

## Rucker Elementary Home & School Club – Minutes Wednesday, September 13, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Present Board Members: Danielle Bernier Marcucci, Vice President: Tiffany Corvi,  
Treasurer: Charity Kat, Secretary: Ashley Bortolussi, Principal: Christine Anderson

President's Message: Danielle Marcucci

- Board introduced themselves-went around the room to introduce everyone that is here.
- Our goal for the year is to get the marquee up and open a smart lab in one of the existing computer labs.
- Meeting with someone soon on moving forward with the smart lab-within the week?
- Went over 2015-2016 year earnings compared to previous year.
  - Last year we made \$49,000.
  - Need help with box tops!
  - Escrip, amazon smile, etc. so we earn money on everyday expenses!
  - Looking to fill the board positions as 3/4 of us will be out because of the two year term limit. Looking to get shadows this year to take over next year.

Principal's Report: Christine Anderson

- New math program called "Go Math" with many manipulative and computer components.
- Rucker will be focusing curriculum on writing this year. New writing program, "Lucy Caulkins" was launched Monday Sept 12.
- Positive Behavior program and anti bullying programs continuing this year.
  - Introduced the Cougar Paw store to the parents in attendance.
- Baseline testing is currently happening-tests Language Arts and Math to see where students stand.
- Los Dichos needs volunteers-training will be provided! Not hard, worth the effort!
- Arts Alive needs volunteers-help will be given, again, worth the effort! Both once a month commitments.

Treasurers Report: Charity Kay

- Bumped up the teacher donation from \$350-\$500 from RHSC. They are pumped!
- Charitable donation receipts available for large donations-email RHSC.

Question from parent: Can we provide water bottles and better food options for students? Can we create a fundraiser for this? Suggests fresh food and vegetables. Possible filtered water for students that provide their own water bottles. Water drive? (ie paper drive) Ms. Anderson to look into filter system.

#### Fundraiser Chairman's Report: Danielle Shaw

- Apex first fundraiser of the year happening now. Charleston Wrap has been done in the past-Yankee Candle as different option? Believe was done in the spring.
- Fall Fundraiser ideal time is October, two week campaign, and deliver items by Thanksgiving.
- Spring Fundraiser to be a Read-a-thon to week campaign versus another product item like Believe. To be done around Dr. Seuss week. 90% of what we earn comes back to our school, 15% of it will be used for non-toy incentives for students. Will look into this option.
  - Take a vote-Charleston or Yankee? Charleston wrap-12 Yankee-8 Sticking to Charleston.

#### Vice President: Tiffany Corvi

- Went over committees. Many available to fill. Add nutrition committee.
- Harvest Family Fun Night needs help planning and executing.
- Sticking to 7pm meetings on Tuesdays for HSC meetings.

#### Garden and Grant Chairman's Report: Danielle Berry

- Marquee info-entrance of school near computer lab/front office. Garlic Festival Volunteer moneys earned all goes to Marquee. Home depot grant applied for-will find out if successful in coming months. Moving back side of school marquee closer to parent pick up. Garden sign was donated will be going up very soon-"Rucker Garden". School Beautification committee and Ms. Berry to work together. Get names of committee volunteers to Ms. Berry asap.
- Applied to PTO Uncle Ben's rice recipe-share with families to participate-potential to earn \$30,000 for our school and \$15,000 to the family is photo chosen. Look into promoting it at Rucker!
- Mr. Birss' class volunteered to work the composter in the Garden.
- Fall project to paint pumpkins on pallets for the garden to decorate the garden with a festive twist. Spring project will be making homes for ladybugs.
- Ms. Berry asks approval for the Santa Cruz Life Lab garden program-\$150 to attend one day of training in October.
- Ms. Berry will apply for Disneyland ticket donation for Rucker Fest.

#### Upcoming Events: Tiffany Corvi

- Kona Ice-\$.50 earned per cup, Jamba-\$1 earned per cup. Snowy-\$1 a cup, natural

products, no unnatural dyes-kona may have changed these-need to be looked into.

- Vote-Kona-0 or Snowy-24. Snowy wins!
- Jamba on Wednesday once a month, Snowy on Friday once a month, one treat every two weeks available after school.
- Star Night Oct 27, weather permitted.
- Halloween read in overview.
- Mathnasium Math Night Nov. 4.
- Update teacher wishlist online.

Adjourned 8:13pm.