

# **River Park Elementary**

### **Meeting Minutes**

### March 9, 2023- PTGO General Meeting

## 1. Meeting Commencement: Heather Cummings, Parliamentarian

- a. Welcome and Call to Order
- b. Approval of March Agenda and February Board meeting minutes.

#### 2. General PTGO Updates: Ashley Psioda, Chair

- a. Family Fun Night-annual event for families to gather and play games and kick off of spring silent auction.
  - Will take place on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 from 5:30p 7p. The auction will begin on April 25 and end on May 2.
  - Goal is to raise \$10,000.
  - Need lots of volunteers to run stations, help with setup and take down, contacting donors.
  - No dance party this year.
  - Games/Stations include bingo, book walk, plinko, lollipop tree, dollar auction, Locopops, Arts & Crafts, Tattoos/Face paint, and auction registration table.
  - Will take place outside just like last year.
  - Ask SGA to make posters for school hallways.
  - Flyers will be sent home with QR code for signup genius.
  - Possible art show with Ms. Casey in gymnasium.
  - Hedgehogs would like to be there.
  - Ms. McCurdy mentioned having a Spanish interpreter that night.
  - Andrea Lutri, new family liaison for Hispanic families for River Park.
- b. Playground Update
  - Ordered 3 pieces from Playworld
  - Was voted on by PTGO with input from some RPES staff.

- Will be in school colors, blue and yellow.
- Estimated delivery beginning of May.
- Inclusive equipment was out of our price range this year.
- Brooke Mattocks asked how much ADA equipment costs. Mr. Widder mentioned it can usually start around \$20,000.
- c. Board Member Openings:
  - Chair
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer-Elect

## 3. Hospitality and Teacher Appreciation Committee Update: Kat Murray

- Stock the fridge for March being contributed by second grade families.
- March 22 teacher breakfast.
- Hospitality committee will meet soon to discuss upcoming events, especially teacher appreciation week.
- Mr. Widder mentioned that all the staff are very appreciative of the special monthly treats!

## 4. Treasurer's Report: Leah McGrath, Treasurer

- a. Year-to-Date Happenings:
  - Total deposits for February- \$578
  - Total Withdrawals \$5,340
  - Leah has been sending reminders to teachers about allocations.
- b. Upcoming Expenses:
  - Playground equipment totaled \$14,829.
    - -50% deposited \$7,414.
  - Open teacher allocation funds approximately \$5,000.
  - Specials/other programs funding approximately \$4,500.
  - Discretionary/Grants budget \$5,000 with \$2,165 approved.
  - POE center budget \$3,300.
  - Teacher appreciation week \$2,500.
  - Mr. Widder informed us that the district may have secured a grant for transportation to the POE center.
  - Have just over \$65,000 left in the bank account.
- c. Grant request from Ms. Rice:
  - \$1,400 to purchase robotics equipment (Cubelets) to use in all grade levels for STEM inspired lessons.
  - Questions about whether Spanish was being replaced with STEAM specials and if this grant would support that.
  - Mr. Widder is leaning toward adding a STEAM position instead of replacing Spanish.

- There should be budget left for Media line item and we need to follow up with Ms. Rice to see if she will be using that money.
- Voted to cover up to \$1,400 for the equipment and Leah will follow up with Ms. Rice about using the \$400 left.
- Leah motioned to approve the request. Amelia seconded the motion. Vote passed.
- d. Budget Reallocation Request #1:
  - Replenish library books with unused teacher allocation money.
  - Deadline for reimbursement requests is March 31.
  - Email and paper reminder sent to teachers in January.
  - Email reminder sent in March.
  - Anticipate a remainder between \$2,000-\$4,000
  - Proposal: reallocate up to \$3,000, dependent upon final reimbursements, to purchase books and replenish the non-fiction section.
  - Leah motioned to approve this request. Kat seconded the motion. Vote passed.
- e. Reallocation request #2:
  - Increase Teacher Appreciation Budget
  - Current budget, \$1,000 has been spent.
  - Proposal: use remaining funds, \$798, from teacher breakfast, teacher gifts, stock the fridge and staff appreciation
  - Reallocate \$1,200 from unused teacher funds and community events.
  - Leah motioned to vote on approval of this request. Ashley seconded the motion.
    Vote passed.

Meeting adjourned by Heather Cummings, Parliamentarian.