



PTA

Riverhills Elementary Magnet School for International Studies

Riverhills Elementary PTA General Assembly Minutes

Thursday, October 17, 2019

PTA Officer Attendees:

Bonny Cable
Jamie Gordon
Bessie Skoures
Jennifer Heidrick

Regrets:

Meghan Hamylak
JoAnne John
Catherine McGillivray
ET Trexler
Regina Vickers

Riverhills Admin & Staff Attendees:

Todd Connelly

- PTA President Bonny Cable called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. and welcomed everyone around the table.
- Bonny began by reviewing the **minutes from the September board meeting**. As there were no questions Mr. Connelly motioned to approve the minutes as presented and Jamie Gordon seconded the minutes. All were in favor and none were opposed.
- The **Treasurer's Report** would be forthcoming as Catherine McGillivray could not attend the meeting. Bonny commented that we need to present the beginning and ending balances.
 - Summer Supplies: \$234 remaining in budget

- Welcome Back Breakfast: \$25 remaining in budget
- Grandparent's Breakfast: \$90 remaining in budget
- Wildcat Pride Expenses: \$5117
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- Bonny announced that 15 different Teacher Mini Grants were awarded and everyone who applied got what they asked for. The entire \$1500 budget for the grants was spent in full.
 - Mr. Connolly suggested Bonny should present the grant awards to the Riverhills faculty at an upcoming meeting.
- Regarding **new projectors in classrooms**, Bonny stated the priority will be to outfit the Spanish and strings classrooms, but will encourage those teachers to apply for funding from the School Support Committee for the tablet after which the PTA will furnish the projectors
 - Mr. Connolly commented that there were some issues on the recently installed 4th & 5th grade class projectors and to check with Ms. Favata before proceeding.
- Bonny shared that the **Wildcat Pride Campaign** kicked off successfully, but only \$12,600 was raised to date with only two weeks to go. Participation is down 20% relative to last year at the same point in time (31% to date vs. 50% in 2018)
 - She expressed disappointment particularly because families expressed interest having the choice to buy merchandise so the PTA purchased many different items that are currently not selling.
 - The majority of the items can be sold post-campaign, however so it should not create a big budget issue.
 - Weekly reminders are working and students will continue to get them until campaign is over.
 - If the campaign does reach its financial goal then PTA may have to charge for upcoming programs throughout the year.
- **Bus driver and Lunchroom appreciation** will take place this week.
 - Stacey Lanning will prepare food for lunchroom staff and snack bags for the bus drivers.
 - Everyone will receive a t-shirt.
- Eva Busto and Patricia are helping kids with **Reflections Art Competition** submissions which are due on November 1.
- Bonny reported that she had successful presentations about Riverhills to the **Rotary Club and to the Women's Club.**

- Women's Club meeting produced 4 volunteers to help with kindergarten and first graders and a \$100 contribution from Dotty Iwerks
 - Women's club expressed interest in giving money to the covered court and Bonnie will see if a contribution can be built into their 2020 budget.
 - Rotary meeting produced a \$500 contribution for the covered court project.
- Bonny also reported a \$500 contribution from Fox 13 which she may ask be applied to the covered court if they can help finance some or all of the banner.
- Bonny recommended sending a **covered court fundraising packet** to families to solicit donations on behalf of the project.
 - Perhaps try to get 30 \$1,000 donations or 60 \$500 donations from contacts individual family members may have to get to the \$30,000 needed to complete the project.
 - Packets will be distributed to families after Wildcat Campaign wraps us.
- Fall Festival will take place on November 15 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and there's a \$750 budget for event, but will not likely be used since bounce house is less than \$250 and 5th grade will run all concessions for their fundraiser.
 - Instead of prizes, each kid participant will receive a gift bag at the end of the event.
 - King High School and Florida College students will be volunteering.
- Mr. Connolly reported that there are still a few openings at the school that need to be filled (2 co-teachers and lunchroom position).
 - Also reported there was an exciting new math structure that will be brought into the classrooms that seems promising.
 - The CEO assigned to Riverhills will visit the school on October 18 and is hopeful it will lead to good things with PTA.
 - Bonny commented the business partners will not come to the October SAC meeting, but will be pursued individually this year since there is not a dedicated PTA member focused on business partnerships this year.
- The next Board Meeting will take place on Thursday, November 14.

- The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.