



Ronald Thornton Middle School PTO Board

Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2024 at 10:05 AM

Those present were as follows:

- Betsy George - President
- Ashley Luker - Parliamentarian
- Amanda Walker - Recording Secretary
- Irma Soledad - Treasurer
- ~~Emily Calbert - 1st VP~~
- Laura Rodriguez & Kharla Kendall - 2nd VP
- Olivia Hughes & ~~Lauren Records - VIPS Coordinator~~
- Kristin Wernecke & Erica Lee - Staff Appreciation
- ~~Elizabeth Barteo & Cristina Wheeler - Publicity~~
- Veronica Miles & Jennifer Gibbons - At-Large
- Kate Kargbo - Principal
- Rubi Reyes-Fuentes - Membership

Principal's Update – Kate Kargbo

- Still a priority to make progress to hire teachers. Some Sped teachers added. Some new vacancies to be filled as well.
- 8th grade has PSAT next week.
- Red Ribbon Week next week.
- All 4 VB teams made it to championships.
- All football teams made it to championships.
- Theater and Art shows this week.
- 6th Grade social is tonight.
- Has a request to use PTO money to sponsor gala baskets for ARC of Fort Bend and Fort Bend Education Foundation. First basket is due in 2-3 weeks. \$200 per basket needed, \$400 total.
- Irma Soledad made a motion to approve \$400 from Principal's Choice line item for use to fund the baskets. Olivia Hughes seconded. Motion approved.
- Dr. Kargbo will purchase the items and turn in receipts for reimbursement.

President Update – Betsy George

- No big updates.
- Reached Thundercash goal, but not stretch goal. Hit around \$21k.

Parliamentarian Update – Ashley Luker

- Went over bylaws in last meeting. Would like to streamline roles and positions. This will need to be approved at the general meeting in November, so that the board positions will be better defined in March.
- Ashley Luker made a motion to approve a change to the 1st VP over Budgets to include overseeing social chairs. Laura Rodriguez seconded. Approved.
- Ashley Luker made a motion to approve changes to the 2nd VP of Fundraising role to streamline the role to oversee all incoming funds for the PTO. Olivia Hughes seconded the motion. Approved.
- Ashley Luker made a motion to change the Membership Coordinator role as presented in the redlined Bylaws. Rubi Reyes-Fuentez seconded. Approved.
- Ashley Luker made a motion to remove the Club Liaison position from the bylaws. Jennifer Gibbons seconded. Approved.
- Ashley Luker made a motion to amend the VIPS Coordinator role as presented. Laura Rodriguez seconded. Approved.
- Ashley Luker made a motion to approve the At Large Representative 1 Role amendment as presented in the attached redlined bylaws. Olivia Hughes seconded. Approved.
- Ashley Luker made a motion to change Section 14 the At Large Representative 2 Role to oversee Classroom Grants, Marquee, and any school needs. Laura Rodriguez seconded. Approved.
- Ashley Luker made a motion to amend the changes to the Standing chairs and Ad hoc committee as presented. Laura Rodriguez seconded the motion. Approved.
- No changes for this school year. These changes to the bylaws would be in effect for next school year.
- November 13th at 7:30pm is General PTO meeting. Quorum is needed. Please plan to join this virtual call, so we can have quorum.

1st VP – Emily Calbert

- 6th Grade Social is tonight. Please come to help volunteer.
- Kids will need an ID to enter the social.
- Volunteers can be there at 2pm to setup.

2nd VP – Laura Rodriguez and Kharla Kendall

- Spirit Wear is going well. No complaints.
- We will be doing yard signs again for 8th graders.
- Betsey suggested that we do sports spirit wear after each sport closes their sales. Dr. Kargbo will get back to us on this.
- Spirit Nights update – Tuesday is Chick-fil-A. \$100 from McAlister's Spirit Night. Brandani's was \$113.89.
- Tried to have two Spirit Nights in September, but it didn't work.
- November 14th is Chicken Salad Chick.
- Kharla noted that we have already met with counselors for Career Day. Next meeting is Thursday morning. Chairs and tables are already scheduled.
- Everyone put January 31st on your calendar for Career Day. All hands on deck.

Treasurer – Irma Soledad

- \$21,800 for Thunder Cash. Link is technically still open. Plan to leave it open.

- Total expenses YTD is \$3,289.
- Irma Soledad made a motion to approve the September financials, Rubi Reyes-Fuentez seconded. Motion passed.

VIPS Coordinators – Olivia Hughes & ~~Lauren Records~~

- September hours were passed around.
- Discussion of lost and found items to go to Shared Dreams.
- Reached out to Student Council, NJHS and Pals for a PB&J theme for food drive. School organizations will be doing posters, etc. November 4-8th.
- Competition between 1st period classes to see who can bring in the most. Donut party for winning class. Leftover breakfast funds to be used for that.

Staff Appreciation – ~~Kristin Wernecke~~ & Erica Lee

- October event will be on the 22nd. Doing a caramel apple bar.
- November event to be determined. Will be on Thursday, November 21st.
- December event will be on December 19th. School is providing lunch and we're doing dessert.

Publicity update – ~~Elizabeth Barte~~ & ~~Cristina Wheeler~~

- No updates.

Membership Update – Rubi Ryes-Fuentez

- Winners have been notified.
- Thundercash is pretty much wrapped up.
- Two pizza parties for who donated the most.

At Large Update – Veronica Miles & Jennifer Gibbons

- No teacher grants right now. \$2,400 is still available for classroom grants.
- Veronica Miles to get an update on the Marquee from Narse Funes.

Additional Motions

- No additional motions made.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:03am

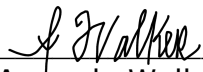
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Summary of Motions

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Ronald Thornton Middle School
PTO Secretary

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