



RIOJAS ELEMENTARY

PARENT -TEACHER ORGANIZATION

MEETING NOTES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

6:00PM - SCHOOL LIBRARY

CHRISTI SIEGEL, PRINCIPAL

PTO Board Members:

President	Staci Young
Vice President	Monica Partida
Treasurer	Tressie Landry
Secretary	Ashley Davis
Communications	Jessica Alcorn

Called to order – 6pm

1. Welcome Message from PTO President & Introductions of Board & Leadership
 - a. New in 2018:
 - i. Website – www.riojaselempto.com
 - ii. New events (Pumpkins w/ Pop, PTO Parent Breakfast...)
 - iii. Monthly newsletter
 - b. Goals:
 - i. Communication, Communication, Communication!
 - ii. Reach more parents and increase participation in our school-wide events
 - c. Intro of Committee Chairpersons & goals
 - i. Box Tops due on October 15th for PTO processing. (Submission deadline to Box Tops organization is November 1)
 - ii. Yearbook photo submissions are needed throughout the year
 - iii. Please communicate anything we can do better
2. Principal Updates (Principal Siegel)
 - a. Chairs for assemblies have been purchased due to funds raised by PTO last year.
 - b. Riojas Elementary Performance Summary for school year 2017-2018
 - i. <https://txschools.org/>
 - ii. Riojas ES was one of only a few PFISD schools to receive an 'A'
 - iii. Overall Score: "Met Standard" – 94 out of 100 total average – GREAT JOB!
3. Treasurer Updates (Treasurer – Tressie)
 - a. Year-end Review:
 - i. We broke even – brought in 42K and spent 42K
 - b. 2018/2019 Budget Review & Approval
 - i. Goal is to net \$26K this year
 - ii. Motion to accept the budget – All approved. PASSED
4. Intro by Committee Chairpersons and Updates (Vice President- Monica)
 - a. We need volunteers to make our events a success.

- b. If parents have connections or resources within their jobs, the community, etc. please consider using these to support Riojas' events and fundraisers.
 - c. Incentive Program to reward parents/students who have earned volunteer points. The program details will be communicated soon via the PTO website. www.riojaselempto.com
5. Upcoming Events
- a. Spirit Orders due and will be delivered (September)
 - b. Movie night (October)
 - c. Pumpkin with Parent (October)
 - d. See website for a full listing of calendar events! www.riojaselempto.com
6. Open Discussion:
- a. How would you like to see the PTO allocate the money we raise?
 - i. Professional Die Cut Machine for teachers
 - ii. More playground equipment for the small/younger children playground to enhancements
 - iii. Benches in the front of school
 - iv. Track for P.E.
 - v. Improvements to the science lab (new equipment)
 - vi. Arts – extracurricular activities and programs
 - vii. Can we help the economically disadvantaged? Ex. Tutoring...before/after/during school?
 - b. What would you like to see accomplished by the PTO this year/what would you like to see done that you've seen at other schools?
 - i. Valentine Grahams
 - ii. Boo Grahams
 - iii. Better communications between PTO and parents/teachers, as well as more advanced notification of events
 - iv. Be inclusive.
 - v. Post PTO meeting agenda 1-2 days prior to the PTO meeting and advertise the meetings well ahead of the scheduled date.

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