**ROE PTO Board Meeting Minutes**

**November 12, 2014**

**ROE Library – 6:00 p.m.**

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of River Oaks Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization (“PTO”) met on Wednesday, the 12th day of November, at 6:00 p.m., in the Library of River Oaks Elementary School. A quorum of officers and members of the Board of Directors were present.

Additionally, various members of the PTO including parents/guardians of ROE students, ROE faculty and ROE staff (collectively, “PTO Members”) were also present for the meeting.

Call to Order

Kara Richardson, President of the Board, called the meeting to order.

Minute Approval

Minutes from the October meeting were presented for approval. Motions were made to approve and second approval. Motion to approve minutes passed unanimously.

Fun Run

Chiarra Stratton presented a summary of the Fun Run, which was held on October 11, 2014. Fun Run was a success. Approximately 650 people attended. Over 500 people registered (both pre-registration and on the day of the event). Vendors were good. HISD food & Les Baylis again did a great job! Ace the mascot came and helped with the starts of races. Overall – a fun, well-attended event!

Book Fair

Susanna Watt presented the update for the upcoming Book Fair at Barnes and Noble. The Fall Book Fair will be held on November 14-16. Online orders will be accepted through November 21, 2014. VCOlunteers are needed for Friday and Saturday shifts. Susanna asked for more volunteers and referred us to the online volunteer page to sign-up.

Development Update

Nichole Pruitt presented the development update. Neighborhood fund raising has commenced. 1600 mailers have been sent out and some donations are already coming in.

On November 1, 2014, the school campaign ended and resulted in $82K in donations and pledges. Several classes were close to or at 100% participation. Many classes were over 50%. Ms Argue’s class was the first to reach 100%. Class in each grade level to reach 100% or highest percentage will also receive a popsicle party. Thank you to all the families who participated!

The “Kiss the Pig” ceremony is scheduled for Friday, November 21.

Online Auction

Online Auction is going well. Grade reps will be sending our reminders. Bidding ends tomorrow, November 13th. Auction committee will consider reopening Great Gathering events that still have slots after bidding has closed.

School Update

Dr. Fovargue presented the school update. Veterans Day celebration went well. Thanksgiving Dinner is scheduled for November 20, 2014.

Thank you for the Spooktacular Treat Day. Thank you for Teacher Appreciation lunches.

Other Business

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting is adjourned to convene the General PTO Meeting immediately afterward in the Cafeteria.

**ROE PTO General Meeting Minutes**

**November 12, 2014**

**ROE Cafeteria – 6:30 p.m.**

Welcome and Description of PTO

Kara Richardson welcomed attendees and summarized the PTO membership & the Board. The ROE PTO is comprised of all parents/guardians and faculty at ROE. The board has 20 positions and 34 Board members who are elected in the Spring.

The PTO plans, hosts and sponsors several events during the year, including, the Fun Run, Movie Night, Fall Kick-off Party, and Spring Social. The PTO raises funds to support general school projects and faculty and staff support items – i.e., staff training and development; student class enrichment (First in Math, OM, 5th Grade graduation events); fieldtrips; and teacher appreciation events.

Volunteers are always needed and are always welcome.

Dr. Fovargue presented the School Update and discussed the mission statement and core beliefs of ROE. Additionally, she presented items of success at our school and the results of the STARR test. She described in detail the philosophy of education at ROE as well as the IB program and how it is integrated into the learning, community and teaching at ROE.

She summarized three focal points for the upcoming months:

1. Attendance goal = 98% (in order to obtain and maintain 6 star ranking)
2. Stanford testing to Iowa test transition
3. Introduce new district-wide math approach: TEKS and integrating it into our current Everyday Math curriculum.

Items discussed and slides presented are available upon request.