

## PTP Minutes – September 20, 2016

President Tani Helgemoe brought the meeting to order. 13 parents and 2 staff members were present.

### Welcome & Introductions

#### Financial Report – Tani Helgemoe

- Tani explained that the Financial report is all about transparency and being able to show that all the money that is raised here at Riverview goes back to supporting our school, teachers and students.
- Tani highlighted a few of the areas that generate profit such as:
  - Spirit Wear brought in over \$10,000 profit last year
  - Pep Fest...although not a huge profit event, we have had success in selling Raffle Baskets (last year generated approx. \$1000)
    - Looking at possibly doing a Silent Auction for the next PepFest, which is Jan. 27
  - Culvers...Riverview is not doing Culvers this year, but we are looking into Toppers as a replacement. Toppers does pizza delivery in the metro area.
- Tani reviewed the 2015-2016 Treasury Report...last year we raised \$46,666.20!
  - Review of Funded Activities
    - Tiger Pantry is one of the funded activities. The Tiger Pantry is a food shelf located inside Riverview, just outside of Kathy Willhoite's office. It is available to anyone, just grab what is needed, no questions asked. The grade levels take turns each month to stock the shelf. Michelle Ronnebaum is the person that oversees the Tiger Pantry.
- Wendy Carlson is the Treasurer for 2016-2017 and will do the financial report at the next meeting.

#### Funding Requests – Tani Helgemoe and Ria Cammack

1. I-Nature request for a Yearly Fund for an Animal Vet for the animals in our I-Nature program.
  - a. Requested by Cinda Current, will benefit all grades...\$100 requested (if funds are not used they can roll into the next year)
  - b. In the past vet duties were handled by a parent from Riverview, but that family has “graduated” so a vet may be needed from time to time. The Critter Corner has been turned into a First grade classroom this year, but the animals have been rearranged(most into Mrs. Current’s room)
  - c. The \$100 is in addition to the \$400 that has already been budgeted for animal lab expenses like food, materials, etc.
  - d. Ria moved to approve, Jen Cole second. Motion approved
2. I-Nature request for a garden storage shed for use to store tools, etc. to care for the gardens around RVES
  - a. Requested by Cinda Current, will benefit all grades...\$300-\$400 requested
  - b. Dan will pound it into the ground so that the shed won’t blow away. It will be locked.
  - c. Wendy Carlson moved to approve, Ria second. Motion approved.
3. **Reminder to Ria/Wendy that a copy of the approved Funding Request needs to go to Sally in the office so check can be written.** Funding request forms are completed by a teacher/department and approved by Kim Grengs before consideration by the PTP.
4. Ria Cammack is the Vice President for 2016-2017!!
5. **Reminder to Kami to resend the link for parents/families to sign up to help in caring for the gardens.**

#### **\*\*Funding Request submitted after PTP meeting by Kim Grengs**

**Request is for \$7017.38 to be used to pay for Ipad apps. (Apps include Scholastic Reading Counts and iXL Math app for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades and Reading A-Z and RAZ Kids reading apps for grades K-3)**

**Funds are needed end of September/first part of October**

**PTP Board voted to approve**

### Principal Report—Dr. Kim Grengs

- Thank you to all the parents who helped out with the first day of school...with everything from buses to lunch to directing students in the building.
- NWEA testing started last week and will continue for the next couple weeks.
- Parents can access the Google calendar on the Riverview webpage to stay updated on activities such as testing, events, etc.
- Riverview has a Facebook page, so if you like the page you will get updates and pictures. Claire Berg manages the Facebook page, so if you have pictures from events to share, submit them to Mrs. Berg.
- Conferences are Oct. 6 & Oct. 11. A link from PTC fast will be sent to parents on Sept. 23. Once parents receive the link, they can schedule conference times.
  - The PTP will be providing dinner for the teachers on Oct. 11
- Choose Kind is the theme at Riverview
  - Community building days will start in October. During Community building classes from different grade levels interact so that they become familiar with kids from other grades/classes and will look out for each other. Students can wear their Choose Kind shirts on those days. Choose Kind shirts can be purchased thru Spirit Wear or students can make their own.
- Construction continues but will hopefully be done soon.
- We have a wonderful parent group here at Riverview!!!

### PIE (Parents In Education) / Free Money – Tani H.

- Heidi Beranek coordinates these areas
- PIE meets every Thursday morning and works on projects for the teachers (laminating, sharpening pencils, cutting materials) Younger siblings are welcome. If a parent can't make it on Thursday or would want to do projects from home, we can easily make arrangements.
- Free Money is Box Tops for Education, Shoparoo, etc. There is a drop box for the Box Tops in the lobby at Riverview
  - We are looking to "spiff up" the signage around the drop box if anyone is good at this, please contact a PTP board member.

### Spirit Wear – Tani H.

- Amy Hansen is currently overseeing Spirit Wear. She has just had a baby, so we are looking for someone to partner with Amy or even possibly take over Spirit Wear.
- At Open House this year, we sold \$3000 in product in just 3 hours! This has become a profit center for RVES.
  - **Reminder to Tani/Amy to follow up on orders that were taken at Open House** as Spirit Week is next week and people will probably want their orders for Spirit Week/Homecoming.

### Volunteer Coordinator – Kami Gocool

- The Riverview PTP website is [www.rvesptp.org](http://www.rvesptp.org)...check it out!! There is a spot to sign up to be part of the student directory, to have your name added to the list for notifications about volunteer opportunities, and to purchase Spirit Wear. The website can also be accessed via the Riverview website...there is a link.
  - All of the officers for the PTP are listed on the PTP website along with an email address, so any questions/concerns/suggestions can be sent via those email addresses.
- **Reminder to Kami to send Sally a message to eblast all parents about the PTP website and to send the volunteer app.**

### Fall Book Fair – Tani H.

- Jen Cole and Courtney Blanchard are the Book Fair Co-Chairs
- The Fall bookfair is coming up during conferences. Fliers will be going home next week. The theme is Bookaneer or pirate theme.

- All the proceeds from the fair go to purchase books for the Media Center, teacher/ classroom libraries and Scholastic News for all grade levels.

#### **Fall Fundraiser** – Tani H.

- Gretchen Schommer is coordinating the Fall Fundraiser for 2016-2017
- Packets for the products available thru Cherrydale went home on Monday. They are due back to the school on Oct. 4.
- **Request to Kami to send out a sign up for volunteers to help with counting money on Oct. 6/7 and volunteers needed on Nov. 4 to help with delivery of the products**
- We are looking at alternatives to doing Cherrydale for next year as our contract is up and profits have been declining over the years.
  - Tani and Wendy will look into forming a Fundraising Committee to explore more options.

#### **Miscellaneous**

- An Eagle Scout may be coming to the October PTP meeting to talk about bird feeder benches he is doing for his Eagle Scout badge
- Schedule of 2016-2017 meetings:
  - Oct. 18
  - Nov. 15
  - Jan. 17
  - Feb. 21
  - Mar. 16
  - Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 in the Multi-Purpose Room. Childcare is available. Everyone is welcome!
- Great to see so many new faces...please keep coming to the meetings!