



Ruhkala Elementary PTC February Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance : Julie, Emily, Stephanie, Ms. Reeves, Mrs. Brown

Board Members Present: Rosalyn, Shena, Erin, Nick

Presidents Welcome: Meeting called to order at 2:30

Principals Report: Thank you to the PTC for all of the effort that went into putting on the Valentine's Day Dance. Staff started the process of refreshing the school Strategic Plan, and 3 action teams have been made. The Technology Leadership Team has put together a number of podcasts, that are available for all upcoming news and events. Pennies for Patients is in full swing. 3rd Grade had an amazing performance of their play. 5th Grade is off to Science Camp this week. Hope everyone has a great week off and when we get back, we are looking forward to closing out the trimester.

Treasurer's Report: January was very slow, and the big expenditures were the venue for the auction, Missoula, transportation for the 5th Grade Science Camps, and a few teacher reimbursements.

Valentines Day Dance: Thank you to all who showed up, we had an amazing turnout. We had well over 200, with 80 paying at the door. Thank you to all the parents who helped with decorating and check in. Thank you to Mr. Rumbaugh and the high schoolers who helped set up. DJ Mike did a great job with the music, and everyone had so much fun. We are happy to report we made almost \$1,100. We are thinking of doing maybe two dances a year.

Spirit Night: Chipotle went well and we made \$111, from that night. We are currently at \$601 total for the year. We are thinking of maybe doing Skipolinis in March, please stay tuned for the details. Julie mentioned Lazy Dog and reaching out to them, they were interested last year.

Auction Help Needed: Our auction is April 24, 2020. We are having it at Rocklin Events Center this year. We need help with set up and some help during the event as well. A Sign Up Genius will be coming around soon. Class baskets and auction donations are needed as well, more information in the next few weeks.

Box Tops and Amazon Smile: Thank you to Lindsay Crumbley who is helping collect these for us. Our first collection we had 2,018, this past collection we only had 718. We are seeing a decline due to the companies changing from cutting out an actual top, to having to sign up

online and scan a receipt. We are hoping more people will use Amazon Smile when making purchases on Amazon. Sign up on your account and add Ruhkala to where you want the proceeds donated. Hopefully this will make up for the lack of Box Tops, we might need to find another way to get donations next year.

Upcoming Events: We have a busy few months ahead. We have the Jog A Thon, Auction, and Teacher's Appreciation Week and a second Tile Party in May. Looking forward to a strong end of the year.

RUSD Budget Cuts: As we have all heard we are facing budget cuts from the District that will directly have an impact on our school. We have decided as best we can, we will try and make up for any supplies that are cut, or even figure out a way to have a music program of some kind. We feel these programs and supplies, are far too important to go without, and depending on the final decision, we will plan accordingly for next year and add budget items where we need to.

Closing Remarks: We have a lot coming up to finish out the year. We will be asking for help in many areas in order to make the final events of the year successful. With the uncertainty of next years Budget, we hope to supplement where we can. Your input and suggestions are always welcomed, and we encourage you to reach out, via email or social media. By emailing us, it's assured the whole Board sees it, and we can respond accordingly. We are always working behind the scenes on improving our communication and process for next year. We are always learning and working on ways to make our future events more efficient and successful. We know everyone is very busy, so we want to be respectful of your time. Looking forward to a fun few months ahead.