

JRCES PTA General Meeting Minutes

500 West Sheridan, Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Call to Order

Shannon Evers

Members Present- Shannon Evers, Chris Kavanaugh, Alicia Currin-Moore, Alyson Hobson
33 members present. Please see attached list.

Welcome and Introductions

Executive Board

Approval of Minutes

Alyson Hobson

Motion- Kelly Masters-Newton

Second- Don Eckhoff

Approved- All

Opposed- None

Reports

- Financial Report

Chris Kavanaugh

Treasure's report for 07/01/15-03/24/16 was passed out. Fundraisers especially Fuel Up were large contributors to the amount. Report listed programs that were funded through money raised. Money will go towards playground completion and third grade end of the year program. About \$15,000 will be set aside for beginning of next school year.

- Muffins for Moms

Kari Kosanke

Event will take place Thursday March 31 from 7:00-7:45 in the school gym. Guest are asked to enter through the front of the school. Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up. Volunteers will need to arrive at 6:30. Please call Kari at (405)206-6658 or contact Melonie Fulmer for any questions.

- Health and Wellness

Maggie Howell

Volunteers are needed for beginning of the year pick up and drop off. Volunteers are encouraged to train this school year. Any questions contact Maggie at app1515@coxinet.net.

- PTA Board Elections

Kelly Masters-Newton

Current JRCES PTA president and treasure have termed out. The next PTA meeting will be elections to fill board positions. Self-nominations or nominations of someone else can be made to Kelly. Her contact information is (405)537-3903 or kmastersnewton@gmail.com

- Festival of Arts Volunteers

Brandy Wingo

Volunteers to staff the Children's Art Field at the Festival of Arts on Tuesday, April 19th. There are three shifts available, we need 10 volunteers per shift. 10:45pm - 2:30 pm, 2:15 - 6:00 PM, 5:45 - 9:00 PM. Contact Brandy at (918)398-3475

- Fuel Up

Leslie Martin

Gave thanks to sponsors. Goals were met for more parents and involvement. Encouraged starting work on next years Fuel Up.

- International Explorers Week

Leondra Moore

Event will be May 31-June 4. The event will be Olympic style with an opening and closing ceremony. Each day will be themed and run through the specials. Looking for any help with bringing in community participation. The committee is looking for volunteers and restaurants to help with the events. Contact Leondra at 406-8771 or lamoore3@yahoo.com

- Merchandise

There will be new Wednesday t-shirts next year. PTA is looking into adding polos with embroidered JRCES logs into their list of merchandise to raise money for the PTA.

Teacher appreciation week planning committee Wednesday, April 6th at 6pm at OUHSC Robert M. Bird Library Conference Room 489. We will be finalizing Teacher appreciation week for the John Rex Teachers and Staff. Princess Easter princess.easter@gmail.com

New Business

- Budget, activity and committee planning for 2016-2017

Shannon Evers

President asked for any ideas for next year PTA activities. Committee chairs need to contact Shannon about keeping or not keeping positions for next year. Committee chairs are encouraged to start working on budget needs for next year.

Old Business

- Charter School Expansion Update

Dr. Pierce

Thanked those who attended and spoke at OKCPS school board meeting. Introduced new yard signs and decals to show support for John Rex. Passed out copy of speech made at the first OKCPS school board meeting and 2014- 2015 report.

Gave examples of miscommunications.

- * Charter schools are public schools.

- * Full inclusion school.

- * School does not kick out kids. There is a progressive plan for revoking transfers.

- * The school does not choose who they enroll. 44 schools represented. 42% students qualify for free and refused lunch. We are diverse and balanced. 37% white, 28% black, 18% hispanic, 12% two or more, 2% other.

- * Expansion began with parents asking questions about middle school. John Rex and other involved charters will begin community engagement meetings. Kipp has listed meeting dates and JRCES parents are encouraged to attend.

- * There is not a list of schools that will be transformed into charter schools. There is no list.
- * John Rex will start hosting meetings. Dates will come at a future time.

Questions

What about students who are out of OKCPS district? Students who are currently enrolled will keep their spot. There is a return rate of 98%.

Umbrella? Dr. Pierce asked what would a middle school look like. Supported parents to go out to look at middle school models from around the country.

How does OKCPS cuts affect out school? State took back some allocations. There will not be much of an affect for the next school year. Will have to continue to make adjustments throughout the years. School is committed to paying teachers above the state minimum, flex benefits, health insurance and retirement.

Anythings Else

Everyone

Playground- We will proceed with base. PTA, family, OKC community foundation took care of the one of the alternatives. Will finish out with MAPs. John Rex will come in at a later time and add to the playground.

John Rex will host an open house April 14th to showcase Project Lead the Way.

Adjourn 7:30

Members Present

Heidi Petitt, Selinda Sanchez, Benjamin Rendon, Laura Walter, Kelly Hasdall, Arron Mooney, Kari Kosanke, Brandy Wingo, Luke Hassall, Rosario Meza, Kelly Masters-Newton, Cassandra Twayman, Lynnette Bryant, Marilyn Davidson, Maggie Howell, Lily Bondy, Don Eckhoff, Yvonne Penrod, Tim Green, Amanda Daley, Tamara Berry, Jamie W, Katie Isenberg, Clarissa Shelton, Leondra Moore, Lesley Martin, Melodie Fulmer, Dr. Pierce

Board Members

Shannon Evers, Chris Kavanaugh, Alicia Currin-Moore