

# HOME & SCHOOL

## River Woods Elementary School

Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2021

7:00pm

via Zoom

### **I. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:26pm due to Zoom technical difficulties.

### **II. Members Present:**

Principal Gina Baumgartner, Mary Guiliani, Amy Schade, Emily Kirschner, Stefannie Leakeas, Melanie Manning, Allison Stoor, Beth Maslowsky, Ann Poulouse, Julie Wolk, Teresa Najera, Lindsay Pawlik, Corinne Sayers.

### **III. Secretary's Report presented by Melanie Manning:**

- Motion to approve April 15, 2021 Home & School meeting minutes made by Melanie Manning, seconded by Stefannie Leakes, no discussion followed, and motion passed 13-0.
- Proposed amendment to Article VIII, section 2 of River Woods Home & School Bylaws to remove requirement of Home & School Vice-President have committee chair experience presented discussed. Motion to amend the bylaws as presented made by Melanie Manning, seconded by Emily Kirschner, no discussion followed, and motion passed 13-0.
- 2021-2022 Home & School Committee Chair nominations presented:
  - (i) Yearbook- Julie Wolk
  - (ii) Book Fair/LC Volunteer Coordinator- Allison Storr
  - (iii) Redbirds Ambassador- Allison Stoor

- (iv) SFCP- Allison Stoor
- (v) Adult Social (co-chair)- Ann Poulouse
- (vi) Birthday Books- Claire Evans
- (vii) Spirit Wear- Zine Turner
- (viii) Hospitality Co-Chairs- Heather Cislowski Aimee Ishikawa
- (ix) Family Connections- Jamie Gibbs
- (x) Great Lakes Scrip- Laura Parola
- (xi) School Supplies- Kristen Gervase
- (xii) Variety Show (co-chair)- Teresa Najera
- (xiii) Beautification- Allison Mitch
- (xiv) Directory Spot- Stephanie Henige
- (xv) Communications- Monica Neill
- (xvi) Box Tops- Liza Page

Motion to approve all presented nominations made by Melanie Manning, seconded by Stefannie Leakes, no discussion followed, and motion passed 13-0.

- Open committee head positions for Field Day, Veterans Day Assembly, Helping Hands, Cougars Reading, Ice Cream Social, Dine Out, Poinsettia, Carnival, Adult Social Co-Chair, and Variety Show Co-Chair discussed.

#### **IV. Treasurer's Report: Stefannie Leakeas**

- Stefannie discussed results of prior year's audit and advised our audit was clean.
- Stefannie presented a proposed increase in this year's grounds beautification budget to \$575 from \$450. Motion presented by Ann Poulouse, seconded by Melanie Manning, no discussion followed and motion approved by 13-0.
- Stefannie presented all financial reports attached to agenda
- Stefannie went through all documents, there was a technical glitch with screen sharing.
- Changes to income in current budget discussed and current expenses explained.
- Bank account balance 4/6 \$35,697.55.
- Motion to approve financial reports this month made by Amy, seconded by Melanie Manning, approved 13-0.
- 2021-2022 Home & School Budget presented and Stefannie advised it is posted on the school website to review and advised it will be up for approval at May Home & School meeting.

- Proposed update to check policy presented
- Motion to approve amendment made by Amy Schade, seconded by Emily Kirschner, no discussion followed, and motion passed 13-0.

**V. Vice President's Report: Emily Kirschner**

- Update on Kona Ice Truck event on 4/29
- Update on Ice Cream social event on 6/3
- 2021-2022 Home & School Executive Board Candidates presented  
 President - Emily Kirschner  
 Vice-President- unfilled  
 Treasurer- Stefannies Leakes  
 Secretary- Kristen Dubovsky

**VI. President's Report: Amy Schade**

- Please reach out for VP position or committee head
- Advised will vote on Executive Board slate at May's Home & School meeting
- Amy presented motion for Home & School to cover the cost of yearbooks for families to qualify for free and reduced lunch, which has been discussed at previous meetings. Motion to approve made by Ann Poulose, seconded by Melanie Manning, no discussion followed, and motion passed 13-0.
- General Home & School Executive Board slate was presented. Melanie Manning made motion to approve, Allison Stoor seconded, no discussion followed, motion approved 13-0.

**VII. Teacher Liaison Mary Gulani**

- Ms. Guiliani advised staff is very appreciative of lunch that was provided and said thank you.
- Said staff is very excited to have kids back in school and teachers are just generally thankful for everything.

**VIII. Principal's Report: Gina Baumgartner**

- About 95% of River Woods students are now in person learning.

- Considering all that has changed, principal wanted to advise that MAP testing scores do not show a significant decline of student's learning. The MAP testing results for Winter 2019 and 2020 had 92% of students within average testing range and this year's Winter MAP testing scores show 91.5% of students within average testing range.
- Advised working with Ms. Conway on holding a Field Day.
- Gave update on 5th graders Outdoor Education. It will be held on 4/16.
- 5th grade assembly will be virtually, but 5th grade breakfast will be in person.
- Principal trying to come up with socially distanced 5th grade "clap out" plan.
- Teacher's Appreciation week in May and information will be coming out.

## **IX. Committee Reports**

### **A. Year Book          Julie Wolk**

- General yearbook update
- Will be asking for Kona Truck, Outdoor Ed and 5th grade breakfast pictures

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm until May 13, 2021, at 7pm.