



PTO Meeting

Meeting information:

Date: November 8, 2018
Time: 7:30PM
Location: Ramsey Center

Attendance:

Matt Eckerle – Co-President
Ratna Craig- Co-President
Melissa Adams - Vice President
Sophia Ford – Co-Treasurer
Sam Eveland – Co-Treasurer
Mindy Haas – Secretary
Jenn Dieken-Buchek- Principal
Lena Mayfield – Teacher Representative
Total Members in attendance: 28

AGENDA:

1. Approval of October 2018 Meeting Minutes, Mindy Haas, Secretary

- Motion to approve October 2018 minutes by Mindy Haas, second by Melissa Adams. Minutes approved.

3. Treasurer Report, Sophia Ford, Treasurer

- Sofia reviewed the budget for the year and it is posted on the Mason Ridge website. It has been reconciled though the month of September.

4. Principal's Report, Jenn Dieken-Buchek, Principal

- 1st semester progress reports will launch on Nov. 16th at 5:00pm.
- Thank you to our Parkway residents on passing Prop S.

5. Gym Floor Discussion

- Gym Floor Discussion Panel
 - Bill Bunton – Physical Education Teacher
 - Brandyn McDaniel – Physical Education Teacher
 - Amanda Stanec – Founder of Move+Live+Learn
 - Melissa Adams – PTO Vice President
 - Doug Stevens – Parkway Facilities, Maintenance Construction Supervisor
 - Brian Whittle, Director of Finance for Parkway
 - Mike Mertens, Director of Facilities for Parkway
- Amanda Stanec, Founder of Move+Live+Learn



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- Discussed the importance of physical literacy to help students choose to be active for life. The new gym floor would create a quality learning environment to setup kids for success and to be more confident.
- The current floor is slippery, hard and loud which causes more injuries. The PE teachers lose quality time tending to injuries. Also, the current floor is very fast and the students are not developed properly to be successful in this environment.
- Melissa Adams, PTO Vice President
 - Everyone in the school had the opportunity to provide their input for a large expense. The PTO would need \$54,000 to replace the gym floor. The PTO has kept a large reserve for many years.
 - Going forward, we would like to keep \$10,000 in reserves per year. The goal is to spend the donations that parents are making today to go to their kids experience at Mason Ridge.
 - We are currently under budget for the Mighty Mustang fund this year. The PTO paid \$6,000 for Dreambox this year.
 - If gym floor would pass we would still need to fundraise an additional \$16,000.

Questions:

- Will the floor be the same material?
 - No, it would be a cushioned teraflex sports floor, customized by the PE teachers. Doug Stevens discussed that the new floor will greatly reduce the labor to maintain. Floor is made to give and is less slippery.
- Has the product been decided?
 - No, still reviewing two floor options to find the best option for Mason Ridge.
- Do any other Parkway schools have new gym floors? What is the durability of the new options?
 - Rockwood has a newer floor they are going to see. There are 10 teraflex sport floors in Parkway Elementary schools. 16 years is the oldest. No real damage. Need to treat them with more care when you put tables/chairs on them because very sharp objects could puncture floor.
- Mr. McDaniel was at Bellerive Elementary School for 3 years and they have that floor – no issues.
- What is the lifespan on both floors?
 - 30 years.
- Mason Ridge would make a gift of the floor. We would never be reimbursed of that money. Our children will get the opportunity to benefit from the new floor now and not have to wait until it is included in a bond issue.
- Why did 10 other schools get floor, but not Mason Ridge?
 - They rate all the items from the standpoint of the Bond Issue. Mason Ridge would not have the option to get a new gym floor for 6 or 7 years.
- Parents are concerned why we should pay for this large expense just because Mason Ridge is a generous school. Parkway has never had a project this big from a school PTO.



