**PTA MEETING MINUTES**

Riverview Elementary School

*March 11, 2025 6:00* PM | *Meeting called to order by* Emily Gentithes

In Attendance

2024-2025 PTA Riverview Board Members in attendance: Emily Gentithes (President), Ashley Guilmette (1st Vice President), Kalee Cunningham (Treasurer), Megan Postak (Corresponding Secretary), Chelsea Reed (Secretary), Crystal McCann (Parliamentarian), Jill Bradisse (Historian)

PTA Member(s): Ryanne Augustine,Robert Alexander, Brittany Alexander, Amanda Trego, Beth Buss, Traci Kosmach, Mel Gabele, Toni DiNardo

Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees were welcomed and led through the Pledge of Allegiance by Emily Gentithes.

Presentation of Bike Program Proposal

Tyler Buckwalter (PE teacher at Highland) presented the All Kids Bike Program. They need two sets of bikes. They would rotate to each elementary school.

They need 24 bikes. Each bike kit costs $9,000 (12 bikes), plus they need 5 additional bikes. The total cost is $19,552. They only need $2000 to purchase bikes, and then $1,500 left to purchase the rest of the equipment needed. They will pilot the program this year and then in 2025, they will roll out to the other elementary schools. Each student will need to sign a liability form to participate.

Megan Postak made a motion to approve $975 and Crystal McCann 2nded.

Review of February’s Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes were presented for review by Emily Gentithes. Traci Kosmach made a motion to approve the minutes and Ashley Guilmette 2nded.

Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer’s Report was presented for review by Kalee Cunningham. We only had two items in February. The skating event was $397.50 and we made $62.70 from Chic-fil-a. Kalee is requesting that we add a line item to the budget that is for the monthly family event rather than just grouping it all in miscellaneous.

Chelsea reed made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report and Toni Dinardo 2nded.

Principal’s Report

Traci Kosmach presented the principal’s report. Snuggle up and read was great. Everyone loved the multicultural theme. She reposted all the links for the yearbook so everyone can upload their pictures.

Mac and cheese for bulldog bags will be picked up Thursday.

State testing happening in April. The PTA will provide granola bars for all the students taking these tests.

Kindergarten info night April 16th

Teacher’s Report

Mrs. Augustine presented the Teacher’s Report. She stated that Marco’s pizza night is this Thursday. The kids (3rd and 4th graders) have made their own pizza boxes which can be ordered on Thursday. Mini grants deadline coming soon. She sent out to all teachers as a reminder about the deadline.

They are currently in the middle of map testing.

Snuggle up and read was amazing. All the kids had a great time. We need to figure out a way to check everyone in more smoothly next year. There were many people waiting outside even through the first rotation. The book fair is going smoothly even though there aren’t many volunteers. The kids really appreciate it.

The PTA will provide granola bars for the students on the following dates:

Testing for 3rd starts 4/7 & 4/8 4/28& 4/29

Testing for 4th starts 4/10& 4/11 4/30& 4/31

2025-2026 Board member Elections-Presentation of 2025-2026 Board Slate

Crystal McCann presented the Board Slate

President-Emily Gentithes

Vice President (Fundraising)-Ashley Guillmette

Treasurer-Kalee Cunningham

Recording Secretary-Chelsea Reed

Corresponding Secretary-Megan Postak

Parliamentarian-Crystal McCann

Historian Jill Bradisse

Council Delegate-Lisa O’Donnell

There were no new nominations from the floor.

Fundraiser Updates

1. Marco’s Night-3rd and 4th grade made boxes for this Thursday, March 13th. We got $365.89 from last month from Marco’s. Mrs., Augustine’s class was the winning classroom.
2. Box Tops/Acme Receipts-Toni Dinardo gave an update on box tops and acme receipts. We have $130 in Acme receipts so far and 4th grade is currently in first place.
3. DQ Night-We had $500 in sales, and we get 30% of that amount. We should be getting a check for $150.
4. Chipotle February Fundraiser-Heather Tucker is setting up the Chipotle fundraiser for April. There is nothing to report yet.

Council News

Chelsea Reed provided an update from the council. The dues to council are going up from $500 to $575.

The banquet at Roses Run is 5/19 at 6pm.

We are getting t-shirts for all participants for Reflections.

Old Business Recap/Committee Reports:

1. Yearbook-Ashley Guilmette provided an update on the yearbook. We had a total of 189 yearbooks sold. 87 were bought by the PTA for the winners of the bulldog dash + 23 for teachers.

$1979 .65 is the total for the yearbook. The 4th grade teachers will need to have the kids submit their favorite memory by April 4th.

1. The February skating event was a success. We had a good turnout.
2. Snuggle up and Read-Crystal McCann provided an update on this event. It was a lot of fun and we had a great turn out. Presenters and kids had a great time. The kids loved trying the different breads. There were over 160 kids there. At 6:15 we were still checking people in. We need to have a better way to check people in that is more efficient. Maybe have more than 2 people checking in or two entrances? Also, so many parents were not prepared to stay. We need to communicate better that the parents are required to stay.
3. Book Fair Update-Jill Bradisse provided an update on the book fair. Everything is going well other than not having enough volunteers. There are still 7 books outstanding from Literati. They’ve sent books, but they have never been the correct ones. Jill also contacted Learned Owl for the fall. They only do books, not trinkets.

New Business/Committee Reports

1. Scholarship Committee-We have five people and a chair for the scholarship committee plus those that signed up tonight. Those volunteers were Brittany and Rob Alexander, Toni Dinardo, Mel Gable, and Megan Postak.
2. Family Glow Dance-April 5th- 5-7pm-Glow Dance Sat April 5 from 5-7 (gym probably won’t get dark). Caitlin booked the photo booth today and signed the contract for $400. We can get in the gym after 2:30. We can access the lobby at 12.
3. Staff Appreciation-May 5th-May 9th. Jill Bradisse provided an update. She thought the theme could be either a beach or vacation theme. She contacted the coffee truck for Monday, but hasn’t heard back yet. She also thought it might be a good idea to offer “room service.” The last day could be a travel supplies grab bag.
4. Incredible Kid Week (May 19th-23rd)-The Magic Theater will be coming May 22nd. Megan Postak will reach out and see if the Kona truck can come during the week.
5. May Family Event will be Fun n Stuff. Megan Swanson is planning this event. We do not have a date yet.
6. May Volunteer Appreciation-Emily Gentithes provided an update on this event. She would like to have a breakfast to thank the volunteers from throughout the year. We will provide donuts and coffee for parents or grandparents who volunteered throughout the year. We will also recognize those that won T in PTA and Helping hands. We can also have the kids write thank you cards. May Volunteer Appreciation date recommendations – 5/7 or 5/9 are open or 5/22 or 5/23. 8 am would be a good time to start. Just the PTA volunteers would be invited.
7. Art Show & Ice Cream Social-Dairy Queen still owes us dilly bars. We decided this would be good to use for the Art Show. We do not have a date yet.
8. Mini Grant Approval-The first was emailed to Kalee Cunningham and approved by Traci Kosmach. It is for Genie Castragano & Mr. Dustin Picasso for a tile set/play doh/hotwheels/ just some sensory items for their classrooms. Mrs. Augustine requested a mini grant for a raised garden bed for planting. It was $218.71 for materials. Crystal McCann motioned to approve and Emily Gentithes 2nded.

Questions/Suggestions

Adjournment/Next Meeting

Crystal McCan made a motion to adjourn and Traci Kosmach 2nded.