

PTP Minutes – March 2014
3/18/14

President Heather Azeltine brought the meeting to order and introductions were made. 8 parents were at the meeting, in addition to a special guest (Melissa Sauser, School Board Member).

Welcome/Introductions (Heather Azeltine):

Treasurer's Report (Cinda Lohmann):

- Pep Fest is not yet fully balanced out yet.
- Culver's money is not being spent by the teachers, but the goal is for them to use it during the year it was raised. More research needs to be completed to ensure it's not being coded incorrectly when the teacher places the request.
 - Gretchen will follow up with the teachers to remind them to use the funds.
 - Suggestion by parent: If the funds aren't used by year end, should it be rolled over to the Principal's account to use as she sees fit?
 - Suggestion by Heather: since teachers are so busy, maybe provide them a list of ideas of what they could do with the funds.
- Spirit Wear needs a better system to track inventory, sales, and deposits. We need to get a more accurate number for this current year to determine the starting budget for next year.
- \$25,913 is the current available funds. There is also \$9,247 that has been budgeted but not yet paid, but the concern is that many of those may be old items that have been carried over too long and should be removed. The actual available funds may be closer to \$30,000. Goal would be to get this account down to \$4000-\$5000 by the end of the year.
 - Potential projects – a classroom set of snow shoes (if the grant Mrs. Olson applied for is not approved), new furniture for the Media Center
 - The fall fundraiser was to go toward the Outdoor Learning Center, but no funds have been spent on it yet. Heather is to get an update on the project to determine what the plan is, what the budget needs are, when they are planning to be spent, etc. Expect an update at next month's meeting.
 - There was much discuss around what to do with the funds that PTP currently has available:
 - Parent suggestion: if we don't have funding needs, can we provide it to the other Farmington area schools that have more need and less funds that RVE?
 - Parent suggestion: can we do an event such as the Backpack Program to provide food for families in need? Heather will connect with Beth to see if there are needs and if she has ideas as to what to do with extra funds.
 - Parent suggestion: donate funds to Student Council and allow them use on their service projects

Funding Requests (Michelle Griffin):

- There are no funding requests this month from Staff.
- Heather Azeltine proposed that we use available funds for a fleece blanket project for Children's Hospital to be completed at the April PTP meeting: Up to \$400
 - Motion to approve: 1st - Jen Cole, 2nd - Angela Mafredas
 - Unanimous approval

Principal Report/Discussion Topics (Kim Grengs):

- Mrs. Grengs is out ill, so no update.

Staff Appreciation Committee (Heather Azeltine):

- Teacher Appreciation Week is in May (5-9th), but Heather would like to begin the planning now.
- The Volunteer Coordinator will send a request e-mail to the Volunteer list to see who is interested in helping and what ideas parents may have.
- Events in the past: breakfast on Monday, lunch on Friday, coffee on Wednesday morning, massage therapist for 2 days complimentary of Hadler Chiropractic (no longer in Farmington, though, so a suggestion presented was to see if there is a massage school that could provide students to do complimentary massages)

- Melissa Sauser (School Board) mentioned that the School Board will have one member assigned to each school to help during the week, so we'll want to recommend what we'd like that member to do to assist.

Pep Fest Report (Maryjane Cochnauer):

- Maryjane was not available for the meeting, but provided a summary:
 "Pep Fest 2014 was a great night for the families of Riverview Elementary!! From the bouncy houses, DJ, food, raffle, Quarters for Kenya, and Cub Scout food drive...it was a great success!! Plus we spread our "Choose Kind" theme by helping our community and beyond. A HUGE THANK YOU to all volunteers and families that helped make our night safe and successful. This year especially was so good for the kids to be able to run and play and "release" some energy from this bitter cold winter. Thank you again for everyone that contributed to Pep Fest this year."

Book Fair Report (Stefanie Carlson/Lindsay Hubred):

- Stefanie and Lindsay were not available for the meeting, but provided a summary:
 "The Spring Book Fair did very well, and, as usual, our volunteers were amazing (over 25 different volunteers to help pull off the luncheon and the staffing of the actual fair)!!! We made a little over \$11,000 with profits going to teachers for books and prizes, as well as making sure that the hot new titles got into the library. Looking at Scholastic records, they now show Riverview as having sold nearly \$80,000 worth of product (hopefully mostly books!), which they translate to putting almost 16,000 books in kids' hands! The next Book Fair will be the ever popular BOGO Fair in May (coinciding with Grand Day).

Volunteer Needs (Jen Cole):

- Staff Appreciation Week May 5-9th
- Two people for Friday's spring picture day. If you volunteer for the event you will receive a gift certificate for pictures.
- BOGO Book Fair in May

Questions/Comments:

- Thompson Reuters provides a donation to an organization that their employees volunteer at, as long as they volunteer at least 20 hours (may be \$500 for 20 hours & \$1,000 for 40 hours). They also pay their employees for up to 16 hours per year when they volunteer. Suggestion: determine if there are other companies that provide the same benefit and communicate at Open House to make sure parents are aware of it.
- April's PTP meeting will be position nominations for next year, so we'd like to have more parents attend. We'd also like to have new parents who will attend RVE in the fall due to the boundary changes attend. What can we do to get more attendance at that meeting?
 - Suggestion: what if each family brought supplies for fleece blankets and after the meeting we did a family activity with the kids to complete them? Or...PTP to purchase the supplies for 10-20 blankets and have available for the meeting to put together afterwards. Decision: PTP to fund materials for 20 blankets. Parents will be encouraged to donate more materials as well if they choose to and would like to make more. The Mafredas offered to deliver the blankets to Children's once they are completed.
 - Provide snacks
- Is there a better solution for next year for indoor recess? Neither having students on their iPads nor asking them to sit and be quiet in the pod area seems to be the best solution. Is there something that PTP can fund to assist?
- Parent suggestion: could kids make fleece blankets for Children's Hospital? Might be a great indoor recess activity or Community Building Day project. (Children's Hospital > Giving > Wish Lists)

Meeting was adjourned. **Next PTP meeting will be 4/15/14. Hope to see you then!**

Attachment:

PTP Financial Recap for 2013-2014 School Year