

PTA MEETING MINUTES

Riverview Elementary School

March 2, 2021 at 7:00 PM | Meeting called to order by Antoinette East-Jenkins

In Attendance

2020-2021 PTA Riverview Board Members: Antoinette East-Jenkins (President), Joy Newingham (Secretary), Ann Bemer (Treasurer), Susan Biskopski (Parliamentarian), Susie Steinhauer (Council Delegate)

PTA Members/Other Attendees: Kelly Kanoza, Toni DiNardo, Jeana Favaro, Emily Gentithes, April Miller, Lauren O'Brien, Jim Lewis

School Representative(s): Traci Kosmach, Megan Postak, Kim Nixon

Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees welcomed to meeting and led through Pledge of Allegiance by Antoinette East-Jenkins.

Approval of Minutes

Attendees were given opportunity to read meeting minutes from last month's meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Susie Steinhauer and seconded by Toni DiNardo. All present voted in favor of approving minutes.

Board

Presentation of proposed slate for 2021-2022 PTA Board

- President – Open
- 1st VP – Emily Gentithes
- 2nd VP – Open
- Treasurer – Ann Bemer
- Secretary – Joy Newingham
- Historian – Susie Steinhauer
- Parliamentarian – Jeanna Favaro
- Council Delegate – Lauren O'Brien

Discussion about the necessity of finding a nominee for President as the Ohio PTA will not recognize our unit without a President in place. Kim Nixon stated she would like to nominate Megan Postak for PTA President. Megan advised she would accept the nomination unless another parent expressed interest. Members had further discussion about whether or not it would be a conflict of interest for a teacher to be the PTA President. Megan advised that she had checked with the PTA Council President, Jill Garst, and it was determined that it would not be a conflict of interest and that it has happened at other schools. (**It should be noted that per our PTA bylaws, nominations from the floor can only occur 30 days after the presentation of the proposed slate. Therefore, it was premature for anyone to be nominated from the floor during the March meeting. All PTA members in attendance at this meeting received a subsequent email advising of these guidelines and encouraging anyone wishing to nominate themselves or others from the floor for any Board positions to do so at the next meeting in April.*)

Anyone with questions or an interest in joining next year's PTA Board should email TeamRiverviewPTA@gmail.com or reach out to any current board member for more information.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for February 2021 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.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Kosmach thanked the following people for their efforts over the past month:

- PTA for donating the Valentine craft for all the students
- April Miller, Megan Postak, Mrs. Klush, Mrs. Moyer and Mrs. Engelmann for their assistance with Snuggle Up & Read
- Susan Biskopski for her help getting the PTA mailbox installed & keys out to school office

Discussion about whether or not Parents/Volunteers will be allowed in the building at any time in the near future. Mrs. Kosmach advised that anyone wanting to hold a meeting in the building should contact the business office to see if they are currently scheduling meetings and what dates are available.

- It is still undetermined as to whether or not any gathering/ceremonies will be permitted for the 4th Grade celebration or Kindergarten Graduation.
 - The school district continues to evaluate Covid case numbers and spread & these items will have to be re-evaluated at a later date.
 - The school has not been advised whether or not any Gold students will be moving to Maroon in-person instruction at this time. Those details will be determined at a later date.
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Teacher's Report

Teacher Representatives Kim Nixon & Megan Postak shared the following:

- Student Council is collecting microwaveable mac & cheese and noodles through 3/10. If the collection box is filled, Mrs. Kosmach will wear a costume to school on designated date.
 - MAP testing will be going on the next 2 weeks
 - Spring break is coming up soon!
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Fundraisers

- Fundraiser Updates:
 - Spirit wear Fundraiser – did not do exceptionally well, but that was to be expected this year. Pick-up dates have been pushed out due to extension of sale. Young's will be sending direct emails to anyone who made a purchase regarding pick up dates/times.
- Food fundraiser update:
 - Marco's Pizza Night is Thursday, March 11th. Look for digital flyers to come home.
 - Additionally, this month Marco's will run their special fundraiser on the 29th, 30th & 31st – they will be paying schools for each like their page receives. More details coming home soon!
- Box Tops Update (Toni DiNardo) – no update at this time.
- Acme Community Cashback update – program is done for the year (runs August -December).
- Amazon Smile – YTD earnings \$54.54

Council News

- Council Delegate Report:
 - Council is looking for Officers to join their 2021-2022 Board.

Old Business Recap

- Jim Basketball Jones short video links being sent out via email – first one went out this week. Announcement about winners of basketball & Jim Jones interview contest to be announced soon.

New Business/Upcoming Events

- Snuggle Up & Read event will be Friday, March 5th
 - Event website will be created – link will be sent out via Google Classroom for Maroon & email for Gold.
 - Mrs. Postak to read live during event. Pre-recorded pages to include: RV Teachers & Staff, Mayor of Munroe Falls, Mayor of Stow, Cleveland Browns, Former Fourth Graders, Stow Cheer, PTA & Mrs. Herczegh.
 - Riverview Bulldogs drawstring bags have been stuffed with a goodie bag (cocoa, microwave popcorn, bookmark) and a new Scholastic book – will go home with Maroon students on Thursday, March 4th, and will be available for Gold pick-up day on Wednesday, March 3.
- Book Fair (April Miller – Chairperson) – books have arrived at the school in cases for in-person “touchless” browsing which will take place the week of March 8th. Flyers went home in Snuggle bags and FB posts will go out at various intervals next week. All shopping can be done through e-wallet or online – tax is included in price of book. Discussion about PTA donating \$5-\$10 Scholastic gift card to any student who was not able to get a book during book fair.
- Yearbook
 - Fourth grader quotes done & will be sent to Joy Newingham this week – “Where do you see yourself in 20 years?”
 - Mid-June is the Inter-State deadline for any pictures to be added/approved. Mrs. Kosmach has requested that pictures be uploaded to pages for school approval by end of May if possible.
- 4th Grade Send-Off
 - Antoinette East-Jenkins and Kim Nixon will work on getting signatures from the students for 4th Grade shirts.
 - PTA will be pricing out Yard Signs for all the 4th grader yards – last year they were \$448 dollars. Total budget for the celebration is \$750.
 - Party planning will be revisited closer to the end of the year as too many variables may change with Covid between now and then.
- Kindergarten Graduation
 - Current headcount for Maroon & Gold kindergarten students is 54.
 - PTA plans to provide tassels for the graduating Kindergarten students to commemorate this occasion for the kids.
 - Discussion about the possibility of having an in-person graduation ceremony if Covid variables allow – will revisit closer to end of the year.
 - Decision made to get cookies from Linda’s kitchen for the kids as we have done in years past.

Adjournment/Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is April 6, 2021, at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Voting on the 2021-2022 Board will take place at that time.