



## Riverview Elementary Parent Teacher Partnership

PTP Meeting  
Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Call to order: 6:30

### **Welcome and Introductions** – Jamie J & Marjane

- 29 attendees

### **PTP Project Teams**

- **PIE** – Heidi
  - Meets every Thursday from 9-11am
  - Do prep work for teachers – goal is to make teachers' life easier!
  - Everyone is welcome, you can come as little or as much as you are able.
    - Stop in one time a month or every Thursday
  - You can sign up on Sign Up Genius or just drop in when you are able
- **Free Money** – Jeff
  - Fundraiser for school that collects things like Box Tops and Milk Moola
  - Would like to create increased awareness that every family can help
  - Would like to set goals for fundraising this year & track revenue
  - Lots of ideas and opportunities to generate more revenue
    - Get kids involved and encourage them to be attentive to opportunities to collect
    - Suggestion made to have a classroom competition in the fall and spring and the top fundraising class in each grade gets a reward (e.g. Friday PJ Day)
    - Target reminders just prior to holiday weekends when families are traveling and might be able to collect from relatives
    - There is also a mobile app that parents can download
    - Additional suggestions to consider promoting sites like Shoparoo and Amazon Smile
- **Spirit Wear** – Amber/Jaime
  - Very successful open house sales
  - Spirit Wear store typically open during open houses, Family Fun Night, conferences, and a few other events
  - Next time open: 9/28 for pre-Homecoming sales
  - Choose Kind shirts are available in Spirit Wear store
- **Book Fair** – Jen
  - Book Fair in October (set up planned 10/10)
  - Will send out Sign Up Genius for volunteers
  - 3 Book Fairs each year (Fall, Spring, BOGO in May)
- **Volunteer Coordinator** – Lindsey/Jaime
  - Send any requests for Sign Up Genius to Lindsey and she will post them
  - Upcoming opportunities: Spirit Wear, Book Fair, conferences
  - Ongoing openings for PIE

This is a partnership between parents and staff who are dedicated to providing educational and social opportunities for our students. You, the RVE families, are the foundation for what the PTP is able to accomplish



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- New this year: link to Sign Up Genius for volunteer opportunities right on RVES PTP site
- Also have QR code that parents can use to access Sign Up Genius
- Decided to not send out e-blast to old volunteer list since many parents may no longer want to receive them or may have moved on to a new school
  - Recommendation to send e-blast to whole school with QR Code and link to Sign Up Genius and reminder that parents can access it anytime on the RVES PTP site
- Information coming soon on the 2017-2018 Student Directory, likely deadline toward the end of October
- Question about opting out rather than opting in to the Directory
  - Opting in needed to create a mechanism for parents to enter as much or little information as they want
- **Luncheon Coordinator** – Mary/Tani
  - Tani and Mary will partner together this year
  - Work to host a couple of teacher luncheons per year (usually Book Fair and Conferences) for staff appreciation
    - Hosted during days from 10:30-1:30 usually
  - Mary & Tani will partner with Lindsey to send out a Sign Up Genius and get donations for the luncheons
- **Tiger Pantry** – Christina/Tani
  - Michelle R. did a great job last year raising awareness and refreshing the Tiger Pantry
  - Typically do some grade level activities to collect donations for the Tiger Pantry
    - Could consider designating a grade each month or doing different themes
  - Donations are brought to local food shelf
  - Tani & Christina will meet to discuss further
  - Kim & Vicky will send old fliers to Christina for update and use for communication
- **Fall Fundraiser** – Gretchen (with Ellen & Matt from Boosterthon)
  - This has been a successful fundraiser in the past at North Train and PTP decided last year to try something different at RVES this year (previously did Chip Shoppe)
  - The Boosterthon Fun Run gets kids more involved and encourages physical activity
  - Focuses on character building and fitness
  - Kick off and Pep Rally for the kids planned for Tuesday, 10/24/17 during the school day at RVES
  - Culminates in the Glow Run on Thursday, 11/2/17 inside the gym
    - Each grade runs laps in the gym for 30-45 minutes
    - Donors can sponsor each lap a child runs or a flat rate donation
  - Boosterthon staff is on campus from 10/24-11/2 supporting teachers and students
    - This allows RVES to do fundraising while giving volunteers a break
  - Some e-blasts have been sent to raise awareness and there were fliers at the PTP table at Open House
    - Plan to market it more as it gets closer



