



Meeting date:	November 8, 2017
Time (Start/Adjourn):	6:00 - 6:55 PM EST
Attendance Total:	12
Board Members:	(5) Kerry Labovitz, Tasha Benson, Laura Hancock, Courtney Mulvey, Kierstie Keller
PTA Members:	(7) Jacquie DeFreze, Laurin Flynn, Suzanne Lull, Kelly Moores, Lindsey Barnhorst, Mel Conway, Ffion Prestidge

Agenda Items/Notes

1. Co-Presidents' Report

- i. Introductions
 - All attending members knew each other; introductions were waved
- ii. Membership Update
 - Currently 133 members, just shy of our goal of 140 by November
- iii. Monster Mash recap
 - Event was successful although we had a lot more participation than expected; approx. \$6K profit
 - There were plenty of decorations for the event
 - There was enough ice cream and cider
 - Writing last name of tickets caused problems when it wasn't clear which sibling was supposed to win the prize
 - Debate over how winners are decided such as 1 per child vs. 1 per family or whoever wins, wins
 - For next year:
 - Recommend having the Last name and grade on each ticket
 - Recommend having more baked goods available
 - Need to determine how raffle winners are decided
- iv. Upcoming events
 - Grades 3 – 5: Movie Wonder
 - Grades K – 2: Wildlife encounter thanks to Laurin Flynn
 - Firefighters are having a concert at 7:00 on Friday, November 10th; \$5 at the door
 - ASE closes Nov 15th
 - Staff Cookie Exchange – Scheduled for Dec 5th
 - Laura will create the signup and obtain cookie boxes for the event
 - Polar Express – Scheduled for Dec. 8th from 6:00 – 8:30 PM
 - Courtney is leading the event and will set up signup
 - Plan is for a red carpet dropff – Dec 8th
 - We will distribute hot cocoa/chocolate milk and popcorn
 - Volunteer “elves” will be helping at the event
 - Other planned activity such as Scavenger hunt and coloring will fill extra time
 - Event is only for RES students
 - Discussed copyright issues
 - ❖ Suzanne mentioned an umbrella license for \$150 or we can look into a site per movie cost

2. Vice President's Report

- i. Grant requests and vote
 - No grant requests this month
 - Kerry will send out Katie Greer information from the Internet/App safety presentation

3. Treasurer's Report

- i. Budget Report
 - Request from PHS for \$250 donation towards graduation

4. Secretary's Report

- i. Approve Minutes
 - Minutes approved for last month; posted to website

5. After-School Enrichment (ASE) Update

- Mel is planning session 3 and is open to ideas
- There are currently 15 sessions; 1 session is full
- Scholarship is offered to those who need it
- Kindness club discussion:
 - Need to consider another system to support more kindness efforts as it filled up quickly
 - Majority of Kindness club last year was K-2
 - Check with Carla about maybe doing Kindness in place of a yoga session
- Summer camp start dates:
 - Last year started on June 14th; originally planned to start Summer 2018 on June 18th
 - Discussion to push back one week to the 25th to allow for snow dates, etc. – Unanimous decision to extend to 25th
- Start to promote summer camps in January so we can compete with other programs
 - Targeting 9 different classes

6. Communications Reports

- Post on Wonder later this week
- As a group we need to highlight more of what we do
- Communication Challenges
 - Since so much communication comes through FB and emails we need to look at alternative ways
 - Discussed doing a quarterly newsletter
- Suzanne mentioned being able to pull reports to obtain stats on how many parents open email vs. block it
- Add a quicklink for ASE to RES website for easy access
- Add weekly notices to dropdown list on the RES website

7. Other items

- Holiday gifts
 - PTA has done gifts for teachers and administrative staff/principals in the past
 - Discussion around if that includes all staff and support personnel
 - Approximately 60 people in RES

- Discussed Classroom gifts vs. individual teacher gifts
 - Suzanne thought a class or school gift from the site “Teacher pay teacher” would be helpful to teachers and she can help set it up