

HOME & SCHOOL

River Woods Elementary School

General Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2020
7:00pm
via Zoom

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:02pm.

II. Attendees:

Gina Baumgartner and Board Members: Amy Schade, Emily Kirschner, and Stefannie Leakes and parent community members

III. Guest Speaker

Jo- Yoga Instructor and Mindfulness Coach

Mindfulness and parenting through a pandemic, chaos and during and after traumatic events

Also offering yoga classes for children in home studio

Can contact Mrs. Baumgartner for any questions re: Jo's services

Amy Schade thanks Jo and moves onto Secretary's report

III. Secretary's Report: Secretary absent so minutes presented by President Amy Schade

- Minutes from September 2020 distributed by secretary Melanie Manning
- Motion to approve minutes by Ann Polouse and seconded by Emily Kirschner, motion carried with no questions and none opposed

IV. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Stefannie Leakes gave report

- If making purchases get IL sales tax exemption form from Stefannie because it cannot be reimbursed by H&S
 - Stefannie presented all treasurer's reports and documents distributed with agenda
 - Income of \$1800 on school supplies and \$1.47 interest
 - Expenses:
 - Purchased new checks for \$45
 - \$86.60 expense for beautification
 - \$300 for 5th grade books (in lieu of field trip)
 - \$149 teacher stipend
 - \$43,277.23 balance
- Motion to approve financial documents and seconded by Allison Stoor, motion carried with no questions and none opposed

V. Vice President's Report: VP Emily Kirschner gave report

- Our Stan's Donuts fundraiser sold out of the 1,000 donut inventory
- Expected revenue from fundraiser is about \$400
- Next fundraiser is Nothing Bundt Cake bundtlet fundraiser which will be 11/30-12/9 with pick up 12/17; details to come

VI. President's Report: President Amy Schade gave report

- Anderson's Bookstore fundraiser update- 20% of sales for one week will go to River Woods; more details to be distributed to community
- Thank you to Gomez restaurant on Naper Blvd. for free burrito lunch to all River Woods teachers
- Most spirit wear has been picked up
- We will be offering Scripps gift card program for teachers for holiday season and it will all be online; more details to come
- District holiday giving program is looking for gift card donations for district families in need, go to NEF website for details
- District wants community to be reminded to keep wearing masks
- Use "Let's Talk" forum on District website for general district questions

VII. Principal's Report: Principal Gina Baumgartner gave report

- Thanksgiving "Acts of Kindness" tree update
- Take picture of your act of kindness and upload to social media
- Principal Baumgartner asks to let her know if you want to discuss issue that Home & School isn't addressing; please email or call principal or Home & School board member
- District will continue e-learning through 1/25/21
- No person to person transmission at River Woods elementary building thus far that we know of, but has affected those who work in building
- Please let Principal Baumgartner know if you know of a family in need due to quarantine or financial issue because she has resources to help
- Update on virtual Veteran's Day assembly via video to honor veterans
- Fall celebrations went well and thank you to Emily Kirschner to coordinating and help classrooms without lead classroom parents
- Discussion re: winter celebration activities
- End of Trimester 1 on 11/24 and teachers are using grade level standard from previous years (as opposed to last spring when State of IL required standards changed due to pandemic)
- Standard Based report cards will be available on 12/4
- Principal Baumgartner gave explanation of standard based report cards
- Principal thanked community for work and partnership

VIII. Teacher Liaison: Mary Guilani gave report

- Teachers miss children so much
- Just booked 2021 Fall Book Fair
- Teachers very appreciative of parent support

IX: Committee Chair Update

A. Yearbook Chair Julie WolK gave yearbook update

- Discussion re: if school portraits will happen, principal said maybe will be able to happen when we go to hybrid in person after 1/25/21

- Yearbook company will have software that will allow parents to upload own pictures if necessary and that will be back up plan
- Discussion if to include pictures that show students breaking social distancing guidelines and will have further discussion
- Discussion re: when to submit yearbook, April vs. end of school year
- April submission will make yearbooks available by end of school year and end of school year submission will make it available in summer; no decision made and discussion will continue at later date
- Working on Google Slides and class photographers to submit pictures
- Emily Krischner mentioned 2 classes that don't have class photographers and Sarah Madrid offered to do one and both, until hopefully another parent can take over at least one

B. President of SFCP Allison Stoor gave update on SFCP

- Update on Thanksgiving "Giving Tree" and scavenger hunt
- Let Allison know if you have any ideas for SFCP or any questions
- Next SFCP meeting on Monday at 2:50pm and email Principal Baumgartner for zoom link to attend meeting

Principal thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting until 2/11/2021 at 9am