

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

Present:

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

Called to Order: 6:47 p.m.

February Minutes: Parson moves to approve February minutes, Parcher seconds, approved unanimously.

President's Report (Towner):

1. Position changes – next term Towner will take over as Treasurer, but still do BTFE/LFE and Book Fair.
2. Consideration for changing meeting times, will have further discussion.
3. BTFE - \$590 worth entered today, cash on hand for this year will be slightly short, but still collecting.
Next contest: Box Tops are Popping Up Everywhere
4. Term limits/filling board positions

Towner moves to amend bylaws from a 2-year term to a 1-year term, Parsons seconds. Parcher questions that it may be difficult to do 1-year, more work each year, more moving around. Parson's point is when asking people to join the board 2 years may be discouraging people from joining. Parsons thinks we should address bylaw that only allows 2 terms if we change it to 1 year. Would be beneficial for parents to know there are opportunities every year to serve.

Motion 1 – Towner moves to amend bylaws to have 1 year board positions from 2 year. Parsons seconds.

Motion 2 – Parson moves to amend bylaws to allow 4 consecutive term limits instead of 2, Parcher seconds.

Both motions approved unanimously.

Other recruitment ideas – Dittman suggested we have a PTO night for parents, Open House, possibly a New Seasons event, more opportunities to give PTO information to parents.

5. Will change emails from positions to names so we don't need to change when positions change. May be easier for parents to contact individual board members they know.

Treasurer Report (Towner):

1. Do not have money budgeted for playground equipment (\$277) already spent. Towner proposed to move \$300, will be a little extra for other items, playground has also requested coloring books. 3rd graders are not going on a field trip so extra money in that particular budget line item.

Parcher moved to move \$300 from fields trips line item to playground equipment, Towner seconds. Approved unanimously.

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Principal Report (Beggs):

1. Up to 496 kids, new kids have started at Riverview.
2. Learning about testing that aligns with Common Core, having a presentation to inform the parents, testing for 3-5 graders starting in 2 weeks. Staff will do another informational meeting next year for parents with younger children. Beggs believes assessment is positive, well aligned with what is happening in classrooms and Common Core.

Volunteer Coordinator (Parsons):

1. Skate Night – made \$109, a lot of new people, check should be coming soon.
2. Reptile Man – scheduled, Cox will distribute fliers, March 19th from 6:00 – 8:00. Beggs will ensure a teacher point person will be available since she cannot attend, community event open to everyone, no cost.
3. Teacher Appreciation – Amanda Simonelli helped put the agenda together, needs help with treats, food, coffee, etc. and setting up.
4. Carnival – will have a petting zoo, sponsored by 4H and extension service, will have 4H parents supervising, will have PTO volunteers as well. SW Washington Gold Prospectors will be present giving information and vials of gold to the children, will try to do it outside but will have room in the gym if necessary. Have a volunteer doing backdrops, have volunteers making a golf game, car game. Have people donating western decorations. Parsons will send out a Save the Date for Carnival and Auction, and then send out Volunteer Sign Up. Parsons looking into a McDonalds for donations for burgers. Clint Fassold is donating the generators. Towner looking into whether church can lend barbeque. Parsons has all of the games/inflatables reserved. Cake walk will be in portable. Towner ordered tickets for food. Will purchase wristbands, Dittman will look into wristbands as well. Parsons will attend staff meeting March 11 to talk to teachers about volunteering.

Fundraiser Report (Cox):

1. Burgerville check – Cox found out it is still at Burgerville, will pick up.
2. Silent Auction – will do some set up changes, will work on getting crowd more involved with live auction, items coming in, Cox still soliciting donations.

New Business:

1. Dittman – wanted to make sure we were satisfied with company for Spirit Wear. Would like to get something new in place this spring if we want to change anything. Feedback has been fairly positive. Cox asked if there were any companies that we may give us more back, only get \$1 per shirt back. Parsons brought up that Hanes sometimes gives non-profit deals so maybe we can get a bigger difference.
2. Beggs will announce box tops winners tomorrow.
3. Beggs announced March 28th is Foundation Gala at the Hilton.

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Announcements:

SBAC Information Night – March 5, 6-7 pm

Reptile Man – March 19, 6-8 pm

Spring Book Fair – March 25-27

Donuts with Dad – March 27

RPTO Meeting – March 30

Carnival and Silent Auction – April 24, 5:30-8 pm

Math Night Fractions – April 30

Adjourned at 8:07 p.m.