



## ROCKAWAY BOROUGH HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Jessica Hensal & Kimberly Merrick, Co-Presidents

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### Meeting Agenda

October 11, 2023

#### Call the Meeting to Order

**Meeting was called to order at 7:37**

**This meeting is being record via google meet**

#### Correspondence **Michelle Sorce**

- *Received*
  - Mrs. Love for the Amazon gift card and staff snack baskets
  - Mrs. Blake for Amazon gift card and support
  - **A lot of positive feedback from the snack baskets and the amazon gift cards.**
- *Thank you cards/ messages*
  - Thank you to the Jean, Diana, and Kim for helping with School Supply Kits
  - Prevention is Key- Megan
  - Rockaway Municipal Alliance
  - RBEF % Brenda Budd-Dunn **donated the popcorn**
  - NJEA and RBEA % Nicole McCarter
  - Thomas Jefferson School and Cesar
  - Officer Scott Haigh
  - Roy Seif and Nielson Chevrolet

#### Treasurer Report **Larissa Weber**

- Deposits
  - Membership Drive Funds (credit from CheddarUp & cash sales)- \$1,245
  - Rams T-Shirt Funds (credit sales from CheddarUp & cash sales) - \$2,325 **more money to be deposited with cash**
  - Benevity American Online Giving Foundation - \$97.10
  - Big Bear Apparel - Overpayment on T-shirt order - \$460
  - Chevrolet Back to School Program - \$1,000
- Withdrawals
  - Nickel Artistic - Raffle Ticket Printing - \$255
  - Costco - Refill Teacher Snack Baskets - \$106.67
  - Dollar Tree - New Teacher Snack Baskets - \$4.00
  - Dunkin' - Gift Cards (8) for Custodian Appreciation Day (\$25 each) - \$200
  - Dollar Tree - Gift Bags/Tissue/Cards for Custodian Appreciation Day - \$11.73
  - Amazon - Business Letter Envelopes 500 pk (2ct) for Tricky Tray - \$43.78
  - WML Country Club Deposit #1 for Tricky Tray - \$300 **Final payment is due April**
  - Amazon- Winter Wonderland Gift Table Gifts - \$117.57
  - Walmart - Winter Wonderland Gift Table Gifts - \$55.35



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- Kim Merrick - Winter Wonderland Gift Table Reimbursement - \$394 **through deals and garage sales**

### Business

- Scholastic Book Fair **If anyone is available for volunteer, please let us know.**
  - Chairperson
  - Spring dates
- Sweetheart Dance **around Valentines day for Lincoln School. Free for HSA members, purchase a slice a pizza. Sweet heart is anyone they choose. Photo booth, Parents to donate baked goods.**
  - **Outsiders unit- 60s themed dance.**
  - **Possible date of February 9, 2023**
    - **Need to know the capacity of the gym at Lincoln. Probably do it at TJ but would be good to have at their school.**
    - **Possibly split the grades**
      - Jackie, Andie, Christina
      - TJ and High school volunteer hours
  - Dates
- The Winter Wonderland
  - Vendors registration is live
    - 11 vendors registered
  - Mrs. Ferrone has been emailed regarding the elves
    - Gillian will be donating wrapping paper for
    - Donations for tape
  - Staff emailed for save the date
    - Mike O is Santa and said he can help send out a sign up for volunteers
  - Event created on Facebook
    - Shared to all local FB pages
  - Kim is in charge of Gift Table
    - All gifts for Gift Table purchased
  - Jess is in charge of prizes
  - Emailed Community to sign up for games and crafts
  - Riverside has confirmed date and sending us pricing.
  - TO DO
    - Create Cheddarup for pancake breakfast
    - Create an email to parents/class tag that the carnival is a free event for HSA families and discount on breakfast.



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We will be pulling the 50/50 that day. Move through the hallways in one direction. Will ask about Mrs. Clause.

Santa/Mrs. Clause on stage. Santa gives candy canes to kids. Irma Brainard.

- Gym shirt sale
  - Started with 200; about 15 shirts left (mostly YL); most sizes sold out
  - Should we do a preorder for more sizes
  - Other items?
    - Design challenge for students to buy a t shirt. In the new year.
- Membership Drive
  - Currently, 20% of students/families joined
  - Top 3 grades are 2nd (31%), 5th(27%), 1st (25%)
  - Teacher reward of \$50 gift cards **this has been promoted on facebook pages.**
    - How to engage the PreK and the 7th and 8th grade
    - Send to Jen or Nora the posts and we can share it on the 8th grade google drive.
- Tricky Tray
  - Volunteers needed (Email search, mailing prep, local letter distribution, etc) **We have high school helpers helping with some of this. If you have a business or know someone who can help with a donation.**
  - April 26th
  - Theme for this year? **80s, 90s, Nashville, Vegas, NYC, Pajamas, will send out a google form**

### Mini Grants

- Kindergarten - Fine motor strength and letter formation - \$277.04
- Jaelyn Schwarz - Kindergarten centers - \$308.22
- Lisbeth Schnurman - Sensory Integration for Speech - \$69.99 (+shipping)

**All minigrants have been approved.**

### Upcoming Events

- Charleston Wrap **We are up to \$1400 already,**
- Raffle Tickets **This is a new fundraiser for us. Buy a ticket for 10 dollars, 3 winners. Up to 15000 can be raised. 30 % to first place. Will be pulled at Winter Wonderland. MOney is due when you return the stubs to Kim Merrick. This is easy to sell. Setting up a table at parent teacher conferences. 11/17 20-22 and at pick up ( would need a poster)**
- The Winter Wonderland
- Tricky Tray
- 8th grade committee



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- October -Jen Dahl update WRestling event got rained out. Breakfast with wrestling, had parents waitress for tips. Snap raise- similar to a go fundme. But the kids can send 20 emails to people.
  - Snacks at the talent show
  - Bake sale on election day

### **Board of Education Updates**

Jennifer Dahl lived in the boro for 10 years. 23 year teacher, Bronx, West Orange HS English Teacher. As a teacher she always told her students, you don't have the right to complain unless you are going to do something about it. Last year, her son had an issue. Both parents were on the board of education and she saw all the positive things that my parents did. She hopes to do the same. Educator, mom, tax payer, a single mom which can understand that struggle. Understands different family struggles. Kids had a great experience here and I want it to continue.

From Jennifer Skomial

RAMS parade. Everyone on board.

Smore.com for the newsletter.

Week of respect, spirit day

Mrs.Rigas, Kindness Ambassadors

Officer Mark, meeting with every class- lockdown procedures

Mr. Jones- safety patrol, initiation kids will help on the playground and lunch room

VOlunteer Fire department

10/18 Class parent meeting

10/20 Pictures

10/31 1:45 Halloween Parade-

Every week send emails to promote HSA mini grants

Teacher of the Year

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### **Comments/Questions**

**SPoke to Megan, want to do a spring event.**

**If you bring a friend you get a prize-**

### **Next Meeting**

- November 15th @ 7:30pm



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**Adjournment**

**8:55 Meeting Adjourned**