

Rieke PTA Meeting  
September 14, 2011

2 PM Meeting Attendance (28)

Cindy Eldkrona, Cheri Castaneda-Sout, Anne Eddy, Kelly Laboe, Renee Limon, Lisa Johnston, Patti Mapes, Kirsty Hamilton, Jennifer Merrill, Sharon Scheurer, Jamie Repasky, Wendy Slocom, Nicole Olszewski, Teresa Prall, Jen Martin, Linda Huseby, Leanne Van Horn, Stephanie Wieker, Nikki Dorfman, Michelle Beeker, Marty Lafrenz, Melissa Sanders, Ruth White, Sharon Meieran, Shannon Pullen, Patty Fale, Lindsay Wierdsma, June Bremmer

6:30 PM Meeting Attendance (24)

Ruth White, Jason Roepel, Heather Burton, Nellie McCarthy, Arah Gould, Jill Anderson, Curtis Roth, Natisha Doherty, Erika Pollock, Dick Hausken, Sharon Scheurer, Anne Eddy, Tania Giger, Jeff Dobbins, Janet Rosenthal, Katie Unflat, Anne Hill, Jeni Seller, Raja Afrika, Shannon Pullen, Melissa Sanders, Erin Barnett, Christina Geist, Sharon Meigh-Chang

- 1) Ruth presented an introduction to and overview of the PTA. She provided a summary of fundraising accounts, including PTA, Rieke Foundation, Rise Up For Rieke and RAT Race. (See attached Powerpoint for further detail.)
- 2) Andrea's Principal Report

We have 416 students enrolled at Rieke, up from 361 last year. Once a school goes over 400 students, Portland Public School District (the District) may provide other infrastructure supports, such as a one-day-a-week school counselor and an additional office staff person.

A physical headcount was done on Tuesday, September 13th. It will be done again on Tuesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. In early October, another head count takes place. All of these are used to assess Rieke's capacity to serve the increased number of students.

The District has parameters around class size but no specific capacity limits.

In assessing capacity, the District looks at many different aspects to determine the whole school picture, not just class size. The District also considers other resources the school has available, such as classroom space, current staffing and other resources. For example, we have 4 classrooms not in use.

The District may decide to give us additional Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) teachers. We hope to know by the beginning of October. PPS has no budget resources for additional teachers. The District will be reallocating teachers based on needs throughout the district.

We believe our needs can best be met with a full-time all day educational assistant and we have FTE set aside to hire that person. We were hoping to select that person already, but the District has been laying off educational assistants. What this means is that placement is now based on seniority. If we open up the position now, we have to take who ever is in seniority. We have been watching who is at the top of the list to see if their skill set matches our need. For example, if the current educational assistant at the top of the list is a high school algebra assistant, then that might not be the best fit for us. So we haven't opened that position yet. If by October, we haven't found a match, then we will decide to move forward with hiring a licensed teacher half-time. At that point, we would need to decide if we would want either half-time every day or full-day 2 ½ times per week.

Parent: Are we going to replace the ground cover on the playground?

Andrea: The rubber pieces on the playground that were worn, such as in front of the slide, have been patched.

Parent: In terms of capacity, we know that number of bathrooms has been an issue.

Andrea: Yes, there is no bathroom in the North Building. There is also no dishwasher. We have been in on-again/off-again discussions re: installing an ADA bathroom in the North Building along with a trough sink so multiple kids can wash their hands at one time.

Parent: What is the music offering this year?

Andrea: We have a one-year performing arts residency this year on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The RAT Race (Run for Arts and Technology) paid for 1 semester. PTA agreed to pay for 1 semester to make a full year. The performing arts residency, similar to what we had last year, is 16 sessions across 16 weeks and 1 musical performance. PTA matched \$4K, so now we have 2 semesters.

Parent: How many classes have more than 30 students?

Andrea: 6 classes currently over 30, 9 under 30 and 4 empty classrooms.

Parent: Is the growth concentrated in Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade or is the growth spread over all the grades?

Andrea: The greatest growth has been in Kindergarten, we jumped from 64 to 76 Kinders. The other additional 40 students are stretched across 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades. There were 54 Kinders last year but now there are 66 1<sup>st</sup> graders.

