

## **River Plaza PFA Minutes for June 14th, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Marguerite Stocker at 7:03pm. A quorum was present (3 Board members, Mrs. Shaw and 3 voting members). The colors were presented.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed from the May meeting. The minutes were approved.

### **Officers' Reports**

Treasurer's Report: We raised over \$5,000 from the fundraiser. We got some additional money from the Great Race fund as it was liquidated due to the event shutting down. A few checks have not been cashed yet, so we need these to be cashed and we need any reimbursement requests. The fiscal year ends June 30<sup>th</sup>.

A few programs in the last month were run – Field Day, etc. We have not yet paid the buses for the Buehler trip and the cost of the buses has increased. We also have more students than last year. We will need to move some money from another line item to cover this increased cost.

Secretary's Report/Correspondence: Mrs. Wessels class sent the PFA lovely thank you notes for adopting Captain Jack and Field Day.

### **Committee Reports**

No new updates here.

Question raised about bringing in a program such as Mad Science. We would still need someone on site for building use and Mrs. Shaw would have to be on site if this is academic. More details would be needed about staffing requirements.

### **Principal's Report**

Thank you to the PFA and chairs for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade event. The kids had fun and it was well received. Feedback from the kids was outstanding.

Thank you to the Field Day Committee. We missed the afternoon due to weather, so the tug of war will be done the last day of school. An Italian ice truck will also come on the last day of school for all students. 5<sup>th</sup> grade clap-out will be done at the end of the last day of school as well.

Thank you to Marguerite for running the spring book fair. The Barnes & Noble book fair last night was also a success, and the student's art work was presented here as well.

Next year, we will lose 2 sections. We will only have 2 kindergartens. 4<sup>th</sup> grade is definitely 2 sections. Anyone who comes in after #50 will be sent to a sister school for 4<sup>th</sup> grade. We currently have 48 students. 1 teacher will do all of the literacy, and the other will do the science and math. The 2 4<sup>th</sup> grades will move downstairs and the 3 3<sup>rd</sup> grades will move upstairs so the classes are close together. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will try a quasi-departmental approach where the teachers will move, not the students. Mrs. Browne will move to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. This approach to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will allow us to draw on the strengths of each teacher.

All classrooms will be moved out of the basement. The extra space will be well-used for speech therapy and OT.

Mrs. Shaw will work with the staff to implement some kind of behavior and consequence system. Some kids are doing the same negative behaviors from one class to another and the information is not shared from teacher to teacher. Positive behaviors will be rewarded as well. A scale will be created for grades K-2 and another one for grades 3-5. Drafts of this will come out next year and will be reviewed with the kids and shared with the parents. Both children and parents will sign a behavioral contract. All information is entered into a shared database so all teachers will be aware of issues.

A question was raised on the soccer goals. There were issues over recess games getting too aggressive. A schedule has now been put in place for the remainder of the year to control who can use the goals when. This will be re-assessed at the start of next school year.

**Old Business**

Update on Safe Routes – We are being told the sidewalk will cost \$2.7 million to bring it up to compliance. We are told they will advocate for courtesy busing. There is a document with more information that needs to be reviewed. The biggest grant from Safe Routes is \$600K, so this would not come close to covering this.

**New Business**

The new Committee position has been filled by Kathleen Marinich.

Nest year's tentative calendar is out.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Marguerite at 7:47pm and was approved.