

HOME & SCHOOL

River Woods Elementary School

Minutes for Home & School Meeting January 15, 2015

Attendees:

Michelle Mander, Jennifer Ullian, Laura Burke, Gina Baumgartner, Catherine Cohoon, Nancy Benson, Amy Schade, Mary Giuliani, Julie McNab, Sandy Pohovey, Melissa Herth, Jeanne Mason

Tim Wierenga

Asst Superintendent for Assessment & Analysis

- Discussed River Woods Report Card
- How to navigate ISBE website
- Interpreting data
 - Meet and achieve academic standards
 - Academic growth data using individual student growth
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Reports of Officers:

Secretary

Laura Burke

- Financials from November through December approved. Jeanne Mason first approval and Julie McNab second

Vice President

Jennifer Ullian

- Need a new Vice President next year
 - All students did a great job, especially Dual Language
 - Cabrina Attal will continue as chairperson for committee
- Box Tops ending 1/16. Email Rebecca Czszech to help with counting

President

Michelle Mander

- Discuss upcoming assemblies
 - February – Wheel of Wisdom game show
 - Looking for 1 more assembly for the school year
- January 29, - Open House and 1 School 1 Book reveal and book pick up
- Ozzie Reading Minutes and Six Flags reading incentives ongoing
- Rivervinia – Dominos and a movie at end of February
- Winter Parties overall successful, need to tweak charity aspect to run more smoothly next year
- Valentines Day Parties on 2/13 from 10-11 due to half day of school
- USA Skate in Romeoville
 - Event to promote community involvement
 - \$6 a person includes skate rental
 - Open to all friends and family

Asst Principal

Catherine Cohoon

- Grades 2-5 taking performance series testing this week
 - Adaptive test that students will take on iPads or computers

- Difficulty increases until students max out then test ends
- Taken three times/year to track progress – Sept, Jan and April
- 3rd-5th grades will take PAARC in March and May
 - practicing on computers in Jan and Feb to prepare
 - teachers have received much preparation in giving the exam

Principal

Gina Baumgartner

- River Woods into the Future
 - Will coordinate with spring parent teacher conferences
 - Will include a video of teaching using instructional techniques and differentiation in classrooms
- Multi Needs moving to Maplebrook next school year
 - Bigger space for them with 2 large classrooms
 - Great opportunity for Multi Needs program but a loss to RW community!
 - Extra rooms combine to make one classroom for RW next year
 - Students work on “Words Their Way” – strategy groups rather than reading level groups
- New 3rd grade Dual Language teacher – Mrs. Keller. Previous teacher resigned for health/family issues
 - Could change financial allocation of the state
- Kindergarten roundup on 3/26

Teacher Liaison

Mary Giuliani

- Teachers getting ready for Carnival and are very excited about 1 School 1 Book

Committee Reports

- **Carnival**
 - Date will be February 21, 2015
 - Western Theme
 - Working on themes and collecting items for classroom baskets
 - Volunteer packet coming home in early February as well as “teasers”
 - Pre ticket sales at Open House on January 29
- **SFCP**
 - Working on Turn off TV Week for April or May
 - Math night in the works

Miscellaneous

- Nancy Benson coordinating reading incentive programs
 - Ozzie Reading program
 - Six Flags – due March 2nd no exceptions
 - Working on Andy’s Frozen Custard coupons for added incentives

NEXT MEETING February 12, 2015 @7pm in MPR