadline past. There was less participation this year than last year.

- b. The first Sleep Under was very well attended
- c. The Friendraisers/Parent Party ticket sales have been successful. Parties include
 - a “Cookie Exchange”, “Paddle Party”, “Painting Party” and Superbowl “Dip Party”.

10. Additional Business & Announcements

- a. Reminder that Spirit Wear can be purchased online.

11. Adjournment

- a. Shannon Zock adjourned the meeting at 7:42pm.