

River Plaza PFA Minutes for January 26th, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Marguerite Stocker at 7:02pm. A quorum was present (5 Board members, Mr. Whitman and 11 voting members). The colors were presented.

Approval of Minutes

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

Officers' Reports

Treasurer's Report: October apparel sale – we sold \$1711, but the vendor has not been paid yet. The book fair brought in \$8.59, but we got Scholastic dollars which are used for birthday bash books. Box tops is down from last year so we need to bring in more.

Color run brought in \$6600.

Holiday Shoppe brought in almost \$1000.

Other income line item shows we paid for the ice skating event but we have not started selling tickets yet.

Hullabaloo came in under budget since we had some income from children not part of the PFA.

We also had a Jets fundraiser for the school (not for the PFA). The school has a small fund (Student Activities fund) used to help pay for trips, etc when kids cannot afford it. This used to be fueled by Target program which has ended. We used the Jets funds to supply this fund.

Secretary's Report/Correspondence: The PFA delivered fruit and a card for the front office, custodians and teachers' lounge for the holidays. A thank you note was read by Mr. Whitman thanking the PFA for the donation to the Student Activities account.

Committee Reports

Candy Bingo is coming up soon. Sign-up sheets will be sent out soon.

Ice skating – It has been tough getting a date. It will be Sunday, March 26th at Red Bank Armory. Flyers will go out with details.

Blue Claws game is going to be Friday, June 16th – our first half day in June.

Variety Show – The show is Friday, March 10th at Thompson. Sign-up information has been sent home. It is \$10 per child if you're not part of the PFA. We are looking for someone to video the event. We also need to hire a security guard for the event so we will need to add a fee for all for the video/guard costs. There is a mandatory dress rehearsal on Wednesday, March 8th. Sign-up deadline will be extended to noon on this coming Saturday.

Read to Succeed logs went home and are due Feb. 17th.

Dr. Seuss Day is March 3rd. Forms to volunteer will go home soon. The week of Feb. 28th will be Read Across America at school.

We received 1 grant application from a 4th grade teacher which has been approved. A reminder will be sent to the teachers to take advantage of the program.

Library – Older kids come down individually. Younger classes come as a group. An e-blast will go out with a request for donated books.

Science Fair will be April 20th. It is typically for grades 3-5. There is typically a theme, but this year there may be a theme per grade level that coordinates with the science curriculum.

Public Relations – We used to have some moms who would send updates on our school to local newspapers. We would like to bring this back if anyone is interested.

Principal's Report

The Teacher of the Year is Mr. D'Angelo.

Support Staff of the Year nominations are due February 10th. Nomination forms were handed out. A hard copy of the nomination form must be handed in to Mr. Whitman. Forms are on the web site as well.

On our last early dismissal, staff had training on the Dreambox program for Math. They also analyzed last year's PARC data again to see where we can improve.

There was a Board meeting Tuesday. Our new Tech Specialist has started and is doing great. Mrs. Browne is retiring. Amanda Roberts will be her replacement. She has already been here as a para.

Parent Academic Information Night is coming up. It will cover literacy and math and what you can do at home to support your kids. Child care will be provided for elementary age children.

The Thompson orientation is Feb. 23rd from 6:30-8:30.

Cafeteria Behavior Plan is working well. Kids win prizes for positive behavior.

The PFA purchased a speaker for the music teacher. It is a portable PA system.

Old Business

Money from last year's fundraiser was used to buy the speaker for the music teacher. We are also working to purchase 8 Chromebooks for the 2nd grade.

Fundraiser update – We are waiting for final District approval for Monmouth Racetrack. A deposit has been put down, and we need volunteers to make the event happen. We are planning a 50/50, gift baskets, and other activities. The event will be on Saturday, May 20th.

We would like to fundraise for a permanent sign on the front of the school. We are getting a quote so we know how much we want to raise.

New Business

March meeting will be a voting meeting to formally decide how we will spend the fundraiser money.

We usually have a PFA dinner. This year we will do a more casual committee social instead so if you're interested in getting involved you can come and get information and find out how you can get involved and meet other parents.

If you chair a committee you are eligible to be on the Board. The current Board is losing some people holding positions. Please consider if you are interested.

Teachers have receipts for reimbursement. Paula advised they need to fill out the reimbursement form. \$100 per teacher is allotted for reimbursement.

Pictures are needed for yearbook for some classes. An email went out to those room reps. Last chance to order yearbook is this week.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Marguerite at 8:10pm and was approved.