



MEETING MINUTES

**February 8, 2024 – General Meeting
Virtual**

- 1. Call to Order, 7:00pm**
 - a. Review and approval of the agenda
- 2. Proposed Revisions to Bylaws, Amelia Howard, Co-Chair**
 - a. Review of revisions made - revisions were highlighted in the meeting, including changing the name from Cameron Park to River Park, up to 7 executive board members, update how long executive board members can service, removed Parliamentarian position and replaced with Member at Large positions, allowing co-signing privileges, removed requirement for Treasurer to be bonded, allowing board to vote by email, keep membership list electronically instead of in hard copy
 - b. Revisions will be posted on website for all PTGO members to review this upcoming weekend by Kat; please feel free to reach out with questions
 - c. Plan will be to vote on the proposed changes at the next general PTGO meeting in April
- 3. Treasurer Report, Richard Brandon, Treasurer-elect**
 - a. Review of Budget - closing balance pretty unchanged, need to carry \$20K into the following year b/c of expenditures early in the next school year; overall, goal is to put money back into the school this year; expenses reviewed; discussed upcoming expenses
 - b. Allocation of Funds: Vote (1) to allocate \$2,500 to Teacher & Staff Monthly Appreciation and (2) to allocate \$5,000 to “Projects/Discretionary - PTGO”; motion to approve both allocations, seconded and approved unanimously
- 4. Committee Updates**
 - a. Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation Committee - School Supply Bar (February event, going really well, lots of items donated) and Sandwich Lunch January

Event was a success; some of the allocated money will be used to buy some of the larger ticket School Supply items and some bulk items; Feb 19th: School Supply Bar and Stock the Fridge will occur then; newly allocated money will help fill in the gaps for TA events in the future

- b. Spirit Wear - no updates other than that there will be a table set up on fitness night; spirit wear has been a great fundraising source this year
- c. Grant Committee - working with 4th grade teacher to write 3rd party grant to get the rocks for Ms. McCurdy; headed by Brooke Mattocks

5. Principal Update, Tony Widder, Principal

- a. General thanks, especially for TA events; highly appreciated by staff
- b. Counselor Appreciation Week - Ms. Carr and Ms. Cotton: thanks for guidance and support to the children
- c. Bus Driver Appreciation Month - idea to provide them with RPES hoodies, to be sponsored by the PTGO
- d. Spring Picture Day on Feb 21
- e. April Kindergarten Orientation and Screening Day - help spread the word

6. Family Fitness Fun Night, Tony Widder, PE Teacher

- a. Overview and Date of Event - Feb 29 from 6 to 7 pm for Grades K-2; March 7 from 6 to 7 for Grades 3-5

7. Search for New Board Members for 2024-25 School Year

- a. New Member at Large Positions Created - to include Spirit Wear, Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation, Communications, Website/Social Media
- b. Please spread the word
- c. Open Positions - currently, only Treasurer position has a commitment for next year, leaving all other positions open
 - Chair
 - Vice Chair
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer - to be filled by Richard
 - Treasurer Elect
 - Member-at-large (Spirit Wear)
 - Member-at-large (Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation)
 - Member-at-large (Communications) - monthly newsletter, announcements for Tiger Call
 - Member-at-large (Website/Social Media)

8. NCYTE Tap Show, Kelly Sayed, Secretary

- a. Read-a-thon School Wide Prize was a performance by NCYTE - Youth Tap Company
- b. To take place next Friday, 2/16 in the morning - one show for the younger grades from 9 to 9:45 and one for the older grades from 10-11
- c. Looking for two volunteers at 7:30 and two volunteers at 11 to help unload and load the mobile tap floor that they are bringing with them

9. Spring Family Fun Night and Auction

- a. Brief Description of the Event - fun events, auction will still take place but we will drop the grade-level baskets to be auctioned off
- b. Proposed Date - Friday night, April 19th; auction to be done week prior to the event
- c. Volunteers - we need a lot of volunteers to make it a success; planning committee to help organize and get sign-up genius ready to go

10. Social Media/Technology Use Presentation, Hope Carr, School Counselor

- a. Presentation
- b. Things to Remember: stay calm (try not to take extreme views), studies show that how technology is being used matters more than the time being spent on it, don't have to be on social media for there to be social issues that arise from technology, some social benefit can come from technology
- c. Correlation Does NOT Equal Causation - lots of research available in her presentation (via link); girls who use social media tend to be more stressed, depressed, and anxious (taking a 2 week break can make a difference) - much more of an issue with girls than boys; in 2009, when smartphones became more prevalent, huge jump in cases of depressive symptoms
- d. Links available on how to get help on addressing common issues parents face; Smart Social (tips on using social media responsibly, including using it together with your children so parents can model appropriate behavior and use); Understood.org (9 ways to protect children from online predators); Wait Until 8th (pledge to have kids wait until 8th grade to get a smartphone); Let Grow (stop shaming parents on decisions-made re: screen time and technology use)
- e. Idea of Children's Privacy - not wanting to invade their privacy; but they do not have a right to privacy on their phones; teaching children that nothing is private is important; "what if everyone know you did that on your phone?"
- f. Idea of Putting phone in basket when kids get home so parents can review everything daily (can be time consuming); middle of the line approach would be to tell them that the parent will be checking your phone at any time (also this can be a good excuse for kids when dealing with peer pressure - they can blame their parents)
- g. Neurodiverse kids and screen-time - screen-time really does affect their ability to focus; they have a higher likelihood of screen-addiction; Ms. Carr will do some more research
- h. Q&A

11. How You Can Get Involved

- a. Join a Committee
- b. Grab a slot on a Sign-up Genius
- c. Attend PTGO events

d. Tell friends to come to the PTGO Meetings

12. Adjourn