



**Riveredge School PTO**  
**April 12, 2021 General Meeting Minutes**

**Date, Time, and Location:** Monday, April 12, 2021, at 6 p.m. via Google Meet.

**Attendance:** Sarah Neumann, Dan Neumann, Laura Wollersheim, Rick Wollersheim, Greta Malek, Paul Malek, Sarah Fortney, Brian Fortney, Amy Pollard, Chrissy Knoske, Keith Knoske, Andrea Rainka, Vanessa Goll, Cindy Raimer, Elizabeth Clark, Ami Rosengren

- I. Greetings – 6:00pm**
- II. Approval of last month’s minutes - 6:08pm**
- III. Treasurer’s report - Sarah Fortney - 6:09pm**
  - a. Current funds: \$4,533.27 in bank
  - b. 2021-2022 Budget In Progress
- IV. Fundraising Committee - Sarah Neumann - 6:10pm**
  - a. Recent Sale: Complete. No numbers or products yet. Will update when available.
  - b. Spring/Summer Fundraising Ideas
    - i. Firehouse Subs Restaurant (Grafton and West Bend): July
- V. Volunteer Opportunities - Laura Wollersheim - 6:15pm**
  - a. Thank you to morning drop off volunteers and egg hunt volunteers
  - b. Earth Week: 4/22 Earth Day. Planting oak thickets
    - i. 4 volunteers per classroom: Will send sign up
  - c. Yurt Village Picnic Table Set up:
    - i. Will be assembling picnic tables. Date to be determined. Will send more info.
  - d. End of Year Whole School Clean Up:
    - i. Need to help staff move large objects and help clean so ready for RNC programs.
  - e. Grant Writing Help Needed:
    - i. Contact Mike or Laura
  - f. Kiln and Kiosk building:
    - i. Kiosk will be first (date to be determined, sometime in May)
    - ii. Kiln will be in the summer (date to be determined)
- VI. Community Enrichment - Laura Wollersheim – 6:23pm**
  - a. Snack Bins: Thank you for all donations.
    - i. K/1 needs water bottles, fruit/veggie pouches. 2nd grade needs water bottles.
  - b. Archery Club: (Post on Bloomz)
    - i. Fridays. There was one session, but you can still join in at future sessions. 2pm or 4pm. Contact Chrissy Knoske at [alaskaborn@icloud.com](mailto:alaskaborn@icloud.com).
  - c. Future Plans: Pending covid
    - i. Youth book exchange for fall/winter next year.
  - d. Character Award yard signs:
    - i. Way to recognize a student who has shown great character and kind
    - ii. Amy Pollard volunteered to start designing
    - iii. Character acrostic...caring, helpful, assertive, respectful, adventurous, considerate, thoughtful, energetic, responsible. At least one these traits can be found in all of our students!
    - iv. Make an award certificate to go with it for child to keep.
  - e. Kindergarten Round Up:

- i. Way to welcome new families and get to know them.
  - f. New and Returning Student Buddy System:
    - i. New students in the class can maybe buddied with a mentor to welcome them.
- VII. PTO Paperwork - Amy Pollard - 6:45pm**
  - a. Bylaw Update
    - i. Currently editing to allow it to read cleaner and be more understandable.
  - b. PTO Officer Positions for next year:
    - i. We are happy to have more diversity and new ideas and welcome new people!
    - ii. Currently (and voted in at meeting):
      1. President and VP role team: Greta Malek and Chrissy Knoske (voted in 6:48pm)
      2. Treasurer: Sarah Fortney (voted in 6:53pm)
      3. Com Sec: Sarah Neumann (voted in 6:54pm)
      4. Rec Sec: Amy Pollard (voted in 6:47pm)
      5. Vol Cor: Laura Wollersheim (for now)
- VIII. School Updates - Mike Mullen – 6:55pm**
  - a. Earth Week:
    - i. Matt Smith stated creating an oak thicket would help restore RNC oak population. Will use as a science project as well to watch growth.
  - b. Forward Exam:
    - i. Wrapping it up. Students, teachers, and paras are working hard and doing great.
    - ii. Method to compare all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders across the state.
  - c. 5th Grade:
    - i. Teacher position open
  - d. Events at RNC:
    - i. Small plates, big brews and wine walk. Check out their website for more info.
  - e. PTO Summit
    - i. Maybe in summer for planning next year
- IX. Staff Appreciation – Chrissy Knoske – 7:02pm**
  - a. Teacher appreciation Week: May 3-7. Ideas below.
    - i. Muffins Monday
    - ii. Treat Tuesday
    - iii. Wonderful Wednesday: photograph of each kid holding a sign with one word that makes a sentence and put pictures of all kids together to make sentence.
    - iv. Taco Thursday: Qdoba or Chipotle catered lunch
  - b. Administrative Day: April 21
  - c. Ms. O: Birthday April 21
  - d. Working on Special Classroom Project
    - i. This is the \$200 per teacher grant from PTO
    - ii. Currently making form for teachers to apply for grant
    - iii. Can use \$200 for donor choose project to have it doubled in donors choose
- X. New Business - Open Floor – 7:25pm**
- XI. Next Meeting**
  - a. Monday, May 10th, 2021 at 6:00pm virtually

**Meeting Adjourned** at 7:27pm.

Minutes compiled by Sarah Neumann