Parent: Has there been citywide growth?

Parent: What is an artist in residence?

Andrea: An Artist in Residence is a visiting professional who shares lessons and activities related to their work. The artist and the teachers plan together. The students might study an art form and then model an art piece based on that form.

Parent: Can you designate your funds to a specific event or activity?

Ruth: Yes, you can earmark through a check.

Parent: I've heard about student enrichments? What is that?

Sharon: We are working on after-school programs for the students. Eco-Club is our first six-week one-hour enrichment session and is being led by parent volunteer Jamie Repasky. We are looking for parent volunteers to lead additional topics for kids such as yoga, fossils and Lego robotics.

Rieke PTA Meeting  
October 12, 2011

### Meeting Attendance (21)

Renee Limon, Jamie Repasky, Curtis Roth, Scott Eddy, Anne Eddy, Skye Leybold, Erika Pollock, Melissa Sanders, Susan Jewell, Jeff Dobbins, Tania Geiger, Kim Gould, Shannon Pullen, Kelly Laboe, Annette Dietz, Sharon Scheurer, Lorrie Biggs, Wendy Lear, Erin Barnett, Ruth White, Andrea Porter

- 1) Membership Update  
We currently have 166; goal of 233 (67 to go!) Membership is important so that we can have strong representation for advocating at local, state and national levels for our children.
- 2) Unit in Good Standing status  
Ruth gave an overview of Unit in Good Standing Report. She will provide an update at each meeting.
- 3) Finance and Budget Report  
Wendy Lear gave a financial update. She reported income of \$3,423 YTD (\$27,000 budgeted). Please see attached PowerPoint for further information.
- 4) Parent Education Series  
Joan Marquis, of Portland Public Schools, will speak on Guiding Good Choices at the Rieke Library at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. This is a free lecture.  
Next Up: Trudy Ludwig "Stop Bullying"
- 5) Student Enrichment Report  
There are several after school activities currently available. The Eco Think Science Enrichment program is being led by parent Jamie Repasky. There is a survey re: more student enrichment programs for the rest of this year.
- 6) Principal's Report  
Andrea reviewed the incident that took place on Tuesday and how smoothly everything went. Andrea is certified in FEMA Incident Command training. The school staff practices safety drills and everyone knew what do.

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November 9, 2011

Meeting Attendance (19)

Stan Martin, Anna Miramontes, Dick Hausken, Jeff Schlimgen, Anne Eddy, Erin Barnett, Melissa Sanders, Nellie McCarthy, Jamie Repasky, Renee Limon, Katie Unflat, Cindy Eldkrona, Shannon Pullen, Heidi Worden, Sharon Meieran, Andrea Porter, Stephanie Wicker, Steve Parker, Curtis Roth

1) Membership Update

We currently have 168; goal of 233 (65 to go!) Membership is important so that we can have strong representation for advocating at local, state and national levels for our children. Last year we reached 212 members. Sharon reviewed reasons for joining the PTA and held discussion on barriers to joining.

2) Unit in Good Standing status

Sharon gave an overview of Unit in Good Standing Report. Everything is on target.

3) Finance and Budget Report

Sharon gave a financial update. She reported income of \$3,423 YTD (\$27,000 budgeted). Expenses \$14,682 (\$22,080 budgeted). September P/L -<\$11,259>.

4) Mark Your Calendar

Parent Education Series: Nationally known Trudy Ludwig will speak on "Stop Bullying" on Tuesday, January 31 6:30 PM. This is a free lecture.

Service Project: 30 people will participate at the emergency food pantry Neighborhood House on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

5) Student Enrichment Report

There are several after school activities currently available. The Eco Think Science Enrichment program is being led by parent Jamie Repasky. There is a survey re: more student enrichment programs for the rest of this year.

There were 45 responses to the Student Enrichment survey. Results showed a high interest in math and science programs such as Math Adventures and Lego Robotics. There was also significant interest in drama and art. It was suggested that each class run 6 weeks and each class run for 1 hour. Due to space availability a maximum of five classes can run at a time. Sharon M is working on a calendar of the PTA class offerings and non-PTA class offerings. Jamie Repasky, Katie Sengstake and Nellie McCarthy will form a committee to compile all the details for each class option.