

Ross Elementary School  
PTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
September 1st, 2017, 8:45 a.m.

**In attendance:**

Nora Rigby, President | Holly Searl, Principal | Kari Cunningham, Vice President | Matt Adinolfi, Treasurer | Kate Gardner, Secretary | Debra Olson, At-Large Member, Upper Grades | Shanti Sale, At-Large Member, Lower Grades

**Welcome & President's Update**

- President Rigby called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m. and welcomed the Board. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the August 16th, 2017 Board meeting.

- **After Care Update**

- o The Board discussed the changes to the Ross after-school programming for the 2017-2018 school year. Principal Searl, President Rigby, Treasurer Adinolfi, & the Director of School-Aged programming at the JCC have had meetings to address issues such as location and cost. After discussion, the Board agreed to draft an after-school [FAQ](#), post a webpage listing additional after-school options, and plan to host a coffee in late September if there is interest in additional discussion.

- **Calendar Discussion**

The Board discussed the following SY 2017-2018 PTA events:

- o *PTA General Body Meetings*

The Board agreed to hold four instead of six General Body Meetings this year per our Bylaws: September 6th, 2017, November 8th, 2017, February 7th, 2018, and May 9th, 2018, leaving more time for community building events and separate, smaller committee meetings.

- o *Back to School Picnic, Wednesday, September 6th*

Upper School Representative Olson provided an update on next Wednesday's event: Dinner will be ordered from Flippin' Pizza in Dupont, which gives a 15% discount and supplies plates and napkins. Families have signed up to bring sides and desserts, as well as help with setup and clean-up. Parent Rabin along with Board members Cunningham and Gardner to sell memberships and merchandise at the PTA table.

- o *Walk to School Day, Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>*

Upper School Representative Olson and Kindergarten parent Kimberley Trainor will coordinate Ross' 6th Annual Walk to School event with a police horse and McGruff the crime dog as escorts, followed by breakfast and coffee on the playground.

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o *D.C. United Game*

The Board approved a Ross Night at D.C. United this Fall. After discussion of dates and times, the Board calendared Sunday, October 22nd at 4:00 p.m. as a community building event.

o *Movie Night*

The Board agreed to an outdoor movie night scheduled for Thursday, November 9th.

o *Family Night*

The Board discussed having a Winter family night at Ross early next year and calendared the evening of January 31st, 2018

o *End of Year Nationals Game*

The Board also agreed to have a Ross Day at Nationals Park again to celebrate the end of the school year in June, 2018.

• **Membership Update**

o President Rigby gave an update on the Fall Membership Drive, sharing that approximately 40% of all Ross families have joined after the first two weeks. The Board agreed to no longer staff the PTA membership table in the mornings, instead to reach out to families with assistance from teachers and room parents with the incentive of the first two classes to reach 100% participation will win a free dress day or extra recess. Secretary Gardner additionally shared that we reached our school supply package goal.

• **Field Update**

o President Rigby reported that since the initial GMAX safety testing measuring the shock-performance of our field's surface in August, there has not been much news, but confirms that she, Point person Cunningham, and Principal Searl are working with city officials to find out more information and to ensure the safest and best field for our Ross students.

• **Agenda for General Body Meeting**

o The board discussed agenda items for the upcoming PTA General Meeting as well as coordinating requests for tables at the picnic to follow.

• **Treasurer's Update: Matt Adinolfi**

o Treasurer Adinolfi presented a financial report of income and expenses, comparing current income and expenditures to the approved budget through August, 2017. He and

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President Rigby also announced they will discuss our financial protocols at the General Body Meeting.

- **Community Sponsorships**

- o Upper School Representative Olson and Lower School Representative Sale agreed to head up this initiative.

- **Announcements**

- o President Rigby shared that Coach Shegda's shed has been ordered from Costco, but as it needs a platform underneath it, this will be set up once the field issue has been resolved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Adjournment: Next EB Meeting Date is Thursday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY KATE GARDNER, SECRETARY