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- Mason Ridge parents would like to prioritize that Mason Ridge gym will be used primarily for Mason Ridge students. Brian Butler has coached multiple basketball teams and has seen how dangerous the current floor can be. He would like to see consideration that Mason Ridge students and teams would have the first chance to practice at our school. Not a lottery through Parkway Rockwood.
- Parkway Rockwood organization uses a 1st come 1st serve policy to rent a space. This is a serious concern and liability. The custodial staff is finding that other people using our space is not as respectful with keeping it clean.
- Why are our reserves so high?
 - Melissa said \$10,000 is still a large reserve. The only annual expense our PTO has is to purchase insurance. We tend to budget very conservatively. Most PTOs spend what they take in. If a big project comes up in the future we will do additional fund raising. This money has been sitting out here for 10+ years and should be used to benefit the students today.
- Ratna Craig explained that this project will benefit ALL of our students.
- Amanda Stanec explained that the new floor would give our students more opportunities to participate in afterschool activities.
- Is there an environmental health assessment when choosing a new floor?
 - Yes, low volatile emission products will be chosen.
- Since we still need to raise an additional \$16,000, can Parkway meet us in the middle?
 - No, this is not an option.
- What will we get in 7 years since we gifted early?
 - Next worse item that needs to be repaired/replaced.
- This could be a multiyear campaign before the gym floor would be installed. We are asking for approval now to purchase the floor once we get the \$54,000 needed, but we are not there yet.

6. Vote to approve new gym floor, Melissa Adams

- Melissa Adams made a motion to spend \$54,000 to replace the Mason Ridge gym floor with a Tera-Flex sporting floor. Sam Eveland 2nd. Everyone at the meeting was in favor to replace the floor. The motion carries.

7. Other news

- Matt Eckerle is moving to Boston and resigned as PTO Co-President. Ratna Craig will continue to serve as PTO President.

8. Next Meeting, Melissa Adams, Vice President

- 11/12 - Veterans Day Celebration
- 11/12 - Book fair thru 11/16
- 11/15 - Spirit Night at St. Louis Bread Company, Des Peres
- 11/16 - Goodes for Grandparents



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- 11/29 - All School Art Show
- Motion to close meeting by Melissa Adams. Second by Ratna Craig. Meeting adjourned.

***Please see the attached Memo that was emailed to all Mason Ridge families on December 7th, 2018. The Parkway-Rockwood Community Ed Program will be replacing the Mason Ridge gym floor instead of the Mason Ridge PTO.



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UPDATE ABOUT GYM FLOOR

We are happy to report that the Parkway-Rockwood Community Ed Program will be replacing the Mason Ridge gym floor. The Mason Ridge gym floor was previously planned to be replaced by the Mason Ridge PTO using \$54,000 of PTO funds.

Last week, representatives from Parkway met with representatives from Parkway-Rockwood Community Ed and learned that the community ed program is suggesting replacing gym floors in multiple facilities throughout Parkway and Rockwood School Districts using Community Ed funds. Knowing the Mason Ridge PTO was planning to replace the Mason Ridge gym floor, Parkway leadership worked with the Parkway-Rockwood Community Ed program to include the Mason Ridge gym floor in their replacement plan.

The Mason Ridge gym floor will be replaced over the summer of 2019 with a Taraflex sport floor. Our school's Physical Education teachers will partner with Parkway facilities to ensure the floor, painted lines and other items will meet our students' needs.

The Parkway-Rockwood Community Ed Program is a non-profit partnership between the Rockwood and Parkway School Districts. Many of the Community Ed programs are held at Parkway and Rockwood school facilities. The Community Ed offerings include programs such as:

- Parkway Adventure Club
- Sports and Fitness Programs for youth and adults
- Enrichment Programs for youth and adults

Proceeds from these programs are distributed back to the Rockwood and Parkway School Districts and can be used to enhance and improve the overall community experience. Community Ed has suggested replacing multiple floors across the Rockwood and Parkway districts over the next several years.

The Mason Ridge PTO Executive Board would still like to utilize the excess PTO funds to benefit the students. The gym floor was identified from a list of projects that was generated through the bond issue work conducted last year. This list has been reviewed again and there are no other projects included on the list that are student facing. Please look for a school wide survey later this school year to generate project ideas for the best use of these PTO funds.

For Mighty Mustang Fund donors who contributed at the \$500 to \$1000 levels, please look for a separate note from the PTO.

Please reach out to Ratna Craig or Melissa Adams with any questions.

Happy Holidays!

PTO Executive Board