

PTA MEETING MINUTES

Riverview Elementary School

November 2, 2021 7:05 PM | Meeting called to order by Megan Postak

In Attendance

2021-2022 PTA Riverview Board Members: Megan Postak (President), Emily Gentithes (1st Vice President), Joy Newingham (2nd Vice President), Ann Bemer (Treasurer), Jeana Favaro (Secretary), Susie Steinhauer (Historian), Susan Biskopski (Parliamentarian), Lauren O'Brien (Council Delegate)

School Representative(s): Ryane Augustine and Jeannie Blackwell

Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees welcomed to the meeting and led through the Pledge of Allegiance by Megan Postak.

Approval of Minutes

Attendees were given the opportunity to read the October meeting minutes which were also sent out prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Emily Gentithes and seconded by Susan Biskopski. All present voted in favor of approving minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Ann Bemer reviewed highlights from the Treasurer's Reports for October (available to review on MemberHub). The donations for conference dinners brought in \$720 which is represented in the Other Income category. Megan asked if money that is left over could be used for the Teacher Appreciation fund; Ann advised yes but we will need to keep it as 'other'. Additional categories in the report noted by Ann were Memberships, Bulldog Dash income and Admin Expenses. A motion was made to approve the October report by Joy Newingham and seconded by April Miller. All present voted in favor of approving the report.

Balance on hand 10/1/21 = \$20,054.68 / Balance on hand 10/31/21 = \$37,857.36

Principal's Report

Not present, nothing to report.

Teacher's Report

Teacher representatives, Ryane Augustine and Jeanie Blackwell each provided an update:

Mrs. Augustine:

- Classroom Ambassadors ran well for Halloween parties from the teacher perspective. Good communication, parties ran smoothly and the kids had fun.
- There are no basketball hoops on the playground; the actual hoops were removed. Can the PTA assist with replacing the hoops? Discussion that it may likely be associated with early pandemic guidelines. Mrs. Augustine will follow up to learn more about why they were removed and where they are.

Mrs. Blackwell:

- Classroom Ambassadors went well, agree with Mrs. Augustine. Some classrooms didn't have enough volunteers but it was okay. Suggestion to start the parade earlier since there was not a lot of party time for most classrooms - this is a school decision.
- Thank you for the conference meals! There has been one already and it makes the long nights better.

Open Positions

There are a number of open chair positions remaining for the 2021-2022 school year:

- 3rd & 4th Grade Boys Outing
- Kindergarten Graduation (former Kinder parent)
- Membership Chair (for next year, not a big commitment)
- 4th Grade Party (4th grade parent)
- Family Fun N Stuff Night
- Grandparents Breakfast

Attendees were instructed to contact any board member if they were interested in any of the positions or volunteer opportunities. Thank you to April Miller for volunteering to chair the Family Fun Night.

Fundraisers

- Marco's Night - second Thursday of the month, the next Riverview night is 11/11. Placing orders online earns more points and points can be earned on any night of the week. Room 9, Mrs. Postak and Mrs. Moyer's class, won the pizza party for October. The fundraiser brought in \$130.92 last month.
- Chipotle Fundraiser - November 9th at the Kent Road location in Stow from 4-9pm, see flier
- Acme Receipts - reminder posted on facebook page today
- Amazon Smile - \$56 YTD but typically see it start coming in January
- Box Tops - no update provided

Council News

Council Meeting for October was cancelled, instead the delegates helped to run the School Board candidate night held on 10/19 at Kimpton. Lauren O'Brien will attend the next meeting in November.

Old Business Recap

- Membership Drive - Currently at 173 members, memberships are open all year and we hope to keep growing. Mrs. Engelmann's class had the most participation and won the pizza party. There were 3 classrooms that hit 100% participation and won a \$100 Scholastic shopping spree.
- School Project - Ann Bemer advised that we need to discuss this as a board further. Susie and Joy confirmed 2 years of Breakfast with Bunny proceeds were intended for the project funding (\$4,950). The funding is available in the bank account; the PTA ultimately needs to decide how much should be allocated with a membership vote to approve the amount.
- Scholastic Dollars - Joy reported we are carrying a large balance of \$9,671.46; she has spoken with our rep about some options on how to spend our dollars and she has some follow up questions. She will discuss with the board and present back to membership to vote on what we will do.

New Business/Upcoming Events

- Reflections - Reminder due date is 11/23, a flier went home with students.
- Yearbook - Joy Newingham confirmed the results of the survey were to distribute yearbooks at the end of the school year (per Emily survey said: 80% end of school vs 20% waiting until next school year). Joy advised the fliers are ready for spring and there is no extra fee for online ordering. Personalization can be offered for an additional \$1 for anyone interested. Price of yearbooks have been \$16 the past 2 years with any profit spent on extra yearbooks for the classrooms. It has been up to \$17 in the past. Joy suggested the PTA purchase a banner for the school to advertise yearbook orders; it can be reused each year and is on sale for \$50. Joy advised the yearbook budget is \$150 which should be sufficient keeping the \$16 price but she may propose to increase it at the next meeting. Ann Bemer motioned to approve the purchase of the banner, seconded by Susan Biskopski. All present voted in favor of purchasing the yearbook banner. Links to upload yearbook pictures will continue to be sent out throughout the year.
- Conference Night Dinners - Lauren O'Brien announced that the dinners which were entirely funded by monetary donations from parents this year. Thank you! Last night, the first night, was Zeppe's and Nothing Bundt Cakes dessert. Tomorrow night will be Giant Eagle deli trays with veggies and NBC dessert. The final night will be Panini's sliders, quesadillas and chips with NBC dessert.
- Holiday Shop - Last meeting the members voted on using the company Lil' Holiday Shoppe and the discussion on how to support students who cannot buy gifts this year was tabled along with how to use the gifts the PTA has on hand from previous years. Funding for students discussion continued; though the number of students and gifts needed is unknown - if each classroom (15) has 2 students that cannot shop; with an average of \$10 per kid to spend on in-household/immediate family = \$300. We will receive \$150 from the vendor for early sign up which will go towards this funding, we can use the items we have on hand and we can provide an option for parents to donate/gift \$ and/or round up all of which will offset any PTA cost for this purpose. Susan Biskopski motioned to approve moving \$200 from the grandparents breakfast since it is uncertain if the event will happen this year. Ann Bemer moved to discuss offline with the board and to approve at the next meeting.
- The Ohio Lottery - Megan shared information about Partners in Education programs: Academic All Stars and Teacher of the Month; she will send along the information.
- Schoolwide Assembly - Megan advised we are still waiting for assembly guidance from the district.
- 1st & 2nd Grade Movie Night - Megan asked for ideas or discussion from the floor, nothing discussed.
- Put the T in PTA and Helping Hands - Council delegate to lead these initiatives since they are associated with the council position and discussed at meetings. Lauren O'Brien accepted the position.

Adjournment/Next Meeting

Motion to end the meeting by Lauren O'Brien, seconded by Joy Newingham. Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm. Next meeting is December 7, 2021 and will be held via Zoom.

\$20 Pulp Gift Card Raffle Winner: Ashley Guilmette (all present members entered into drawing)