



The Riveredge School PTO
May 10, 2021 General Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Location: Monday, May 10, 2021, at 6 p.m. via Google Meet.

Attendance: Sarah Neumann, Ami Rosengren, Laura Wollersheim, Elizabeth Clark, Tricia Gruber, Brittne Dohl, Cindy Raimer, Greta Malek, Amy Pollard, Mike Mullen, Chrissy Knoske, Monica Skwierawski, Andrea Rainka, Jessica Koepsell, Lindsey Lew, Adrienne Barrett, and Mindy Schroeder

- I. Greetings – 6:03pm**
- II. Approval of last month’s minutes - 6:04pm**
- III. Treasurer’s report – Amy Pollard - 6:05pm**
 - a. Current funds: \$4,533.27 in bank
 - b. 2021-2022 Budget In Progress
- IV. Fundraising Committee - Sarah Neumann - 6:06pm**
 - a. Thank you for all the awesome support and purchases!
 - b. Sticker/Clings: Profit \$119.48
 - c. Gear: Profit \$534. Pick up with be at student pick up Tuesday, 5/11. With another pick up at a later day to accommodate quarantines, sick, etc.
 - d. Firehouse Subs Restaurant (Grafton and West Bend): Before June 30 to allow for wrapping up the income for next school year.
- V. Staff Appreciation – 6:10pm**
 - a. Form made for special classroom project (\$200 per teacher per year).
 - b. Chrissy handed out form to all teachers.
 - c. Mrs. Buser and Mrs. Raimer applied and approved.
 - d. Awaiting Ms. O, Mr. Sams, and Mrs. Popps. Mike will reach out to them.
- VI. Volunteer Opportunities - Laura Wollersheim - 6:13pm**
 - a. Thank you to morning drop off volunteers and earth week volunteers!
 - b. Yurt Village Picnic Table Set up:
 - i. Will be assembling picnic tables. Date to be determined. Will send more info. Mike said he can order 2-3 and will contact when ready to be built.
 - c. End of Year Whole School Clean Up:
 - i. Need to help staff move large objects and help clean so ready for RNC programs.
 - ii. June 5th, Saturday starting at 9:00am. Possibly Sunday depending on turnout.
 - iii. Riveredge has made places for all furniture, so won’t need trucks, trailers, or storage facilities. Will make moving easier and save money.
- VII. PTO Paperwork - Amy Pollard - 6:16pm**
 - a. Bylaw Update
 - i. Currently editing to allow it to read cleaner and be more understandable.
 - ii. One meeting remaining to read final draft.
 - b. PTO Officer Positions for Fall 2021:
 - i. Anyone can throw their name in the hat. We are happy to have more diversity and new ideas and welcome! Please spread the word! Reach out to Sarah Neumann if you are interested (roles.pto.secretary@gmail.com).
 - ii. Currently:
 1. President: Greta Malek
 2. VP: Sarah Fortney

3. Treasurer: Open
4. Communication Secretary: Sarah Neumann
5. Recording Secretary: Amy Pollard
6. Community Enrichment Chairs: Jessica Koespell, 1 position open
 - a. Volunteer Coordinator: Laura Wollersheim
7. Staff Appreciation Chairs: Brittanie Dohl, 1 position open
8. Fundraising Chairs: Greta Malek and Sarah Neumann

VIII. School Updates - Mike Mullen – 6:22pm

- a. 5th Grade:
 - i. Currently going through applications and preparing for interview process in middle of May. After that, will have finalist candidates do a walk through interview at Riveredge.
- b. Donors Choose:
 - i. Teachers submitted several projects to Donors Choose and have had many fulfilled. Kudos to Cindy for helping get the teachers
- c. Whole School Virtual Friday
 - i. This Friday, projects are invasive species.
 - ii. At school, will also discuss garlic mustard and work at eradicating and restoring Riveredge environment.
 - iii. Part of the project is also around songs and poems, writing, etc. Please send some cool projects to Mike as well.
- d. MAP testing:
 - i. Reading and Math has started. Results will be shared with parents and on year-end report card.
- e. ROLES Gear:
 - i. Great celebration of Riveredge and a great way to advertise.
 - ii. Best marketing this year has been word of mouth
- f. Shout Out Teacher Appreciation Week:
 - i. Was amazing. Teachers fed, given gifts, flowers, and amazingly supported and recognized. Thanks to staff and parents who made this week and entire year wonderful!

IX. Community Enrichment - Laura Wollersheim – 6:34pm

- a. Snack Bins: Needs water bottles and fruit pouches. Thank you for all donations!
- b. Future Plans: Pending covid
 - i. Youth book exchange for fall/winter next year.
 - ii. Birthday Table:
 1. Spirit Rock to earn money to have a monthly birthday table for birthdays for each month with popcorn, etc.
- c. Carpooling: Add to family directory option
 - i. Google Form to collect information for those interested in car pooling
 - ii. Lindsey Lew volunteered to set it up and Mike will then send to parents
 - iii. Mike will reach out to lawyer to see if we need a disclaimer or how to not have any risk.
 - iv. Or list of people and cities to connect instead of saying specifically for car pool
- d. Monthly Summer Playdates: At Riveredge or local park
 - i. A way to meet kids going into the same grade together.
 - ii. Mr. Mullen has done mid-summer read aloud and book exchange mid-summer in other schools.

- iii. Maybe also a large social gathering (hopefully including teachers) in August. Mike will look into that. Could also use as fundraiser if we have a food truck or dunk tank, etc.

X. New Business - Open Floor – 7:02pm

XI. Next Meeting – PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD ONLY

- a. Monday, June 14, 2021 at 6:00pm virtually

Meeting Adjourned at 7:04pm.

Minutes compiled by Sarah Neumann