

**Meeting Minutes
Riverview PTO
September 8, 2014
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 (Member at Large)
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Visiting:

Kari Hill (parent)
Janet Hamilton (teacher)

Called to Order: 6:47 p.m.

Janet Hamilton:

- asking for funding for ELL reading sets (teacher request), very short on appropriate books at this time
- Parsons suggested asking Foundation for a grant as well, Parsons will help look into, Speigle also had suggestions for other ways to secure the book sets

June Minutes: Speigle moved to approve June minutes, Parcher seconded, approved unanimously.

President's Report (Towner):

1. Parcher moves to appoint Cox as Fundraising Coordinator, Speigle seconded, approved unanimously.
2. Box tops competition under way, Towner found a set of books for the winning classroom, separate competition for Kindergarten.

Treasurer Report (Towner):

1. Budget Proposal – reviewed by board
2. Speigle moved to approve 2014-2015 budget, Parcher seconds.
Discussion:
 - a. may still do SCRIP if we get a leader, maybe Christmas only
 - b. Cox suggested we do some more publicity for Fred Meyer rewards, Speigle suggested do more slips from Fred Meyer, access on website, etc., maybe help people sign up?
 - c. Parsons questioned why we're not doing auction at same amount, agreed that it would be a safety cushion, Cox will work on auctioneer for auction
 - d. voting/discussion on Income separate from ExpensesModified motion of approval of 2014-2015 Income Budget approved unanimously.
3. Parsons moved to accept 2014-2015 Expense Budget, Cox seconded.
Discussion:
 - a. Towner explained to hold back on approving expenses that we do not yet have money to cover, use reserves and money as it comes in. We may revise in spring and approve more expenditures. This keeps us from going into the negative and having to do last minute fundraising to cover previously approved items.
 - b. Questions to Beggs about club funding, short 1 club last year (12 total). District funds 9, PTO has been covering 4. Beggs will provide PTO a list of all clubs.

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- c. Reduced Hospitality, \$400 covers teacher appreciation week and 2 dinners, still want to do consistent things for teachers, Cox suggested we get more donations
- d. Peaceful Playground – no need to paint this year
- e. \$400 for Safety Patrol field trip, covered bus, hot chocolate, and sub
- f. Suggested that we keep \$1,000 miscellaneous, things such as folders have come out historically
- g. Put field trips together, reduced, need to encourage teachers to ask students to supplement, buffer for 3rd grade, 5th grade didn't do 2nd field trip last year
- h. Specialists - \$500 each for PE, Music, Art Discovery
- i. \$100 per classroom, budgeting didn't go as well as hoped last year
- j. Add, pull from other areas, \$ for playground equipment?
- k. Chess scholarships will sit in a savings account until depleted
- l. Speigle wanted to make sure we had enough for publicity budgeted
- m. Discussion regarding no teacher requests, just \$100 budget
- n. Tutors – bumped up to \$7,500 last year, didn't add a tutor but added a longer period of time
2014-2015 Expense Budget approved unanimously.

Principal Report (Beggs):

- 1. Shared examples of handouts from other schools for SCRIP, volunteering, etc.
- 2. All computers are gone right now, had the choice of same amount back or less Chrome Books, are getting 90 Chrome Books in November, testing is online now so this will be helpful, ask Mrs. Essex about printing
- 3. New technology director for district, Derek Brown, goal is 1 to 1 technology by 2017, he's been to school
- 4. Julie Brandt is new teacher, great credentials, 3rd grade, Mrs. Muharab is now at 4th grade
- 5. 2nd and 4th grade classes are both over by one student, by contract have to remedy, will be doing a split, Beggs will be working on this immediately
- 6. All principals in the district are reading "Teaching With Poverty in Mind," strategies for working with all kinds of children

New Business:

- 1. Parsons – asking all of us to get volunteer contacts, information, groups they are using, etc. so she can update her database, sending out "2 Hour Pledge" sign up
- 2. Parsons asking if we need to add Field Day as a PTO event, Beggs will confirm Mrs. Wubana still organizing

Announcements

Math Nights September 11, 6-8 pm

Payback sales September 5-19

Picture Day September 23, no PTO group shot, badge pictures

Curriculum Nights September 23 (K-2), September 25 (3-5)

Skate Night September 29, 6-8 Golden Skate, \$6 (adding 1 more night)

Move-A-Thon October 16, 9 am – 3:35 pm

Parent conferences October 21, 24, 25

Scholastic Book Fair October 20-24

Adjourned at 8:26 p.m.