

Rucker Elementary Home & School Club – Minutes Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

Present Board Members: Danielle Bernier Marcucci, Vice President: Tiffany Corvi, Secretary: Ashley Bortolussi. Absent – Charity Kay, Treasurer and Principal: Christine Anderson

President's Message: Danielle Marcucci

- Apex currently at 65% of collections-10k has been deposited-we still have over 10k to collect. Sliding scale for earnings (keep in mind). President will send out another letter/email for those with outstanding balances.
- Earned 3k from volunteers at Garlic Festival- over \$700 more than last year. All those funds raised will go towards our digital marquee.
- \$4650 has been collected by sponsors received because of sponsor letters that went out. Thank you for all who helped make that happen!

Principal's Report: Christine Anderson

- Kinder and First grade teachers have completed their Fountas and Pinnel testing for their students. This helps them create fluid groups for small group instruction in reading.
- Two new chrome carts arrived last week-yay!
- Students are creating reading and fluency goals and tracking them in very creative ways in class. Second grade has some great examples.
- Teachers and students are loving the decorated doors!
- Staff enjoyed a wonderful lunch in honor of Michelle and Ovarian Cancer Awareness month

Vice President: Tiffany Corvi

- Fingerprinting not required for field trips in October-Starts November 1. Fingerprinting to begin next week, October 18.
- All volunteers, employees, literally every person who goes on campus will be required to pass a TB test clearance beginning January 1. The TB test clearance must be done through the GUSD.
- Fingerprinting will last the lifetime of your volunteering in GUSD. Onetime fee of \$69 for fingerprinting process. District to have a set aside amount based on our demographics for fingerprint for each school. Principal will decide how to use the allotted funds as she deems fit. Paperwork and appointment to be done through GUSD office.

- Remind.com-Texts home and school info to those that are signed up. Just for schools, cheaper for us! Remind allows a reply option for anyone who has questions-texts go directly to our Vice President. Remind will send out all info for home and school club, not from teachers, principal, etc.
- Harvest Fun Night-Earned about \$2300 this year. Had roughly a 200 person turn out which is great! Those who attended had a great time. Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers!
- Substitute Teacher Shortage in our District-CBEST Teacher and Degree required to be a substitute Teacher. If interested, please get more information from the GUSD. Flexible days!

Fundraiser Chairman's Report: Danielle Shaw

- Charleston is kicking off October 21ish-could be a bit later due to hurricane Matthew. Runs through November 4. Items will arrive by Christmas. Frozen food to be picked up at Rucker, nonperishables will be sent to the student's homes. Packets will be sent home end of next week (week of October 17).

Adopt a Family Chairman's Report: Danielle Shaw

- Adopt a Family is going to be happening again this year. Teachers will choose families in need and get info, then a Christmas tree will be put up in the Front office with gift suggestions. Families will be able to pick a tag and purchase a gift to be donated. Gifts will be delivered to the Families the week before Christmas break.

Cougar Store Chairman's Report: VP Tiffany Corvi and Sarah Sims

- Students earn cougar paws for outstanding behavior, can then purchase items in cougar store with the paws. Cougar store to be open every 6 weeks or so in the library. Looking for donations for stocking the store. Sarah Sims has volunteered to be the chairman for the Cougar store. First open Cougar Store date is October 28 during lunch. Reminder to bring cougar paws to be sent out a day or two before the store. Pumpkins in the garden pumpkin patch will be available for cougar paw cash. Those interested in volunteering will meet in the next 10 days or so. Stay tuned for more info.

Garden, Grant, and Marquee Chairman's Report: Danielle Berry

- Garden was open this past Saturday-painted pumpkins on pallets. Daffodil bulbs to be going in before the end of the month (a Wednesday?) for the spring. Donation of two flats of vegetables was received-thank you mystery donor! Remind text and Facebook announcements to be out to promote garden work days in the future.

Upcoming Events: Tiffany Corvi

- Charleston Wrap

- Theatre Arts Shows this week-4 showings!
- October 27-star night planned if weather cooperates.
- October 28-Halloween Read In-dress up, costume parade, stories read in classrooms, dinner and dessert available for purchase.
- November 4-Math Game Night sponsored by Mathnasium

Meeting Adjourned 8:00pm.