

Ross Elementary School
PTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
October 5th, 2017, 5:30 p.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**

o President Rigby called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and welcomed the Board. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the September 1st, 2017 Board meeting.

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

o Treasurer Adinolfi provided an overview of our statement of activity from June through September, 2017. He announced the our PTA Paypal account has been closed. Additionally, the Board discussed budget expenses pertaining to classroom and field trip enrichments.

• The Board also discussed financial presentations at the remaining three General Body meetings, with monthly revenue and expense details posted to the [website](#).

• **Committee Updates**

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

o *Movie Night*

The Board discussed movies for the upcoming 2nd annual Ross Movie Night on November 9th and decided to ask the community to choose among three classics: *The Princess Bride*; *An American Tale*; & *The Muppets Take Manhattan*. Nora agreed to handle logistics, including recruiting a popcorn volunteer and ordering pizza from Flippin' Pizza in DuPont.

o *Community Sponsorship*

Upper & Lower School Representatives Olson and Sale shared that they are working on inviting local businesses to support the Ross PTA by becoming sponsors. They expect to have targets and materials for neighborhood businesses such as restaurants and real estate firms for the next Board meeting. With an annual goal of \$3,000 and with different levels of involvement at \$250 and \$500, the Board discussed thanking sponsors for their support on our website, flyers, and/or possibly in our Weekly Bulletin.

o *After Care*

President Rigby noted that with the JCC's planned renovation next year, Ross will make every effort for after-care to be on site. The Board also discussed the request for the formation of an Aftercare Committee, its necessity and benefits. A motion was made and

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seconded to table further discussion to a meeting with interested parties in November that will address specific objectives of the committee.

o Field Update

Vice President Cunningham reported on the few updates since our field was re-tested and not slated for replacement in September: activists have filed FOIA requests for GMAX scores and Ward 3 Councilmember Mary Cheh and the Environment Committee is having a [hearing](#) on October 13th, "The State of Fields and Playgrounds Maintained by the District" to which we can testify or submit written testimony. Discussion followed regarding whether to replace the field sooner and with what materials. A motion was made and seconded that the questions be referred and discussed further at the next Board meeting.

o New Merchandise

The board discussed requests for new merchandise, including t-shirts for Field Day. Lower School Representative Sale agreed to look into purchasing. Discussion of long-sleeve t-shirts and adult sweatshirts was tabled.

• Back to School Picnic Feedback

After discussion, the Board agreed to hold the Back to School and End of Year Picnics on separate evenings from the General Body Meetings.

Announcements

The University Club of Washington D.C. and DPR are hosting the 20th Annual Community Sports Day at Stead Park on Saturday, October 21st from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Next EB Meeting Date is Thursday, November 2nd at 8:45 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY KATE GARDNER, SECRETARY