

Mary Rieke PTA
General PTA Business Meeting
4/18/2017 6:30pm

Board Members in attendance:

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*Co-President Brian Unflat
*Co-President Holly Ingram
*Co-Vice President Paul Higgins
*Treasurer Mike Kale
*Secretary Kes Wold
*Fundraising Coordinator Melissa Light
Co-Events Coordinator Kimberly Allen
Membership Coordinator Christine Surratt
Volunteer Coordinator Adrienne Hays
Imagine Campaign Chair and Playground Committee Chair Jim Meurer

PTA Members/Public:

See Appendix 1 for attendance

1. Call to Order

The Rieke PTA General Business Meeting was called to order at Rieke Elementary at 6:35pm, April 18, 2017 by President Brian Unflat. Notice was given to all PTA members via email. Secretary Kes Wold confirmed that a quorum of members as stated in the standing rules (7 voting members) was present.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the previous PTA General Business meeting (March 21, 2017) have been made available on the riekepta.org Web site. There were no corrections made and the minutes are considered approved.

3. Program

Brad Nelson with the Bridlemile Foundation discussed the May 16 PPS Bond.

School district is currently spending \$80K a month just on bottled water.

Presented information on what the existing bond measure (from 2012) is paying for, what this bond will pay for (removing 100% of lead from water & paint, but also other items

such as asbestos, roofs, and building modernizing) and what the next bond is supposed to cover (Wilson High School) as part of PPS's 30-year-plan.

If the bond doesn't pass, the money will need to come out of the general fund for the safety items. And that means less for schools (principal's budget, etc.)

Asking for volunteers to help with the Yes for Portland Schools campaign, write letters, etc.

4. Reports

Principal's Report

Principal Sarah Lewins is requesting anyone who knows of an incoming kindergarten student to encourage their parents to sign-up / register as soon as possible. A notice will be posted to Nextdoor, etc.

One 5th grade teacher will drop down to teach 4th grade.

Mentioned the Rieke Spirit Wear reaction and positive empowerment / learning experience that resulted.

Field replacement scheduled for mid-May, but may be pushed out to later in May. Backup plans will be needed once that area is no longer accessible (recess, fire drills, etc.)

Children have been encouraged to bring their uneaten lunches home with them (waste audit) so parents are aware of what they may be eating or not. My Lunch Buddy online service to track hot lunch transactions.

5. PTA Board Nominations

Open Positions:

Vice President
Event/Hospitality Chairs
Media Specialist
Membership Chair

MOTION to appoint Joelle Allen and Kimberly Allen to the Nomination Committee (Brian Unflat)

MOTION seconded

MOTION carried with none opposed

Playground Committee Update

Jim Meurer provided an update on the activity to raise funds for the playground.

Run for Rieke is looking good. Hoping for up to \$40,000 raised at this event. Other fundraisers are the t-shirt sales (46 on order) and the Hillsdale Community Foundation has donated \$2,500 as part of a matching campaign, another \$2,500 from Mary Rieke's family, and \$5,000 from Rieke families. A \$10,000 matching campaign will be raised dollar-for-dollar. Hoping to get a full \$20,000 raised as a result.

Looking for playground volunteers to man tables each Friday for the next few weeks, to sell t-shirts or canvassing by putting items in mailboxes or helping to collect cans (deposits are now worth \$.10!) Looking for a "go / no go" decision in mid-May, when the equipment deposits will be due. Looking for \$90K - \$100K in the equipment, and another \$50K or so in landscaping, etc.

Some preliminary work is needed prior to then to ensure the site is suitable and there is proper drainage/sewer.

MOTION to allocate up to \$15,000 for preliminary playground expenses, and authorize the Board to review and execute any related contracts, service orders, etc. with vendors selected by the Playground Committee. (Jim Meurer)

MOTION seconded

MOTION carried with none opposed.

Idea to save \$15K to \$20K to have the community build the structure. A foreman would be hired and volunteer labor will assemble it.

Art Fair Update

Sunday, May 7. It is not looking good. We are charging \$100 to public vendors, \$50 for parents/families, and \$10 for students. Previously it was a smaller registration fee and 20% of sales, but it was a lot of work. Uncertain why we have had so few sign-ups.

15 public vendors, 4 parents, and 5 students (4th & 5th graders.) In the past we've had closer to 40 vendors.

There are also art classes that do well, and food sales that raise money. But uncertain how it will look if there are fewer vendors.

Service Club

This Saturday 4/22 the Service Club is going to pick up trash, weed, etc. at Rieke. Saturday 9am to 12pm.

Auction

Our final number is actually higher. We'll be closer to \$75K raised.

Run for Rieke

Have raised \$14,456.25 in just 4 days. Students that turn in their sheets get a pedometer.

Rieke Garden Update

Planning to construct raised garden beds, one of which would be ADA accessible.

Asking for \$450 (rounded up to \$500 in the new budget being proposed) to build garden beds.

MOTION to to fund \$300 to reimburse the purchase of a lawn mower being used to cut the grass at Rieke and Wilson (Brian Unflat)

MOTION seconded

MOTION carried with none opposed

Looking for volunteers to help mow the grounds.

We have a revised budget that incorporates the items voted on today.

MOTION to adopt the revised 2016-17 budget as presented during today's General PTA meeting (Mike Kale)

MOTION seconded

MOTION carried with none opposed

Rieke Spirit Wear

Brian Unflat provided an update on the t-shirt ordering.

5. Membership Report

Membership Coordinator Christine provided an update on membership.

We have 156 total member so far this year, exceeding the total number we had last year (143) – we would like to end at 160 (with 200 as a stretch goal.)

6. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mike Kale provided an update on current PTA finances. Printed budget reports were available at the meeting as handouts.

Total of \$126,213.97 (\$92,848.73 in cash, \$33,713.17 in the checking account.)

This does not include the funds donated to All Hands Raised to fund teachers, which was voted on last month.

7. Correspondence

[None]

8. Unfinished Business

[None]

9. New Business

10. Announcements

[None]

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

Appendix 1:

Attendance sign-in sheet, records kept in PTA files