**Lower Allen/Rossmoyne PTO
Meeting Minutes: October 3, 2016**

This meeting of the LA/RS PTO was held Monday, October 3rd, 2016 at 6:30pm in the library of Rossmoyne Elementary School. In attendance were: Kirsten Salvatore, Patty Brown-Wagner, Brian Granger, Lesley Rogers, Leigh Ann Bryan, Dara Bogovic, Elise Buchanan, Mary Trimmer, Danielle Dunn, Hannah Sollenberger, Anne Mathews, Rachel Beaver, and Faith Reinard. The meeting was called to order by Lesley Rogers at 6:34pm.

**Welcome & Introductions by all in attendance**

**Approval of September’s Meeting Minutes**

* Motion made by Faith Reinard
* Seconded by Elise Buchanan
* All were in favor of the minutes as they stood; they’re officially on the school’s website & facebook page (under files).

**Principal’s Report- Brian Granger:**

* PowerPac- Jen Mummert, Rachel Beaver, & Mr Granger are still working on pulling together a list of families that would be interested in participating. New Hope Ministries would be assisting. Walmart Foundation Grant has been submitted online; it’s an underutilized program that could help get money for backpacks for this program.
	+ It was questioned whether we should still hold the November Food Drive in addition to this; Elise Buchanan (chair of Friendship Fund) was ok with both occurring this year!
* Fall Family Picnic- Big thank you for all that attended. It was a successful event. Many thanks also to all of those who stayed to help with clean up!
* Prior to next month’s PTO mtg (November 7th, 2016) at 6pm there will be a Title I Compact Review. This is an open meeting; all are able to attend.
* Tuesday, October 25th, 2016 will be Lower Allen’s Literacy Night.
* After School Clubs??
	+ We would need to see if there are any ‘cleared’ parents who would have an interest in running any after school club prior to creation of any club.
	+ This would occur probably near January/February.
	+ Suggested to host weekly workshops in lieu of clubs.
	+ More information would be forthcoming

**Treasurer’s Report- Leigh Ann Bryan:**

* Revenue so far this school year has been the PTO Membership Drive ($835.00)
* September expenses included recreational equipment, printing, field trips, fall picnic, books for teachers, RS book bash, and American flag lapel pins.
* As of 9/30/2016, the PTO budget reflects a $1,025.00 loss
	+ Fall Fundraiser hasn’t occurred just yet; but should offset this.

**Teacher’s Reports:
Lower Allen- (via Mr Granger):**

* Getting ready for WEC to happen; Tuesday, October 4th, 2016.
* Nothing else to report

**Rossmoyne- Mrs Dunn:**

* 4th Grade is about to start swimming.
	+ Mrs Fritz & Mrs Dunn’s classes will have swimming October 11th -14th & 17th.
	+ Mrs Hugar’s class will have swimming October 18th-21st & 24th
	+ On the LAST DAY of their 5-day swimming class, parents are invited to attend & watch.
* October 13th, 2016 will be Fire Prevention assemblies (at both schools) with the Lower Allen Fired Department; remember October is Fire Prevention Month.
* Student Council had their election and the winners were as follows:
	+ Talan Shultz—President
	+ Luke Herr—Vice President
	+ Audrey Markievick—Treasurer
	+ Caleb Masshardt—Secretary
* 4th Graders will be participating in In View Testing (ability tests) at the end of October.
* 5th Graders inquired about their Field Trip to the Senators Game on May 18th
	+ Mrs Miller is organizing this
	+ Cost for transportation is roughly $163; tickets would be $5/person; total =$400.00
	+ The students would be able to sing before the National Anthem
* Nurse request for “Tooth Saver” packets
	+ These are the little mini tooth necklaces that are used for when a student loses a tooth while at school.
	+ A packet has a quantity of 144.
	+ Request for 4 packets total (2 for Lower Allen & 2 for Rossmoyne); totaling $30.
* 5th Grade request for an adjustable paper holder; cost = $87.
* Still need to double check about the book requests that were made at last month’s meeting to follow up.
* Flag crew lapel pins requested for Rossmoyne; cost = $25.96 (agreed up to $30).

