

HOME & SCHOOL

River Woods Elementary School

Minutes for Home & School Meeting November 13, 2014

Attendees:

Michelle Mander, Jennifer Ullian, Laura Burke, Gina Baumgartner, Nancy Benson, Amy Schade, Julio Camino, Brian Damery, Anne O'Malley, Denise Downey, Julie McNab, Sandy Pohovey, Beth Cranston

Reports of Officers:

Secretary

Laura Burke

- Minutes from September 11, 2014 meeting approved. Anne O'Malley first approval and Denise Downey second
- Financials from September/October approved. Anne O'Malley first approval and Nancy Benson second

Vice President

Jennifer Ullian

- Veteran's Day assembly a success!
 - All students did a great job, especially Dual Language
 - Cabrina Attal will continue as chairperson for committee
- Box Tops September collection earned \$1400
- Holiday Bazaar to be held on 12/4/14 from 3-6pm in MPR/gym
 - Need 18 volunteers to ensure success
 - Poinsettia pick up will be on the same day
 - Any interested vendors should contact Jennifer Ullian or Michelle Mander
- Winter Celebrations to be held on 12/19/14 from 10:00-10:50
 - Will be a game day – room parents to decide on games
 - Jennifer working on a charity to promote giving back. Will be in conjunction with parties
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President

Michelle Mander

- Vote to approve move from PNC to BMO – motion approved
- Successful pizza/movie night – lots of participants and earned \$288 from Dominos.
- School supplies –
 - Signed a contract with Carlson School supplies
 - Will be all online ordering this year
 - No online ordering fees
 - Will try to work with teachers to reduce costs of supply bags to around \$40
 - Option to pay extra to help families in need
- Will post volunteer opportunities on website and emails to promote volunteerism
- Adult social in the works for next year – need to bring back more fundraisers
- USA Skate party tentatively scheduled for 1/15/15 from 6-8pm at USA Skate in Romeoville
 - Event to promote community involvement

- \$6 a person includes skate rental

Principal

Gina Baumgartner

- Thank you for successful Veteran's Day
- New English/language arts curriculum
 - Teachers have received professional development
 - Students work on "Words Their Way" – strategy groups rather than reading level groups
- SB16 passed in Senate in May and currently being discussed in House
 - Could change financial allocation of the state
 - If passed District 203 would lose 76% of state funding
 - 203 would be the district with 6th largest loss in the state
- Safety
 - During elections staff member present in gym at all times
 - District looking into closing schools during elections and scheduling professional development days for teachers instead
 - Passed all drills (police and fire) for year
- All students received PRIDE bracelets during red ribbon week
- School goals
 - Welcoming environment to all
 - Use assessment data to make informed decisions for all students and staff
- Teachers attending community events are there to be social and not the time for conferences
- Tim Wrienga attending January H&S meeting to discuss assessments
 - Students taking PARCC, not ISAT this year
 - Teachers will receive professional development to help students prepare for the tests
 - All computer based
- NEF will help support 1 School 1 Book
- Look for a student/staff survey to get a general feel for school environment

Teacher Liaison

Brian Damery

- Field Trips
 - Teachers might take a few less field trips if H&S didn't fund busses
 - Teachers try to combine field trips across grade level to maximize their funds

Committee Reports

- **Carnival**
 - Date will be February 21, 2015
 - Western Theme
 - Information will come home in December regarding baskets
- **Yearbooks**
 - Cover contest information coming out in next few weeks
 - Flyers in backpack mail with more information on ordering and contest
- **SFCP**
 - Red Birds Care gift card program to help families in need
 - School nurse looking for new underwear, clean sweat pants for accidents

NEXT MEETING January 15, 2015 @1pm in MPR