



September 26, 2016 General Meeting Minutes

Board members present: Andy Mareska, Mary Anne Callahan, Becky Paulin, Sue Minnec, Tim McDermott, Cheryl Curry, Paula Lindeman, Allison Bielski

Board members absent: Kevin Preas, Fatiana Stobaugh

Guests: See list

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.

President – Fatiana Stobaugh out on bedrest

Secretary – Perry Devaney:

Motion made by Melissa Dempsey to approve September meeting minutes, seconded by Andy.

Approved by all.

Treasurer – Andy Mareska:

Andy distributed the budget, we are on goal so far. No dine around check yet

In Kevin's absence; Andy mentioned that horseshoes tournament has one team confirmed and need to push after GG.

Guest Speaker: Cyber safety presentation (Batavia Police Department, Juvenile Officer, Jason) by Attorney General

- Things can change daily, kids are into anything out there, they know how to find them.
- View their technology!! Your job is to make sure they are safe. Monitor what they are doing online, when not expected – grab technology and make them walk you through apps and what they are doing.
- They need to be asking your permission for EVERYTHING, REVIEW SITES. Create strong password, even for young one. Weak ones can get hacked. Keep list of passwords.
- Terms of service don't really mean a lot, no one will come find you.
- Profile pictures shouldn't be of your children; no one needs to know what your kids look like.
- Be sure usernames are non-descript not related to the individual.
- What is privacy: "I have nothing to hide", your friends of friends can see what you think is private, make sure you select private setting.
- Make a ghost profile to see what you child actually has out there. I know all my online friends; they should know who their online friends are, no random people, if they don't feel comfortable having a conversation, then don't friend. Clean up lists regularly, block and report any users.
- Be careful of reporting, bring to police first. Profiles can be deleted, if too many are blocked regularly then police cannot do anything about it. If it is serious or concerning, go to police. Things are not as they seem! It does happen that the person on the other end is not who they say they are. Verify friend requests prior to accepting, see about similar friends or ask around.
- Cheryl Curry commented that kids can get so deep into it, they don't know what to do. She's had kids at Rotolo come to her saying "I'm in deep, what do I do?" They don't want to tell their parents. Take preventive measures – don't assume anything. Talk to your kids about it as much as possible. Are you doing anything you shouldn't, you will get in to trouble?!
- No one should be asking
 - you to be their boy/girlfriend, meet offline, send images/videos,
 - personal info – where do you live, where do you go school,

- do not provide schedule information or talk/chat somewhere privately.
- No need to check in anywhere at this age.
- POWERUP 2 SHUT DOWN program. Apps to monitor: watchdog – paid, apple products are really good for that.
- **Don't be afraid to talk to your kids.**
- Attorney general office can come out to do a presentation to teachers, parents and students. High tech crimes bureau. Digital citizenship from RMS that we could tap in to for our 4th/5th graders. Could possibly have a special assembly or something with kids and the officer.

First VP – Melissa Dempsey:

GG update: \$7756 raised, about 180 walkers, 40 more than last year, Cheryl will be announcing prizes.

More corporate sponsors this year. Final numbers in October.

Ways and Means – Mary Anne Callahan:

Dine-arounds: Contact Sue Gillerlain from district about getting on the district calendar, get it to Chris Lowe prior to board meetings and he'll get the word out. Next dine around is October 19th at Chipotle.

Resale motion: Resale would like to make a motion that any borrowed equipment from other schools be the committee's and/or the board's discretion as opposed to simply lending the equipment out. We have had issues of equipment returned damaged and/or not returned at all. We, the resale committee and Ways & Means chair, would like the equipment to be for our own use, a predetermined organization and/or non-for-profit organizations that we approve. Motion was made and Andy second.

EC Reps – Paula Lindeman, Allison Bielski:

The EC would like funds to purchase a message board to post announcements for parents and staff. The cost would be \$556 including shipping. The EC feels this could be great outlet for parents to get information. It would go on the brick wall.

Also asked if the \$270 all used up, with field trips planned, when do they ask for more money? Andy said there is money to pay for this. But agreed to expand the budget for EC ad hoc, as time goes. Also discussed was to advertise with other PTOs for EC activities.

Next EC request: for their fall harvest activity, they are requesting funds for the pumpkins from the pumpkin farm, field trips are getting too expensive. A farm in Hampshire IL comes to the school, inside the EC courtyard, to provide a sensory experience for the children. Last year the cost was \$270, for two weeks. This year cost went up to \$376 due to more students (about \$3.60 per student). Melissa mentioned that last year son said it was amazing.

Also mentioned was to have check requests come from the EC Rep only.

Mary Anne mentioned how we, as the PTO, better support the EC in communicating to parents?

Look into our APP or have an app for EC.

Assistant Principal - Cheryl Curry:

Watchdog – today was the first one. Allison is helping with EC watchdog schedule. Tomorrow is the first EC day. Push on app, use web sign up. Becky will look into adding a watchdog segment on app.

Principal – Tim McDermott

Kari Ruh, assistant of Special Ed, and Mark Anderson spent an hour standing in parking lot brainstorming about a safe environment for ECC students to get off the bus. None of the designs were going to work. Tim talked with ECC staff, concerns were cars passing and people walking between the buses. The program has doubled in the last couple of years. The circle part of the lot is now closed four times per day during drop off and pick up of both programs. BPD will be here intermittently to monitor the situation. \$120 fine will be issued. All of the possible options are showing to be rather expensive such as having the buses go toward the back of the school or moving the AGS office to the

east side. There is still conversation for a car drop off and pickup.

Round Table

School Board rep said he was happy to come to as many meetings as possible. He will do whatever he can to help best represent our school.

Paula asked about full-day kindergarten. They are discussing implementing a fee based program. They are discussing the option of building it from the ground up.

Sue asked about the Halloween Party – is it happening?

Paula suggested to make it a fundraiser by charging a dollar and a can of food.

Motion to end the meeting, 7:58.