



The Riveredge Outdoor Learning Elementary School Meeting Agenda

Mission: Riveredge Outdoor Learning Elementary School creates a hands-on learning environment where curriculum is brought to life and curiosity is fostered each and every day through time in our natural world.

Vision: Growing minds through nature!

Date and Time

Tuesday, November 23th, 2021 at 6:00PM CDT

Location

Virtual Meeting, Google Meets

Attendance: Brian Fortney, Amy Levash, Sarah Fortney, Cindy Raimer, Tera Rogers, Ami Rosengren, Korinne Haefel, Cate Tinker, Mike Mullen, Brynn Stadler, Sarah Neumann, Bridget Pankonin, Amy Pollard, Christina Knoske, Laura Wollersheim, Jessica Koepsell, Sara Christy, Pete Christy, Sarah Hackett

Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Brynn motioned to approve the Agenda as amended
 1. Facilities Committee says "Vote" should be "Info"
 - B. Bridget Seconds
 - C. Motion carries
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Bridget - Motioned
 - B. Korinne - Second
 - C. Motion Carried
- III. Administrator Renewal
 - A. Brynn - Motioned
 - B. Bridget - Seconded
 - C. Roll Call Vote
 1. Unanimously Approved
- IV. [Administrator's Report](#)
 - A. Brian asked for a more detailed report on attendance for the school with a break-out for Positive COVID cases.
 - B. Mike will investigate it further and ensure that it is legal to provide said information.
- V. Air Purifiers
 - A. Donors Choose through Nov 30th

- B. www.purpleair.com
- C. Putting an air purifier in each classroom will clean up the air, making up for the lack of ventilation. These particular systems have been shown to remove contagions like COVID.
 - 1. Total for all three units = \$1978.32
 - 2. If we get it done during the 50% matching from Donors Choose, we can get them for half that and get them in the room that much sooner.
 - 3. Most of ROLES indoor learning spaces rely on open windows and doors for ventilation and fresh air needs. As the weather cools, natural ventilation will create uncomfortable, frigid learning spaces that will hinder learning. Studies show that under-ventilated schools are associated with increased transmission of infection, asthma, headaches, nausea, weight gain, general irritation and cognitive impairment.
 - 4. Let's remove learning hinderances caused by poor indoor air quality and give our students the best indoor spaces we can. HEPA filters are more than 99.97% efficient at capturing particles of all sizes, including those that carry the COVID-19 virus. Using HEPA in-room air cleaners correctly is the most effective way to increase clean air delivery in schools.
 - 5.
 - 6.
 - 7.
 - 8. Benefits of Air-Filtration beyond COVID:
 - 9.
 - 10. Air cleaners can be used as supplemental filtration when outdoor air quality is poor or natural ventilation is not available.
 - 11. HEPA filtration is the most effective method at reducing particles like allergens in the air and can reduce respiratory symptoms like asthma.
 - 12. Continuous use of air cleaners is associated with respiratory and heart health benefits for both healthy and at-risk populations.
 - 13. More information:
<https://www.centerforgreenschools.org/get-facts-about-air-quality-schools>
 - 14. To accommodate the needs of the school and stay within DonorsChoose guidelines, 3 projects have been set up:
 - 15. <https://www.donorschoose.org/project/clean-air-for-optimal-learning/5994076/>
 - 16. <https://www.donorschoose.org/project/clean-air-for-optimal-learning-part-2/5994360/>
 - 17. <https://www.donorschoose.org/project/clean-air-for-optimal-learning-part-3/5994370/>
 - 18. Total project cost \$659.44
 - 19. For all three projects, it will be a total \$1978.32
 - 20. All Donations to live projects matched to 50% on November 30th for GivingTuesday. Donations need to be made between 7am EST November 30th and 3am EST December 1st, 2021.
- D. As a corollary to this conversation, Brian asked if we're getting \$20,000 worth out of the cleaning organization. Mike and Korinne would evaluate their services.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Committees
- B. Finance (financials emailed separately)
 - 1. Brynn Motioned to Approve October Financials

2. Cate Seconded
3. Motion Carried

- C. Facilities & Operations
- D. [Teaching and Learning](#)
- E. Executive Committee - No meeting this month
- F. PTO

VII. Public Comment

- A. Amy Pollard - PTO will cover the cost of one of the air purifier projects.
- B. Sarah Neumann - Reminder to the teachers to caution the kids about the thin ice.
- C. Sarah Neumann - Would also like a survey to parents about students transitioning from ROLES to traditional schools to find out what works and how it can be improved.

VIII. Governance Council Professional Development

- A. Sarah Hackett shackett@gmail.com WRRCS
- B. https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1S6NqETFwSO0zF46_YCI9rYIW6g4J8DaRi2DXF5BUME/edit#slide=id.g7ec78ce87e_0_0

IX. Closing Items

- A. Adjourn Meeting
 1. Brian - Motioned
 2. Korinne - Seconded
 3. Motion carried