

The Riveredge Outdoor Learning Elementary School Minutes

Date and Time

Tuesday, November 22nd, 2022 at 6pm

Attendance: Cindy Raimer, Brian Fortney, Amy Levash, Korinne Haeffel, Pete Christy, Tera Rogers, Kim Pemble, Nicole Blawat, Katie (Luca) Tredo, John Rakowski, Chris Petersen

Absent: Todd Bugnacki, Catherine Hubbard, Adam Eader, Lauren Jach-Smith

Agenda

- I. Opening Items
 - A. Call the Meeting to Order
 - B. Record Attendance
 - C. Approval of Agenda
 - 1. Motion: Brian
 - 2. Second: Pete
 - 3. Motion Carries
 - D. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. October 2022 Minutes
 - 2. Closed Session Minutes
 - 3. Motion: Tera
 - 4. Second: Brian
 - Motion Carries
- II. 2nd Grade Curriculum Highlight
 - A. Popsicle Coolers
 - B. Nicole Blawat, Second Grade Teacher, presented on a project the students participated in recently.
- III. Laura Smith Resignation
 - A. Motion: Korinne
 - B. Second: Tera
 - C. Motion Carries
- IV. Vice President Position
 - A. Korinne is still interested.
 - B. Pete would like to withdraw from consideration.
 - Vote
 - a) Motion: Pete
 - b) Second: Brian
 - c) Motion carries Unanimous

d) Now we can get the executive committee up and running again!

V. Policy Update

- A. Social Media Policy
 - 1. 1st Reading
 - 2. Korinne requested permission to put out information about moving forward posting items regarding fund-raising (Giving Tuesday).
 - 3. Tera and Amy explained the intention of the policy and agreed to permit Korinne to make posts regarding the Giving Tuesday Campaign provided the students pictured in the promotional photos haven't opted out of being photographed.

VI. ROLES Foundation

- A. Minutes
- B. Giving Tuesday coming up.
- C. Need to share within our networks to get as much community participation as we can.
- D. Korinne has a series of posts with nature tag-lines that are going to go out during the push.
- E. Adam, Catherine and Todd are working on a longer-term fundraising drive.

VII. 4K Update

- A. John Rakowski updated the GC regarding the Riveredge Director's meeting on the 9th. A vote was taken to not approve an on-sight 4k program due to space limitations. Riveredge has commitments to several other programs and find themselves in a problem position right now with respect to space.
- B. Tera had a question: She noted that the West Bend 4k was supposedly discontinuing their partnership which should allow ROLES to have a 4k.
 - 1. John said that that is not the case.
- Korinne asked if these concerns would be alleviated with the completion of the education center.
 - 1. John said that the space is too limited.
 - 2. With respect to the new building, there are still some significant fundraising efforts that need to be resolved.
- D. Korinne expressed some concerns that John is not yet in a position to talk about adding to the ROLES programming.
- E. Amy expressed some disappointment that Cindy has already been doing a significant amount of work on this and maintained communication with the Riveredge Staff, so this vote was a bit of a surprise.
- F. Cindy added that she didn't intend to portray that the RNC had never agreed to support a 4k program. Also the state has not yet opened a grant competition for 4k.
- G. Kim wanted to add that in addition to the building and classroom space, a lot of time has been spent outdoors and those activities have an impact on the grounds.
- H. Tera asked John if this was a unanimous vote by the committee to not host a 4k.
- I. Tera asked Kim about the impact on the land, she pointed out that it is written in our contract that ROLES cannot exceed a certain number and wanted to know what the number of students/staff that could be supported on the land, as we have historically maintained a lesser number than what the contract stipulates.
- Korinne wanted to clarify that the growth and revenue of a school depends on the ability to add capacity and grow the school.
- K. Korinne requested any anticipated questions or specific details up front so that she could address the concerns at the December 1st RNC meeting.

VIII. Administrator Report

A. Admin Report

IX. Committee Reports

- A. Finance
 - 1. October Financials (emailed separately)
 - 2. Motion: Brian
 - 3. Second: Pete
 - Discussion: Cindy pointed out that there is still one budget line that needs to be corrected, but it will be sorted.
 - 5. The approval will be based on the second budget with the noted exception above.
 - 6. Motion carries.
- B. Facilities & Operations
 - 1. November Minutes
- C. Executive
 - No Minutes
- D. PTO
 - 1. November Minutes No minutes provided.
- X. Public Comment
 - A. Public Comment None
- XI. Closing Items
 - A. Adjourn Meeting
 - 1. Motion: Tera
 - 2. Second: Korinne
 - 3. Unanimous

Committee Meetings:

- -Facilities Committee- 3rd Wednesday of every month 4-5pm
- -Executive Committee- 3rd Thursday of month at 7pm

2022-2023 Governance Council Meeting Dates

- -TUESDAY, December 20th at 6pm (DATE CHANGE), VIRTUAL
- -January 26th, 2023 at 6pm
- -February 23rd, 2023 at 6pm
- -March 23rd, 2023 at 6pm
- -April 27th, 2023 at 6pm
- -May 25th, 2023 at 6pm
- -June 22nd, 2023 at 6pm