



Ronald Thornton Middle School PTO Board

Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2024 at 10:07 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 Bartee & Cristina Wheeler – Publicity
- Veronica Miles & Jennifer Gibbons – At-Large
- Kate Kargbo – Principal
- Rubi Reyes-Fuentes - Membership

Principal's Update – Kate Kargbo

- The staff is working on distributing laptops now.
- The student badges came in and will be passed out next week.
- Added another art position, there are some vacancies and subs right now.
- The nurse aide is vacant.
- 6-8pm on August 29th is Open House
- Considering having a PTO presence at the Open House – maybe have QR codes for Thunder Cash, etc. – PTO can get in early (5:40pm) to setup.
- Mr. Watson is sending out the Newsletter each week.
- Planning to do Thunder Cash for the whole month of September, Kate will send out a couple of e-mails.

President Update – Betsy George

- Reminder to complete background check if you haven't yet.

- Let Betsey know if you can't make a meeting.
- Thunder Games – found a co-chair to handle the obstacle course (BJ Lawler), still missing a second co-chair to handle the fundraising portion.
- Move virtual general meeting to November 13th at 7:30PM. Cristina to update communication on this.

Parliamentarian Update – Ashley Luker

- No updates

Recording Secretary – Amanda Walker

- Amanda moved to approve the July minutes, Emily seconded, motion approved.

1st VP – Emily Calbert

- The Financial Audit is coming up next week. Emily made a motion to use Summinton Financial for the audit. Amanda seconded. Motion passed.
- Emily made a motion to approve the Audit Committee consisting of Kim Lee, Becky Neidweski and Rebecca Quincy. Cristina seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 6th grade social chair missing – Lawanda Jones is current co-chair, Emily made the motion to approve Michelle Bautiste as the second co-chair. Olivia seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- There is a plan to streamline the grade level socials, so that 8th grade is not “prom” and blown out of control. They will try to streamline vendors for all 3 socials to get better deals.

2nd VP – Laura Rodriquez and Kharla Kendall

- Spirit Night is scheduled for Monday August 26th from 4pm to 8pm at McAlister's.
- Planning to do Chicken Salad Chick Spirit Night soon.
- Spirit Wear sales are at 14. We think this number does not include the pre-orders. We used to carry inventory in the past, but we don't now and people have to pay for shipping which could be decreasing the sales.
- The Spirit Wear link is going out in the weekly newsletter, but the link is not working, Kharla to email Mr. Watson about it.

Treasurer – Irma Soledad

- July had very little income activity.
- There is starting to be some income activity for Marquee announcements.
- The Amazon account is in the process of being setup.

- Olivia made a motion to approve the July financials, Laura seconded. Motion passed.

VIPS Coordinators – Olivia Hughes & Lauren Records

- VIPS coffee – Bean Here is donating coffee, the Commissary is doing breakfast tacos, also doing mini muffins and bottled water.
- Try to be there for the VIPS Coffee and wear your PTO shirt. Setup will be at 9am.
- There will be sign up's for Thunder Games, Career Day, each Grade Level Social.
- Thunder Games and Career Day are all hands. For the socials, the PTO board is not expected to be there.
- The Nurse will need supplies for periods – sanitary pads, black leggings.
- Counselors will likely need snacks. Iona Jefferson is lead counselor and Sarah is the Counselor's Clerk. There are 4 counselors now.
- A sheet of paper was sent around to collect volunteer hours from last meeting until now.

Staff Appreciation – Kristin Wernecke & Erica Lee

- There is a September event for "stock the lounge".
- August 29th is open house so that may be a good date for the "stock the lounge" event.
- Teachers love sodas and drinks, plan to bring everything the 28th after school so drinks are cold for the 29th.

Publicity update – Elizabeth Bartee & Cristina Wheeler

- Reminders for the newsletter updates will be sent on Friday's and Sunday's.
- The website will mirror the Newsletter.
- The Newsletter goes out on Tuesday's

Membership Update – Rubi Ryes-Fuentes

- Dr. Kargbo will email parents about Thundercash
- All PTO members need to donate at least \$10 as per bylaws.
- Our goal is \$20k.
- We have a Retro 90's theme for the campaign.
- There will be yard signs in the pick up/drop off line.
- There will be giveaway's – gift cards that appeal to parents.
- A recommended \$75 per kid + help another student and open levels will be available

At Large Update – Veronica Miles & Jennifer Gibbons

- Marquee – to look at payment process

- Teacher Grants name will be changed to "Classroom Grants" and a cap to the amount will be added. No Classroom Grants for this month.

Additional Motions

- No additional motions made.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:27am

Next Meeting: Friday, September 20th at 10am

Summary of Motions

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- Motion made by Amanda Walker and seconded by Emily Calbert to approve the July minutes. Motion passed.
- Motion made by Emily Calbert and seconded by Amanda Walker to use Summinton Financial for the audit. Motion passed.
- Motion made by Emily Calbert and seconded by Crisina Wheeler to approve the Audit Committee consisting of Kim Lee, Becky Neidweski and Rebecca Quincy. Motion passed.
- Motion made by Olivia Hughes and seconded by Laura Rodriguez to approve the July financials. Motion passed.



Amanda Walker
Ronald Thornton Middle School
PTO Secretary

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Date