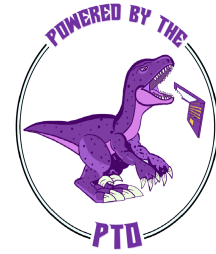


## ROBERTSON PTO MINUTES

Meeting: 6/6/23



### Officer Reports

- President - Jackie Yates
  - Lunch with your Raptor: Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (11:05 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)
    - Please RSVP if you plan to attend; limit 2 adults per/student, however, younger siblings are welcome.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Art Program concludes this week
  - Bwana Iguana is coming June 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Our instrumental concert is also June 13<sup>th</sup> (1 p.m.)
- VP – Renee Sullivan
  - Welcome/introduction; all are encouraged to attend meetings and participate; lots of activities for next year
- Treasurer – Brenna Enos
  - Totals: Operating \$4,715.15; Feinstein: \$7,586.11 (includes \$2k earmarked for outdoor space – Ms. Conley); Reserve: \$2,701.00; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: \$7,766.44
  - Purchases made: Field Day Chalk, Bubbles, Temporary Tattoos, Incoming Kindergartener Day: Cookies, Juice Boxes, Raptor Keychains and “Robertson” Raptors” Bracelets
- Secretary – Rebecca Washington
  - Welcome/introduction; PTO Facebook page, website and Instagram account will be updated regularly; check for news and upcoming events
  - We are happy to share news on non-PTO sponsored events as well
- Principal/2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Mr. Dillon
  - RICAS testing was completed in May
  - Diagnostic testing is currently underway in the classrooms
  - “Field Week” – June 12<sup>th</sup> – June 16<sup>th</sup>
    - Egg & Spoon races
    - Relay races
    - Bean bag tosses
    - Movie day w/popcorn
      - No volunteers needed, all set on that end
      - Teachers will sign classrooms up for different times
  - Robertson was awarded \$100k grant for an outdoor learning space!!!!
    - Arbor tree path/shaded areas/bug hotels/sensory garden
    - Landscape architect will be assisting us in designing the outdoor space

- In addition, we applied for and received a \$2k Feinstein grant to also go toward our outdoor learning space.
  - \$85k grant received for indoor STEM learning space!!
    - New flooring/drop ceiling
    - Flexible seating
    - Lego play areas on walls
    - STEM stations
    - Updates are underway!
  - AlphaBest: before/after school care to be offered at Robertson next year
    - Trial program at Sherman occurred this year and was successful
    - Some families have already signed up
- Committee & Liaison Reports
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:
    - Awards Ceremony will be June 21<sup>st</sup>
      - 5<sup>th</sup> graders wear purple raptor shirts
      - Chorus performs
      - Party for students after ceremony at Messonic Youth Center
      - Dave's pizza & sandwiches
    - Yearbook: Big thanks to Lisa Mosca! Yearbooks will be distributed 6/20 before Awards Ceremony
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade field trip to TeamWorks June 8<sup>th</sup>
    - Last day of school: Launch activity
  - Raptor Wear – Nothing to report; plans for next fall
  - Event Planning:
    - New chair: Stephanie Pennachia – thank you!
  - Outdoor Maintenance:
    - Back to School cleanup scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 12 pm – volunteers needed and welcome
    - Blacktop refresh – hopscotch, FourSquare – possible summer goal
  - Fundraising:
    - Arts Night next year? Pairing with Artsonia

- General premise is that each classroom works on a collective class art project, in addition to each student making an individual art painting/project/creation (with the help/guidance of Ms. Noonan)
  - The art work is displayed during Arts Night and parents/family can scan QR codes of the classroom projects and also upload individual pictures of their children's creations to Artsonia
  - Items can be purchased through Artsonia (e.g. mugs, canvas bags, magnets, mousepads, etc.) with the artwork on it
  - Artsonia gives a percentage of all sales back to the PTO
- Other ideas welcome!
- Rewards Programs: CokeRewards, BoxTops app – please sign up! Links on PTO website!
- Robertson Retail: For sale again next year
- Book Fair - Daisy Brevner
  - We have \$2,160.99 in Scholastic Dollars; how to spend it?
  - Idea to share it evenly among the 13 classrooms, plus specialists/intervention educators to purchase items they need for their classrooms
  - Will be offered to teachers prior to beginning the next school year (end of summer)
  - Next book fair: 9/18 – 9/22
  - Spring book fair: to be coordinated with National Reading Week/Robertson Reading Week 2024
- Old Business
  - New Sign: the sign is being created and we have a completion date (estimate) of 6-8 weeks
  - Inflatable Day: held 6/7/23 – a huge hit! Even turn taking and the tattoos were very popular!
  - Mural is ready to be mounted
- New Business
  - Open Chair positions: if interested, please let us know. Many hands make for light work!
- Upcoming Date:
  - Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. (subject to change)

