

Mary Rieke PTA
General PTA Business Meeting
5/16/2017 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 7:15pm, May 16, 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 (April 18, 2017) have been made available on the riekepta.org Web site. There were no corrections made and the minutes are considered approved.

3. Program

Rolan – Green Team

Trying to maintain our green school status. Want to improve the air quality in and around the school. To help we are asking cars not to idle in the parking lot, as children are more susceptible to air pollution than adults, and it makes asthma worse.

Lauren – Green SchoolHouse

Three experiences: summer camp (on site or off) that grows produce over break, harvested in the fall once students return (at no expense to the school, can actually be a funding mechanism); after-school education (fee-based) 1 or more days per week with small groups to introduce the topic and keep it fun and engaging; and in-school education: programs are customized based on teacher input, can be used as an outdoor classroom, etc. Only the in-school program would have a cost to the PTA (\$25/hour, which includes supplies.)

The in-school program can be seasonal or go all-year. 6-10 hours per week is the average.

4. Reports

Principal's Report

Principal Sarah Lewins provided some updates on recent activities.

Fences for the field go up next week (on or after 5/22.) We can use the softball field for structured activities over lunch and the carnival and field day, as well as fire drills.

Looking into \$2,500 for the garden grant described by Lauren above.

The incoming kinder class is just over 40. We are hoping to get over 60 by the end of the summer to help secure funding and a teacher.) Need to determine what the library/media situation will be. The circulation of books, checking in, etc. may need parents to help with that.

A student teacher has purchased a second shed for emergency supplies. Will request ideas and/or donations to fill it.

Foundation vs. PTA

Update on the “split” between the PTA and the Foundation. Now solidifying the clear line established at the start of the year between the PTA and Foundation.

The Foundation = Teachers. Funding for this is primarily the auction, but will also be the Run for Rieke for 2018, and also direct cash contributions.

Everything else is the PTA and goes into the PTA general fund, or playground.

Run for Rieke

Have raised \$45,277.18 as of today!

Rieke Garden Update

Announced a fundraising offer from Dean Innovations (GIVE BACK) for May. For every 100 yards of bright fir purchased, they will donate \$500 to Mary Rieke.

Art Fair

Raised \$3,000! Organizers and volunteers thanked for their efforts. Will evaluate the event to see how it can be improved, or if any changes are needed. It may still be cancelled unless we can have people step up to manage it.

Rieke Carnival

3 weeks away! Find a buddy to share a volunteer shift. Sign-up will appear in about 10 days. Contact Carla Asplund for more information or look on signup.com

Looking for someone to take over for Carla to shadow this year's planning and take over for next year. She has been doing this for 10 years!

Rieke Spirit Wear

Brian Unflat provided an update on the t-shirt ordering. 220 shirts ordered, extras to be ordered to sell at events and elsewhere.

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.

Operating: 61,128.79

Reserve: 38,656.88

Playground: 47,957.32

Total: 147,742.99

The Foundation check has been cashed, but we have a big playground check coming which has not yet been written.

The account balances don't quite reflect reality though because I moved some money around in preparation of writing that check. So a better way of looking at it is:

Playground balance: 87,544.45

PTA total: 60,198.54 (which is 38,656.88 reserves and 21,541.66 operating)

The grand total is the same either way. I'll bring these numbers on a piece of paper too in case you don't have time to update the slides.

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

Next year's budget:

Small modifications, with playground reduced

MOTION to approve the proposed 2017-18 PTA budget (Mike Kale)

MOTION seconded

MOTION carried with none opposed

5. PTA Board Nominations

Open Positions:

Vice President – Holly Ingram

Event/Hospitality Chairs -- Amanda Brohman

Membership Chair – Amy Frewing

Media Specialist

MOTION to approve the slate of Board members as proposed (Kimberly Allen)

MOTION seconded

MOTION carried with none opposed

7. Playground Committee Update

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

Showed the final design. The existing play structure remains. There are still a few very small tweaks that are being negotiated, but it's very close.

Asking for volunteers for Sunday (9:30am to 3pm) to canvas for cans/bottles/donations. Also to visit the Farmer's Market on Sunday (bring a neighbor) and send people to the Rieke table.

Run for Rieke is on track to raise over \$45,000. The \$10,000 matching campaign is still ongoing. There is currently \$87,500 in the playground account.

MOTION to approve the final design proposed by the Playground Committee, increase the playground budget to \$95,000, and authorize the PTA Board to execute any related contracts to move forward with construction of the new Rieke Elementary School Playground (Kes Wold)

MOTION seconded

MOTION carried unanimously

8. Correspondence

[None]

9. Unfinished Business

[None]

10. New Business

11. Announcements

[None]

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.

Appendix 1:

Attendance sign-in sheet, records kept in PTA files