**1. Introductions –** Thank you all forattending our 1st Playground Project meeting. We appreciate your support. Also, a huge THANK YOU to Cane’s for donating the tea and lemonade.

**2. President’s Report** –
 A. KaBOOM! Grant – We are very excited to have won the KaBOOM!/Dr. Pepper Snapple Group Video Contest and will receive a Playground Grant worth $20,000! 100% will go towards the purchase of playground equipment. We need to raise an additional $70,000 to build this playground which will be done through sponsorships, donations, and fundraising. Visit <https://kaboom.org/upgrade_your_play> to view the winning videos.

 B. Survey - Please complete. We value your input.

**3. Treasurer’s Report** – Current balance in account: $13,630.51, of which $5,000 will go towards the playground equipment. The remaining funds will be used to purchase spirit shirts and other misc. expenses. **NOTE**: Last year we started with $3,825.23. We raised $40,245.08 from our fundraising events. $30,439.80 was given to the school to buy megaphones and computers/printers for the students.

**4. Playground** A.KaBOOM! requirements - **1)** Use one of their preferred providers – Landscape Structures services our area. DynaPlay, located in Metairie, is a vendor for LS. Eve Marie Werner, Manager with DynaPlay has experience with special needs playgrounds. She worked with Drew Brees on his playground in Audubon Park. **2)** Build by 6/25/2019. **3)** Spend a minimum of $24,000 and a maximum of $50,000 on playground equipment only.

 B. Vision – To build a playground for all our students. We will begin with the special needs and younger students 1st. Once we have met KaBOOM!’s requirements and depending on how much money we can raise, we will add equipment for the older students. The playground will have to be done in phases. Playground to be in the open field by the trees.

 C. Timeline – Start asking for sponsorships and donations now. Begin fundraising, first day of school. Raise as much money as we can by December 31, 2018. Build the playground in mid-January 2019, in one day, before testing begins and while weather is cool. We will build rain, sleet, or shine!

 D. Budget – Preliminary budget for Phase I is approx. $90,000. Special needs require ramps, cool toppers, and rubber surfacing which is costly. Wood chips is a suggestion for later phases.

 E. Communication – We will communicate the Playground Progress through the PTO website and GroupMe.
 Website – [www.mataspto.org](http://www.mataspto.org) GroupMe – A mobile group messaging app. Phone number required.

 F. Publicity – A press release was submitted to many local TV and Radio stations, Newspapers, and a letter was sent to Ellen DeGeneres. A sign is in front of the school, compliments of Kristen Blount, N.O. Auto Wraps.

 G. Volunteers – We need lots of volunteers, especially for “Build Day”! Please consider helping us achieve our goals. Volunteers can sign up by visiting our website and pressing on the orange “SignUpGenius” button.

 H. Fundraisers – Brick Sales, Spirit Shirt Sales, a Fun Run, monthly Ice Cream and Snack Sales, World’s Finest Chocolate Sale, Jambalaya Dinner, Fall Festival, CC’s Pizza Card Sales, Santa’s Secret Shop, etc. Along with sponsorships/donations, we hope to raise the funds needed by the end of December 2018.

 I. Sponsorships/Donations – Looking for companies to sponsor our playground project with monetary or in-kind donations. Some examples of in-kind donations are food, tents, tools, etc.

**5. Discussions**

**PTO Meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Next PTO Meeting is Tuesday, August 14, 2018.
Thank you for your support of Rudolph Matas School and the PTO!**