

**Meeting Minutes
Riverview PTO
February 2, 2015
6:45 pm – 8:30 pm**

Present:

Meghan Towner (President)
Natalie Parsons (Volunteer Coordinator)
Anne Speigle (Publicity)
Kristen Parcher (Secretary)
Karena Wills (Historian)
Emily Cox (Fundraising)
Ruth Beggs (Principal)
Alicia Dittman (Member at Large)
Margaret Baker (Teacher Representative)

Called to Order: 6:50 p.m.

December and January Minutes: Dittman moved to approve both months, Cox seconded, approved unanimously.

President's Report (Towner):

1. Book donation – donated books to class from PTO, \$150 for new teachers for their libraries
2. Spring Scholastic Book Fair – March 25 through March 27 in conjunction with Donuts for Dad and early release days, Towner will provide schedule to Parsons for volunteers
3. Will do buy 1 get 1 at Pride Night, may be able to get bonuses and 10% by having additional night

Treasurer Report (Towner):

1. Towner has paid bills and balanced, will provide reports at later meetings, money coming in was tuition for CHESS, money going out was for Scholastic not covered in classrooms
2. Cox inquired about Move-a-Thon money adjustment, Towner will report
3. Still considering changing banks due to issues with current bank, Towner would also like to look into online platforms so that we don't have to rely on the PTO computer, PTO Today has options, may include a yearly fee
4. In general, want to look into PTO Today which could also help with volunteers, silent auction, etc., or other online programs that are more efficient

Principal Report (Beggs):

1. SBAC (Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium) - new testing program in conjunction with Common Core, testing will be done mostly on Chromebooks and computers, working on the amount of wifi access, everything is online. 5th graders still take MSP.
2. March 5th informational meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., to provide information to parents about how to support the students and general changes. Practice test is available online so parents can see what test looks like.
3. Beggs wanted to thank everyone for support of Veda (ill girl in Gulliford's class). Speigle is working on fundraising website, Student Council/ASB cannot collect the money, so needs to be an individual or through PTO.
4. Foundation Auction February 28, 2015.

Volunteer Coordinator (Parsons):

1. Reptileman – March 19th, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., presentation 1 hour and then 1 hour petting time, everything signed and confirmed, won't need a check until the day of.

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2. Carnival
 - a. Frito Lay (chips), Winco (\$500), and Airgas (helium) have all donated
 - b. Looking into petting zoo, Parsons has looked into liability issues, set up, cleanliness, etc., would be through 4H, would all be donated. Set up would be on playground.
 - c. Western theme – Parsons has a volunteer to paint murals on sheets that can be reused
 - d. Meeting on February 10th from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for all volunteers, hoping to get committees set up
 - e. Credit card machines – will need 2 machines this year, prepaying for PTO food so will need more ability for credit card payments, Speigle indicated most people paid by credit card for silent auction last year
 - f. Will have photo booth this year, will be monitored by vendor

Fundraiser Report (Cox):

1. Big Al's – fundraiser will do next fall, too much going on this spring
2. Cox asked about Burgerville and Skate Night income, Towner will follow up
3. Silent Auction
 - a. Gift card donations, have the classes build theme baskets around the baskets
 - b. Most people/businesses donating again
 - c. Have an auctioneer booked
4. Cox inquired about Mt. View dance camps, will follow up on distribution of information

Publicity Report (Speigle/Dittman):

1. Veda Fundraising Flier
 - a. Have prepared a flier, will not be affiliated with Student Council, not directly a PTO event
 - b. PTO can take money and deposit without it going into PTO account, can make a deposit at Wells Fargo, or online at Giveforward, or checks to Support for Veda
 - c. Concerns with opening doors by fundraising for an individual, board feels generally that given the circumstances we can help facilitate
2. Parcher moves to add “supported by PTO” to flier and give administrative support to receiving money, Cox seconds, approved unanimously
3. Speigle would like to do 3 afterschool art sessions as a fundraiser, student making bracelets, Irish Town Auction, all in support, Dittman can take donations for auction
4. Parcher moves to approve the plan for PTO supporting Team Veda, Parsons seconds, approved unanimously

Spirit Wear (Dittman):

1. \$3,000+ ordered, we will get \$300+ back as income

CHESS (Wills):

1. Wills would like to explore ways to get more students into CHESS. One thought is a Chess Club, so that it is available for free and any student can play, maybe students from CHESS can be mentors, could teach what they learned. For it to be a school “club” has to run 10 sessions, can be anyone employed by district that runs it (will be stipend), Beggs will follow up on who can run a club. Also looking into continuing a scholarship fund. Beggs expressed a concern about how it looks to parents if one club was free and another paid for. Beggs suggested “Kids Teach Kids Chess” club, could recruit from CHESS to help mentor/teach. Speigle suggested maybe the director might have connections with volunteers. He may donate a day where all the students get exposed to chess.

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Announcements:

February 18 – Crazy Hair Day

February 26 – Skate Night

Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.