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- Boosterthon staff come every day during the event to each classroom to visit and motivate students
  - Pre-arrange time with teachers
  - Come for 3-5 minutes
  - Do a character lesson, give a nightly challenge, pass out little prizes
- There will be a website where each student (with parental help) can create an individual webpage for donors to contribute
- **Our fundraising goal is \$32,000**
- We had options in choosing what level of support we wanted to get from Boosterthon; chose higher level of on-site support this year. Have option to continue this level of support in the future or take on more responsibility ourselves once we understand better how it works
- Each student gets a t-shirt to wear on the day of the run (approximately 800 students)
  - Have collected enough from community sponsors to cover the cost of shirts
  - T-shirts are delivered to RVES
- If anyone would like to help with the fall fundraiser contact Gretchen Huber-Schommer
- We will likely need volunteers on the day of the run to help tally laps in the gym
- Discussion about whether or not the Glow Run should be open to parents/families to watch
  - Will be difficult to allow parents to come (space, traffic, timing)
  - Consider ideas such as a volunteer videographer and/or photographer, or a live feed of the race
  - Kim, Vicky and Gretchen will discuss this further before a decision is made

### Principal Report/Discussion Topics – Dr. Kim Grengs

- Thank you to parents that helped with buses and lunchroom during the first week of school!
- Started NWEA testing for grades 2-5 yesterday
- Conferences coming up on 10/12 (early release day) & 10/17
- Community Building
  - Several Community Building Dates over the course of the year
  - Next Community Building day is 10/27
    - Wear Choose Kind t-shirt or another shirt that promotes kindness
    - Classes are paired to build relationships with one another
- Communication
  - RVES has a Facebook page this year. There is a link at the bottom of the RVES page
  - RVES also has a Twitter account: @RVESNews



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- Homecoming
  - In previous years, each teacher selected their own themes
  - This year, the daily themes are the same school-wide:
    - Monday – Pajama Day
    - Tuesday – Hat Day
    - Wednesday – Color Day (each grade a different color)
      - Kindergarten – orange
      - 1<sup>st</sup> – Yellow
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Green
      - 3<sup>rd</sup> – Blue
      - 4<sup>th</sup> – Purple
      - 5<sup>th</sup> – Red
    - Thursday – Patriotic Day
    - Friday – Tiger Spirit Day
- Staff updates
  - Vicky Lippert is back this year – so excited that she’s back!
  - New teachers:
    - Michael Letourneau (4<sup>th</sup> grade)
    - Natalie Wanner (4<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - ELL teacher opening
  - New secretary opening (Ruth Ann retiring)
- Thanks to parents for being here at the PTP meeting tonight!

### **Financial Report** – Wendy

- Filed non-profit status for PTP
- EIN and Articles of Incorporation complete
- Everything is complete with State of MN
- 1023 – 501 (c)(3) paperwork done and pending with IRS
  - Should be done very soon

### **Funding Requests** – Jamie J & Marjane

- Teachers fill out request for funds and PTP votes on funding
- Previous examples of PTP funds in action: Dancing Sue, African Drumming, Dulcimer project, rain boots, garden in back, playground equipment, new water fountains

### **Upcoming Volunteer Needs** - Lindsey

- Thanks again to everyone who volunteered on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school for buses & lunchroom and for picture day
- Next needs: conferences, Book Fair, Spirit Wear, PIE
- Likely some volunteers needed for Glow Run Fall Fundraiser



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### Open Agenda

- Please encourage friends and neighbors to come to PTP meetings
- Thank you all for coming!

Meeting adjourned: 7:29

### Upcoming PTP Dates

Meetings are at 6:30 in the Multipurpose Room

September 19, 2017

October 18, 2017

November meeting - TBD

January 16, 2018

February 20, 2018

April, 17, 2018

May 15, 2018