



PTA

Riverhills Elementary Magnet School for International Studies

Riverhills Elementary PTA General Assembly Minutes

Thursday, September 19, 2019

PTA Officer Attendees:

Bonny Cable
Jamie Gordon
Bessie Skoures
ET Trexler

Regrets:

Meghan Hamylack
JoAnne John
Catherine McGillivray
Regina Vickers

Riverhills Admin & Staff Attendees:

Todd Connelly
Diana Favata

- PTA President Bonny Cable called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. and welcomed everyone around the table.
- Bonny began by asking folks what is working well so far in the year
 - Mr. Connolly said he like the Facebook posts introducing the PTA Board Members and everyone agreed.
 - Everyone also agreed the Grandparents breakfast was a success.
 - The September General Assembly meeting was also deemed a success with over 40 parents in attendance.

- Bonny then asked everyone to review the **General Assembly Meeting Minutes** and Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the minutes with ET seconding the motion. There were none opposed so the minutes were approved.
- The **Treasurers Report** would be forthcoming as Catherine McGillivray could not attend the meeting, but Bonny assured everyone that there were no budget shortfalls and the accounts were in good shape.
- Bonny shared that the **Wildcat Pride Campaign** will be kicking off on Thursday, September 26 at the end of the day in front of the entire student body in the cafeteria.
 - Students will attend a 15 minute pep rally, get excited about the campaign, see the new swag and fashion show and go home with a sticker announcing the campaign to their families.
 - Goal is to raise \$35,000 and to get 100% participation
 - Participation counts at \$25 per student, but goal is to raise \$100 per student.
 - Plan is to start collecting money on Friday, September 27 (no longer using Pledgestar due to 8% processing fees, campaign managed through Memberhub)
 - Will also manage campaign volunteers through Memberhub as well.
- Bonny verified with Mr. Connolly that it will be fine to paint the pickets in the garden as this year's campaign art project.
- Eva Busto will chair the **Reflections Art Competition**
 - Flyer is going home in 9/19/19 Thursday folder
 - Eva will be announcing the competition to classes & to the Monday clubs &
 - will set up the art room as a place for students to work on entries so she can help them meet the criteria.
- As there were several parents who volunteered to help in classrooms and work with small groups the PTA will provide Ms. Koch with list of parents who could serve as **Mentors** or class volunteers as needed.
 - Bonny suggested that maybe grandparents or community members might also like to volunteer (she gave grandparents a sign-up sheet at grandparent breakfast for interested folks.)
 - Might be interesting to start an adopt a classroom program.

- Bonny announced there were only a few applications for **Teacher Mini Grants** and the deadline is October 1.
 - She recommended holding on to the money that is not granted this fall and offer up a second Teacher Mini Grant application period in January.
- There are around 140 **PTA Members** so far and hoping to grow it.
 - It's an item in the Wildcat Campaign so hopeful folks will sign up through that effort.
 - Mr. Connolly will follow up with teacher memberships.
- Jamie is the lead on the **Fifth Grade Programs** and there are only 4 more volunteers to date.
- Universal Trip will take place on May 22, 2020 and she is looking for school district approved buses.
- Fundraisers include chocolate sales and concession stands during Fall Festival
 - Stacey Lanning is coordinating the King High School volunteers.
- Waiting on 5th grade leadership team to be chosen to propose themes for the 5th grade banquet.
- Jamie also brought up the annual **Yearbook** fundraiser.
 - they will sell for \$25 and the yearbook.
 - yearbook cover deadline is today/September 18.
 - Admin & PTA will narrow it down to 3 and the students will select the winner.
- Meeting closed with how to improve the **Grandparents Breakfast** which was deemed a great success with 146 grandparents.
 - Mr. Connolly suggested perhaps having stations in each pod and in each hallway with danishes and coffee in order to alleviate the cafeteria line with prolonged the event by about 15 minutes (overall not bad)
 - Comment was that lots of volunteers would be needed for that effort.

- It was decided that **Custodian, Lunchroom and Bus Driver Appreciation Days** will take place on the designated district days instead of a combined appreciation with the teachers.
 - They will treat each person to a Chik-Fil-A breakfast or lunch and it will be accompanied with cards from the kids making it more special overall.

- Meeting wrapped up with **Business Partners and SAC** discussion and it was decided that the business partners would be invited to the October SAC where the CEO assigned to Riverhills will also be invited (district initiative assigning a CEO to each school to help with community support.)

- The next Board Meeting will take place on Thursday, October 17.

- The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.