

HOME & SCHOOL

River Woods Elementary School

Minutes for Home & School Meeting February 12, 2015

Attendees:

Michelle Mander, Jennifer Ullian, Laura Burke, Gina Baumgartner, Nancy Benson, Amy Schade, Mary Giuliani

Reports of Officers:

Secretary

Laura Burke

- Approval of November minutes. Nancy Benson first approval, Amy Schade 2nd.
- Approval of January Minutes. Laurie Lau first approval and Amy Schade 2nd.

President

Michelle Mander

- Discuss confusion with ticket orders/volunteer forms/basket donations not being received or going to wrong place and how to avoid future problems
- Per General Home & School, all schools will be required to pay \$275 for updates to software. Discuss adding technology as a line item in future budgets
- Request a teacher wish list to be granted from any extra money left in budget that cannot be carried over to next school year
- We will be using Sign Up Genius for volunteer signup. Information will be included in spring packet.
- District 203 Cold Weather/Snow Policies
 - Much goes into decision to close schools
 - Must consider transportation issues, clean up crews and danger levels to keep all staff and students safe
- New district wide Anti Bullying policies discussed

Principal

Gina Baumgartner

- Discuss institute days and teacher activities on those days
 - Used for professional development
 - Teachers currently being trained on PAARC test administration – students will use ipads and laptops.
 - Teachers receiving instruction on Danielson Model and culturally responsive techniques
- Staff members retiring this year: Mrs. Latina, Mr. Keeting, Mrs. Kirchoff
- March 1 deadline for Nectarico Literacy Grant
- Twitter Signup
- 5 Essentials Survey – up to 16% participation. 20% required to get results
- Looking forward to Rivervinia!
- Upcoming assemblies:
 - 3/26 Jessie White Tumblers
 - 4/17 Wheel of Wisdom
 - 6/2 Ned Show (last day of school)

- Math night in April – date TBD
- Report Cards coming home 3/9
- Cogats - scores used to determine PI and honors math placement

Teacher Liaison

Mary Giuliani

- Happy teachers due to great kids
- 3rd graders going to Ranchview Elementary for district wide assembly to see author Dave Pilkey. District paying for assembly and busses.

Committee Reports

- **Carnival**
 - Date will be February 21, 2015
 - Western Theme
 - Need Volunteers!
 - New carnival items – photo booth and face painting

Miscellaneous

- Nancy Benson coordinating reading incentive programs
 - Ozzie Reading program
 - Six Flags – due March 2nd no exceptions

NEXT MEETING March 12, 2015 @9am in MPR