**Ronald Thornton Middle School PTO Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

**August 21, 2019 @ 10:00**

**Those present were as follows:**

**Jeanna Sniffin, Principal**

**Stephanie Northcutt, President**

**Madelon McGrenera, Treasurer**

**Becky Mattson, VIPS Coordinator**

**Jenny Nelson, VIPS Coordinator**

**Danielle Hooks, 2nd Vice President**

**Gracie Murray, 2nd Vice President**

**Amy Zost, Parliamentarian**

**Nicole Waters, Staff Appreciation**

**Kim Lee, Staff Appreciation**

**Jen Wisniewski, Publicity**

**Kristin Cochran, Membership**

**Becky Niedzwecki, Membership**

**Lori Bramlett, Member at Large**

**Casey Cook, Member at Large**

**Misty Choice, Socials**

1. **Principal’s Update Mrs. Sniffin**

* **RTMS has 1,200 students enrolled. The total projection is 1,250. RTMS added 8 new teachers.**
* **The Marquee is not working all the time because of WIFI issues. Power surges also erase messages.**
* **TEA released school report cards based on academic achievement (STAAR scores). RTMS scored a B. Our area of concern is 7th grade math and one category called “Growth”. The Growth Category is the difference between how a student does on one STAAR test compared to the previous year. (For example, comparing the 5th grade STAAR Test, to the 6th grade STAAR.) So, a student that scores “the same” (even if score is good) does not get a positive growth measure.**
* **Mrs. Sniffin has made changes in 7th grade math, and her team is working with teachers to improve scores and create meaningful learning experiences.**
* ***Ft. Bend ISD* has canceled all semester exams at the junior high level except for high school credit classes.**

**STAAR Testing Dates:**

* ***These dates may change because TEA has a rule saying there can be no STAAR Tests on a Monday.***
* **April 7: 8th grade math (Not Algebra) 7th grade writing**
* **April 8: 8th grade reading**
* **May 4: Algebra I End of Course (EOC)**
* **May 11: 6th and 7th grade math (may change because of Monday)**
* **May 12: 6th and 7th grade reading, 8th grade retest**
* **May 13: 8th grade science**
* **May 14: 8th grade social studies**
* **Open House: Sept 5. Format - a parent meeting first, then a meet and greet. Parents can visit with teachers as they wish/do not have to follow student’s schedule. There will be tables set up for the most frequently asked questions. (GT, bus routes, spirit wear, etc.)**

1. **President’s Update: Stephanie Northcutt**

* **The Marquee will be used for birthday messages. If the Marquee isn’t working, messages will be on the monitors is the cafeteria. Birthday Messages fundraiser goes live on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 7PM.**
* **Career Day: January 17. Sha Hornsby is interested in helping. Stacy Hill is Chair. PTO members are asked to help.**
* **Spring Raffle is March 2-5. Kim Mc Elreath is the chair. Lori Bramlett will advise.**

1. **Parliamentarian Update: Amy Zost**

* **PTO Meetings: 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11, 1/8, 2/12, 3/18, 4/15, 5/13 (May date is scheduled to change due to STAAR)**
* **The General Board meeting 4/15: voting members must have paid PTO dues. PTO will post reminder of general meeting on website.**

1. **Socials: Misty Choice**

* **6th grade is Oct 18. 7th grade is Feb. 28th, and 8th grade is May 15th.**
* **In May, the current 8th graders voted on their 8th grade social. They voted on either a formal dance or a casual night. The 8th graders will do another vote soon.**

1. **2nd Vice President: Danielle Hooks and Gracie Murray**

* **Spirit-wear closes this Friday, but we will sell more at the Football Tailgate Party.**
* **Considering selling a long-sleeve, light-weight hoody in the spring. Colors choices are white, grey, purple, gold. A different color choice must be approved by the Campus CBLT team.**
* **Encourage Spirit Nights by giving away a prize or possibly a free lunch from Chick-fi-la (or another restaurant). One idea is to have students bring their receipts from Spirit Night and draw the winner from the receipts.**

1. **Treasurer, Madelon McGrenera**

* **Amy Zost made a motion to approve financials. Motion was seconded by Lori Bramlett.**
* **Audit is this Tuesday. Stephanie Northcutt made a motion to approve Lauren Stratton**

**on the audit committee. Amy Zost seconded that motion.**

1. **VIPS Coordinators: Jenny Nelson and Becky Mattson**

* **VIPS of the month is will start soon.**
* **VIPS Coffee is 9:30, August 30th 50 people have already signed up**
* **Social chairs:**
* **Misty Choice for 6th grade**
* **Stephanie Deloney for 7th grade**
* **Jamie Jordan for 8th grade**
* **Anyone volunteering (who will have contact with students) MUST have a background check. Collette Michalis has the background check forms, and she runs the school calendar. She must be informed of events, to turn on AC, etc.**

1. **Staff Appreciation, Nicole Waters and Kim Lee**

* **Teacher breakfast will be Oct. 11, a staff development day**
* **National Custodian Day, Oct. 2: gift cards and snacks**
* **Thanksgiving Lunch for staff, Nov. 21st from Luby’s PTO will bring desserts**
* **Hot Chocolate and cookies – Dec. 13th from Bean Here Coffee**

1. **Publicity, Jen Wisniewski and Elizabeth Bartee**

* **Send info to Jen by 5:00 PM the previous day (Mondays)**
* **If sending pictures, send Jpegs**
* **Jen and Elizabeth do FB PTO- text them messages rather than using FB messenger**
* **Sign up for newsletter on RTMSPTO.net**
* **Sending out a couple of newsletters through the school email to attract more viewers**
* **Working on making our website more mobile phone friendly…now have PayPalme.com link for donations**

1. **Membership: Kristin Cochran and Becky Niedzwecki**

* **We have $12, 200, which is half way to the goal.**
* **A raffle this Friday and next Friday for $50 gift cards**
* **Possibly Bringing table to Football Tailgate this Friday**
* **Parent Permission must be sought in order to take a picture of student winners.**

1. **Member At Large, Lori Bramlett and Casey Cook**

* **Will attend Campus CBLT meetings**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:55AM**

**Next meeting September 11, 2019 10AM**

**Summary of Motions**

**RTMS PTO Board Meeting Notes August 21, 2019**

1. **A motion was made to approve financials by Amy Zost. Motion was seconded by Lori Bramlett.**
2. **A motion was made to approve Lauren Stratton on the audit committee. Amy Zost seconded that motion.**

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Casey Cook Date

Ronald Thornton Middle School

PTO At large Board Member

(Filling in for Cynthia Guerra- Secretary)