

# PTA MEETING MINUTES

Riverview Elementary School

October 6, 2020 7:00 PM | Meeting called to order by Katrina Reitz

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## In Attendance

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2020-2021 PTA Riverview Board Members: Katrina Reitz (President), Antoinette East-Jenkins (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President), Joy Newingham (Secretary), Ann Bemer (Treasurer), Wendy Combs (Historian), Susie Steinhauer (Council Delegate)

2020-2021 PTA Council Board Representative: Jill Garst (President)

PTA Members: Susan Biskopski, Toni DiNardo, Kelly Kanoza

School Representative(s): Megan Postak

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## Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance

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Attendees welcomed to meeting and led through Pledge of Allegiance by Katrina Reitz.

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## Approval of Minutes

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Attendees were given opportunity to read meeting minutes from last month's meeting via link at [www.TeamRiverviewPTA.com](http://www.TeamRiverviewPTA.com). A motion to approve the minutes was made by Susie Steinhauer and seconded by Susan Biskopski. All present voted in favor of approving minutes.

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## Board

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Susan Biskopski was nominated as the new Parliamentarian for the 2020-2021 school year. A motion to elect Susan was made by Susie Steinhauer and seconded by Toni DiNardo. All present voted in favor, and Susan was confirmed as the new Parliamentarian.

Formal Induction of 2020-2021 Riverview PTA Board by Jill Garst, PTA Council President.

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## Open Positions

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There are a number of opportunities remaining for the 2020-2021 school year. Openings include:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, in charge of social programs
- Holiday Shop Chairperson (this event still TBD)
- Box Tops for Education
- Acme Community Cash Back
- Marco's Pizza Night

Toni DiNardo expressed an interest in becoming the program coordinator for Box Tops. Attendees were instructed to contact Katrina Reitz if they were interested in any other positions.

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## Treasurer's Report

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The Treasurer's Report for September 2020 was read by Ann Bemer, Treasurer. A motion was made to approve the report by Susie Steinhauer and seconded by Joy Newingham. All present voted in favor of approving the report.

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## Principal's Report

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Megan Postak, RV Kindergarten teacher, was present to represent the school for the Principal's Report. She thanked the PTA for providing face mask lanyards for all the students and staff. She advised that school was off to a great start and that the staff remained very impressed with the student's adherence to mask wearing and social distancing policies. She asked that all parents try to remain positive when posting on social media and acknowledged that the posts so far from RV parents had been mostly positive.

### New Business/Updates

- Halloween Celebrations – the Building Leaders Team is working on plans to have an in-house celebration that follows all safety and health guidelines.
- Teachers are working on a slideshow to share with Gold students to make them feel included at school

The school staff is still working on ways to include Gold students in celebration plans. A recommendation was also made that Mrs. Kosmach attempt to reach out to Gold students, either by dropping into morning meetings in person or by recording a video that could be shared on Google classroom as Gold students mostly have teachers from other buildings and are feeling very disconnected from Riverview. Megan advised these suggestions would be shared with Mrs. Kosmach.

A request was made for the PTA to create an email highlighting PTA happenings each month to be shared with Riverview teachers and staff. Joy Newingham volunteered to take on this duty. Megan Postak agreed to forward the email out to all teachers.

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## Fundraisers

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- Upcoming Fundraisers include:
  - Virtual Bulldog Dash (10/12 to 10/23)- suggestions taken into consideration include creating a padlet/flipgrid link to help students stay connected during fundraiser, a yearbook photo link so that families could easily share pictures of participants. Prizes this year will include gift cards in the following: \$250 (first place), \$125 (second place), \$75 (third place) & \$25 to top fundraiser in each class.
  - Spiritwear Fundraiser will run in December. Items available will include t-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, masks and lanyards with Stow, Riverview or Stow Strong logos.
- Food fundraiser update: Marco's pizza night did not have much support last month. Working on digital flyers that can be emailed out to families in advance. Next Marco's night was communicated as 10/15 (POST MEETING CORRECTION: The correct date is 10/8.)

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## Council News

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- Council Delegate Report:
  - Council documents available on MemberHub
  - Reminder to complete 990 Registration with the state for tax purposes
  - PDF available for units on "How to Run a Virtual Meeting"

- Reflections Program will take place virtually this year. Any submissions that move on to the State level will require a physical submission.
- Helping Hands & Put the “T” in PTA programs will also be virtual this year
- Council audit is still pending
- Opening on the Council By-laws Committee
- Rubber Ducks refunds have still not been processed, Council is following up on this item
- Sharing of PTA Virtual Ideas: online family cooking session, online Trivia nights, virtual scavenger hunts, Zoom “masked reader” book reading geared towards classrooms
- Suggestion that all Treasurers have dedicated email
- Planning unit Treasurer meeting as well as other officers

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## Old Business Recap

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- Face mask lanyards have been distributed to all students & staff – anyone who needs one should contact Ann Bemer.
- 2019-2020 yearbooks have been distributed to all students who ordered one, including Gold students, Lakeview students and students who have moved. Thanks to April Miller for her assistance sorting and distributing. Anyone who did not receive their yearbook should contact Joy Newingham.
- Membership Drive Update: currently have 47 members, will rollout a contest to reward class with the most memberships by 10/31. Megan Postak asked to have membership link to distribute to teachers. Joy Newingham agreed to email to her.
- Scholastic Dollars Update - \$571.74 in expiring scholastic dollars was spent for books for Mrs. Castrigano’s classroom

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## New Business/Upcoming Events

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- Virtual Bulldog Dash – 10/12 to 10/23 – Committee Chair: Antoinette East-Jenkins
- Spiritwear Sale – December – Committee Chair: Antoinette East-Jenkins
- Reflections – 2020 Theme is “I matter because...” – Committee Chair: Jen Gregg
- COSI & PAWS Assemblies on hold due to pandemic, will re-evaluate in the Spring and look into virtual options as alternatives. Katrina Reitz to request refund on COSI deposit.
- Birthday Book Cart – motion made by Susie Steinhauer to approve using books purchases at the end of last year & in storage at the school to proceed with a Birthday book cart, seconded by Joy Newingham. All present voted in favor. Will be retro-active to include all students with birthdays since the first day of school. Committee Chair: Katrina Reitz
- Parent Feedback Opportunity with Ohio PTA to be emailed out to teachers and posted to FB, Remind & PTA website
- Virtual Holiday Shop TBD – dates will need to be in early November if we proceed, will need a chairperson as well if we proceed. Even though Holiday Shop is not and has never been a fundraiser (no profit is made by PTA), concern that there are too many requests going out to families asking them to spend money. Survey to be sent out to parents to gauge interest in having this event.

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## Next Meeting

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November 3, 2020, Zoom