

## PTP Minutes – February 2016

2/16/16

President Tani Helgemoe brought the meeting to order. Seven parents and Kim Grengs and Claire Berg were at the meeting.

### Financial Report (Tani Helgemoe):

- Tani is going to follow up with Tom on the Financial Report and the report will be posted on the PTP website.

### Funding Requests (Tricia Murphy):

- Two funding requests
  - 1. School Patrol/Twins trip transportation by Claire Berg
    - Amount requested is \$466.56 for bussing of school patrol students to the Twins game on May 11 (students pay for their own tickets) ...benefits 56 students
    - The PTP has already budgeted money towards School Patrol for this year, so this request is approved.
  - 2. Grade 3/4/5 Book Olympics
    - Amount requested is \$120 for 12 medals for each grade level and 10-12 Book Challenge Medals
    - Motion to approve by Teresa Gibbs, Second by Michelle R.

### Principal Report/Discussion Topic (Given by Dr. Kim Grengs):

- Congratulations to Kim for earning the title Dr.!!!
- Feb. 26 is the night of Riverview's Pep Fest, 6pm to 8:30pm
- Feb. 26 is the start of the Winter/Spring Book Fair. Teacher luncheon will be held on Feb. 26. The book fair will **not** be open during the Pep Fest.
- March 1 and 3 are Parent Teacher Conferences. The times a little different because of the caucus on Tuesday.
  - The PTCFast link for scheduling conferences is on the Riverview webpage for scheduling conferences.
  - Staff Dinner on March 1 provided by the PTP...3:10 to 3:30 might be a busy time for teachers to grab a bite to eat...suggestion to possibly do something lighter since conferences end at 6 so teachers may want to go home and have dinner with their families.
- Renovations at Riverview this summer
  - The locker rooms will become 4-5 classrooms
  - The current art room and the Special Ed room that Alysha Olson uses will become Kindergarten rooms.
  - A security system will be installed and the office area will be changed.
  - Meeting with architects to work on plans.
- Staffing for 2016-2017 school year
  - Probably going to need to add a section in 5<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Multiage possibly extend to 5<sup>th</sup> grade?
    - There was feedback from parents that 5<sup>th</sup> grade is a big year of setting the expectation for what the 5<sup>th</sup> graders will experience in middle school and the Riverview 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers did a great job of prepping students for that, so not too sure about a multiage class that is 4/5 ?
  - There will be 6 sections of Kindergarten
  - Probably no teachers looping next year.
- Culvers Nights
  - The staff would like to stop doing Culvers Night next year (It's a longer distance to travel to Lakeville and the staff would rather help with or attend other evening functions like Pep Fest/PTP meetings)
  - Will continue for the rest of the current school year and not start again next year.
- There will be no April Flex Learning Day...it is changed to an In School Learning Day...students report to Riverview that day.
- Question raised about Snow Day having to be a Flex Learning Day...aren't snow days built into schedule...why can't it just be a day of no school?

- Most likely snow days are not going to happen in our district since we do have the technology and can make use of it.
- Everyone is still learning on how to manage amount and kind of work. Make sure to complete the parent surveys.
- Two scheduled Flex Learning days are planned for next year but things are not finalized so share your feedback.
- NWEA testing is done. The classes/students that used I pads had a good experience, it went well. So MCA testing will most likely be done on I pads.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be doing the MN Survey on March 4, also on I pads.
- Riverview Science Fair is this week

### **Pep Fest** (Tani Helgemoe):

- Volunteer sign ups should be going out tomorrow
- Basket Raffle
  - We need donations!!
  - Claire Berg will post on RVES Facebook page (Tricia Murphy will send her details for the post)
  - Kim Grengs will remind teachers about publicizing the raffle donations in their newsletters that go out this week and talk about it with their students
  - Teresa Gibbs will put together a Spirit Wear basket
  - Tani will ask Sally to send out an Eblast this week and next week
  - Next Wednesday, Feb. 24 there will be a meeting to prep and wrap the baskets

### **Spirit Wear** (Teresa Gibbs):

- Will be open during Pep Fest and during Conferences/Book Fair
- Possibly open for Grand Day/BOGO book fair but that depends on inventory

### **Winter/Spring Book Fair** (Sue Coccarelli):

- Feelin' Groovy...Peace, Love, Books is the theme
- There will be luncheon for staff/previews for classes on Friday, Feb. 26
- Volunteer sign up went out today

### **Volunteer Needs** (Tani Helgemoe):

- The two long term volunteers that have been helping in the Media Center will most likely not be coming back next year, so Mrs. Berg could use help. Kami will follow up with Mrs. Berg
- Send any needs/requests to Kami

### **Tiger Pantry** (Michelle Ronnebaum)

- Asking for donations by Grade level assignments has been very successful! Kicked off in November with Kindergarten...they not only filled the shelf but had 100 pounds of food that was donated to the Farmington Food Shelf. Last month 7 more bags of over flow food were donated to the Farmington Food Shelf!
- The use of the shelf by families at the school has gone up.
- Kim Grengs approved moving the location of the pantry to a more discrete location. That change can happen immediately. Michelle to send out an Eblast about the change of location once it happens. Please remember after the construction changes take place over the summer that we will need a place for the Food Shelf.
- Michelle would like to create a postcard that could be sent out to all Riverview families...some of the families that have the most need may not have access to internet, so Eblasts don't reach them. Kim said to create it and bring to Sally/RuthAnn to send to the Doc Center.

**PIE** (Stef Carlson)

- Going well this year, 2 new volunteers that are coming weekly!!

**Free Money** (Heidi Beranek)

- Campbell's is phasing this program out...they have stopped doing promotions/new labels
- We just need to try to remember to use up our points that we have earned with them
- Tricia to send a message to Mrs. Berg about Shoparoo...need to push this program

**Spring Fundraiser** (Tani Helgemoe)

- Tani has researched Fun Run possibilities (Booster Club, APEX and Chip Shoppe)...just don't seem like really great options
- Group thought the Read A Thon might be a better option for this spring
  - Rewards don't need to be individual book...could be by class/grade level for a class ice cream party
  - Kim Grengs to talk to Angie Carlson in ISD 196 about the success their school has had with a Read A Thon. Kim will also talk to Tracy Hinz about doing the Read A Loud as a kick-off the day before Spring Break. (March 24) Read A Loud is going to be during school hours this year as attendance has been fall off the past couple years.
  - Possibly try to do a Fun Run on our own sometime next year?

**Next Meeting will be March 15, 2016 at 6:30pm in the Multi Purpose room.**