**Roberts** [**PTO, General Meeting, October 4, 2019**](http://robertspto.org/2019/09/30/pto-meeting-agenda-for-october-4-2019/)

CALL TO ORDER by Sonia Huse @ 7:45am

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES 1st by Erin Fox, 2nd by Lori Jacobs, passed by voice vote

NEW BUSINESS
CALM CRUSADERS – BARBIE ATKINSON of Catalyst Counseling. Calm Crusaders is an anxiety support group for kids ages 8-12 years. Shared about how she came up with the idea & developed the program. It is a 6 week program held after school at RE. Info sheets available.

PRINCIPAL & SCHOOL REPORT – TREALLA EPPS The new PTO meeting check in system used today is an attempt to reduce congestion at reception.

Reminder that for morning drop-off the building opens at 7am. No one is looking after your child before then.

International Festival classroom presentations can be set up directly with your teacher.

Early Dismissal time was adjusted by HISD this year. Will be noon all school year.

Fall Holiday is Wednesday, October 9th. No School.

GT information has been sent out. Contact Ms. Tran with questions. Universal testing of Kinder & 5th (if not already identified). For 1st – 4th, you need to contact Ms. Tran to sign up for testing (administered on a Saturday).

Middle School night at RE will be October 29th in the evening. Info coming out in Tuesday Folders. Parents of 5th & 4th graders encouraged to attend.

TREASURER’S REPORT – DINA TAAFFE showed slide of budget vs actual to date. Indicated Culture of Giving gifts are still being processed. Asked for questions.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
CULTURE OF GIVING – JENNY BEECH - 70% participation, exceeded our goal! Was a strong corporate give as well – check with your company about matching. Money will continue to trickle in.
INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL – LILLI JUSTWAN - there is sign up information in Tuesday Folder about having a booth or being on the stage. A sign up genius will be coming for general day of help.

5th GRADE FUNDRAISER – COURTNEY TARDY - gave a quick explanation of 5th grade committee duties and a review of the fundraisers that will be held.

PADRES – JEFF MARINO - Camp Out scheduled for November 8th with a rainout date of November 15th. Ms. Epps added the reminder that children must be accompanied by an adult. There is no glass containers or alcohol on campus. Tentative date of November 16th for the softball tournament. Come help set up for International Festival.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS – SUE CHURCH - library is an ancillary this school year. K, 1st & 2nd grades split for library like their other ancillaries. 25 minute shifts – sign up genius for volunteers. Fran-Victoria Stephens said the sign up email for bookworms has been sent out and a flyer coming in Tuesday Folders.

AUCTION – MARIA JANISH & LORIE JACOBS - will be held at Cohen House (Rice) on February 8th with a Toga Party/ Greek theme. Need volunteers for 4 committees: Procurement (chairs Shelly Jameson, PJ Davis-Oran, Jennifer Jackson, Cathy Lawrence), Perks (chair Camille Jenman), Decorations (chair Catalina Pastore), Parties (chair Marisa Botros). There will be progressive ticket sales this year – price goes up closer to event.

BOOK FAIR – VANESSA ENGEL - will be Thursday November 21st 3:45pm-7pm in the library. Help needed that morning for set up. Moon Rooster at campus 5pm-7pm.

WELCOME – SANDY DO - new family socials scheduled. 1st grade on October 5th from 3-5pm. Established families are welcome to attend and meet the new families.

AUDIT COMMITTEE – CAMILLE JENMAN - said that the report is good. It will be sent to the executive board. People can come to her with specific questions.

INTERNATIONAL GARDEN – SANDY DO - 13/15 classes have planted for the fall. More garden workdays will be scheduled, about 1 Saturday per month.

HISD LIASON - JENNY BEECH - still the question of a TEA takeover. Ms. Epps shared that the TEA Conservator is currently making visits to HISD campuses.

Question: What does this mean? Jenny believes TEA oversight would be beneficial and welcomes people to reach out to her with questions.

Magnet changes are still changing. Supposed to get info sheet soon and Ms. Epps will make it available to the families.

Talk up RE to neighbors. Send them to Jenny, too.

Tardies. Tardies hurt us financially. 10 tardies = 1 absence = less funding.

9:20am = check in time for attendance. Please schedule appointments for after 9:20am.

NEXT MEETING November 1st.

Meeting adjourned 8:31am.