



Riveredge School PTO
September 14, 2020 General Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Location: Monday, September 14, 2020, at 6 p.m. via Google Meet.

Attendance: Sarah Neumann, Amy Pollard, Laura Wollersheim, Greta Malek, Courtney Finn, Ami Rosengren, Pete Christy, Chrissy Knoske, Courtney Baalke, Angela Berend, Sarah Fortney, Vanessa Goll, Andrea Rainka, Anna Suhr, and Karen Parker. There were 15 listed people in attendance. There may have been more people who did not sign in under the chat box or have names listed on their google meet account.

- I. Meeting called to order by** Amy Pollard, president, at 6:00 p.m.
 - a. Greetings
- II. Introductions**
 - a. PTO Officers
 - b. Guests
- III. Review of 2019-2020 School Year Accomplishment**
 - a. Bylaws written, 501(c)3 in progress
 - b. PTO organized parent volunteers for drop off, building of ramp, building of outhouse, and more.
 - c. Committees formed:
 - i. Fundraising:
 1. Volunteer for RNC: \$465
 2. Gear Sale: \$697
 3. Birdhouse Sale: \$180
 4. Yearbook Sale: \$186
 - ii. Activities:
 1. Winter Fun Event
 2. Gear table at parent teacher conference
 3. Spring fun planned, however changed due to covid
 - iii. Staff Appreciation:
 1. Meals provided to staff during parent teacher conferences
 2. Video montage of kids thanking teachers during teacher appreciation week
 3. Staff birthday gifts, decorations, signs, etc
 4. Staff favorite sheets provided to families
- IV. Review of 2020-2021 School Year Accomplishments (to date)**
 - a. PTO organized parent volunteers for painting at ROLES, moving furniture and helping teachers set up, set up hammock library, helped provide input on drop off/pick up procedures, purchased "smile" masks for teachers, and help during drop off.
 - b. PTO helped financially support Bloomz and implemented as a communication tool.
 - c. Committees:
 - i. Fundraising:
 1. Gear Sale in process
 2. Volunteered for Farm to table event at RNC to earn money

- ii. Activities:
 1. Brainstorming covid friendly connections
- iii. Staff Appreciation:
 1. Provided staff with goodies (lattes, cookies, bananas)
 2. Currently compiling staff favorites sheets and will release to families once they are complete

V. Current PTO Need:

- a. Recording Secretary
- b. Committee Co-chairs:
 - i. Fundraising (1)
 - ii. Staff Appreciation (1)

VI. Brainstorming for 2020-2021 School Year Support

- a. Fundraising:
 - i. Message Rock: Large boulders at pick up area painted black. Parents to rent out weekly and paint special messages (such as birthday, teacher appreciation, school support, etc). Could have a sign up calendar for reserving it and PTO could fund the paint and brushes.
 1. Funds from rock: Possibly for birthday books. For each birthday month, birthday students could pick a book from scholastic to donate to their classroom library (PTO funded). This would support teachers and celebrate students, along with filling gaps in classroom libraries.
 - ii. Square One Art: Company that sends materials for students to create a piece of art. Students would create this picture in class then send back to company. Students would then receive a free sticker sheet with their art on it, and an order form for parents to order Christmas gifts made with their students art (mugs, magnets, ornaments, bags, etc). A percentage of funds would go to PTO funds.
 1. Funds from Square One Art: Possibly used for extracurricular enrichment that is lacking at ROLES: art class, team gym sports, music.
- b. Activities:
 - i. Please reach out with ideas for activities community building during covid.
 - ii. Celebration for birthdays:
 1. Contact specific teacher for information
 2. Possibly book donation tradition (as funded from above fundraiser)
 3. Frog Mascot
 - a. Mascot to raise school spirit
 - b. Kids could vote on frog names (Community builder)
 - c. Frog could come for kids birthday celebration (Celebrates students)
 - iii. Activities Committee to:
 1. Figure out school contest for frog mascot name
 2. Contact Mike Mullen to inform and get approval of frog mascot
- c. Teacher Appreciation
 - i. Build classroom libraries in the above stated options

- ii. Inquire with teachers about a possible “wish list” for us to help purchase items they may need.

VII. Other Items:

- a. Laura Wollersheim voted in unanimously as volunteer coordinator officer.
- b. Please contact Sarah Neumann via gmail or Bloomz to be added to Committee Groups on Bloomz. This is where you will see the interaction, discussion, meetings times, etc for committees. You do not have to have an official position to join these groups and there are no commitments with joining.

VIII. Next Meeting: Monday, October 12, 2020 at 6pm via Google Meet.

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm.

Minutes compiled by Sarah Neumann