**Old Business**

* **WEC/Environmental Day**
	+ Lower Allen—Tuesday October 4th, 2016
	+ Rossmoyne—Thursday October 6th, 2016
	+ Lots of volunteers signed up to help with both. There will be a Nature Walk again as well as a Nature Station. In addition there will be a parachute activity and relay races. The older kids at Rossmoyne will also be able to do fishing.
* **Tissue Toss**
	+ Lower Allen—Tuesday October 18th, 2016
	+ Rossmoyne—Thursday October 20th, 2016
	+ This year students are asked to bring in & toss tissue boxes as well as boxes of ziplock bags. There will be a flyer coming home shortly!!
* **Holiday Store—Cancelled**
	+ There’s a lot going on in the beginning of December to have it this year.
	+ We’re going to try to have the School Store still at Rossmoyne; NEED someone to help run it in order to do so. If you’re interested in running it, PLEASE let the PTO know! ☺
* **Fall Fundraiser**
	+ Remember we’re using the “Great American Opportunities” company
	+ We’ll be selling those Save Around coupon booklets, Team Tumblers, & Cookies
	+ Fundraiser Assemblies will be on Monday, October 17th, 2016 for both schools
	+ It’ll run Tuesday, October 18th, 2016 through Monday, October 31st, 2016.
	+ Our goal is to earn: $10,000
* **Chili’s Night Out: Tuesday October 4th, 2016**

**New Business**

* **Bulldog Mascot Costume**
	+ Suggested to look into a full sized costume that can be used throughout the school year for multiple purposes.
	+ Will cost approximately $100
	+ We’re holding off until November’s meeting to vote on this; after we’ve had our Fall Fundraiser.

**Committee Reports**

* **Book Fair- Faith Reinard (LA), Dara Bogovic (RS)**
	+ Lower Allen’s—scheduled for Monday October 24th, 2016 ‘till Friday, October 28th, 2016
	+ Rossmoyne’s—was Monday September 19th, 2016 through Friday September 23rd, 2016
		- Total Sales: $3,047.57 (excluding tax)
		- Scholastic Dollars earned: $1,676.17 (current balance: $2,040.38)
		- $123.33 expire on Saturday, October 19th, 2016; it’s been agreed that this will be donated to the librarian.
* **Box Tops- Kirsten Salvatore**
	+ Our goal this school year is $2,000
	+ Officially have earned $149.40
	+ Submitted $467.40 in the mail Friday, September 30th, 2016.
	+ Each month there will be a Top Box Tops Classroom from Lower Allen and a Top Box Tops Classroom from Rossmoyne.
		- September’s Winners:
			* Lower Allen- 2nd Grade: Mrs Failla (3,223 Box Tops)
			* Rossmoyne- 3rd Grade: Mr Maxwell (410 Box Tops)
	+ Contest going on until Thursday, October 27th, 2016. If we can earn combined total of $600 (30% of our goal), everyone will have a Wacky Wednesday!

**Open Discussion**

* **Spirit Wear**
	+ Sale will be at the beginning of November & run for 2 weeks
* **Food Drive**
	+ Monday, November 7th, 2016 through Friday, November 11th, 2016.
	+ Will be seeking volunteers this year to help with sorting/packing up food
	+ Request for new plastic storage tote
* **Restaurant Nights**
	+ Tuesday, October 4th, 2016 @ Chili’s
	+ Tuesday, November 8th, 2016 @ Arooga’s

**There was no vote this evening; as each item requested was less than $100 (per PTO by-laws)**

**Meeting adjournment:** was motioned at 8:00pm by Anne Mathews and seconded by Elise Buchanan.

Our next meeting is on: Monday, November 7th, 2016 at 6:30pm at Rossmoyne. See you there!

Submitted by:
Kirsten Salvatore
PTO Secretary