

HOME & SCHOOL

River Woods Elementary School

Minutes for Home & School Meeting September 11, 2014

Attendees:

Michelle Mander, Jennifer Ullian, Kyle Smith, Laura Burke, Gina Baumgartner, Catherine Cohoon, Nancy Benson, Julie Wolk, Amy Schade, Prasad Rao, Mary Giulianii, Melissa Herth, Jeanne Mason, Anne O'Malley, Rebecca Szczech, Jen Applegate, Sheri Czachor, Denise Downey, Julie McNab, Laurie Lau, Lauren Opalka.

Reports of Officers:

Secretary

Laura Burke

- Minutes from May 13, 2014 Meeting Approved.

Treasurer

Kyle Smith

- Current Budget Distributed
- No tax reimbursement. Reimbursement forms in Treasurer mailbox in lobby.
- Reimbursements will be picked up and dropped off on Wednesdays

Vice President

Jennifer Ullian

- Coordinate student council and Spirit Wear. Possible breast cancer awareness day in October?
- H&S purchasing Swimmy wrist bands for each student. Tie into team River Woods.

President

Michelle Mander

- **SFCP** Back to School Picnic a success! Need more pizza next year. Moving the event from Sunday to Thursday worked well
- Need more volunteers to be Rocky so he can appear more often. Melissa Herth interested.
- Spirit Wear sales will run from Sept 25 to October 10.
 - Every Friday is Spirit Day
 - Will have samples at Ice cream Social and at conferences
 - Hair bands and bows a huge success!
- Brax Cups sale runs through September 26.
- Benefit Nights coming up in September and October. Discuss putting flyers online as well as sending through backpack mail.
- October 23 is our Movie Night at River Woods. Dominos pizza will be available for purchase. Movie possibilities include Despicable Me 2, Rio 2, and Mr. Peabody and Sherman
- Ice Cream Social orders coming home in backpack mail soon. Dairy Queen will provide the ice cream
- SFCP – all 3 chairs leaving at end of this year Will be around next year to help new chairs
- Directory Changes for this year
 - Include teacher emails
 - Include H&S meeting dates and times

- Shading every other line for easier reading
 - Include zip codes
- Discussed continuing to use H&S funds for field trips. Is this helpful or necessary? Will stick with status quo this year and continue conversation to determine funding for next year
- Need to increase Target Redcard participation

Assistant Principal

Catherine Cohoon

- School Safety Procedure discussed
 - 2 practice fire drills – with and without alarms
 - 1 emergency weather drill in fall and one in spring
 - Bus evacuation drill
 - 2 lock down drills
- Revamped bus entry/dismissal. All bussed students enter and exit through same door
- 5th grade Safety Patrol has started – they are doing a great job!

Principal

Gina Baumgartner.

- ISAT data discussed – 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders take this test
- Ms. Baumgartner and Mrs. Cohoon visiting all classrooms and reading Swimmy
- Buddy Bench discussed – is this a good idea and will it benefit all students?
- School supplies – we need to decrease cost and get closer to \$40/kid.
 - Can students donate supplies back at the end of the year?
 - Reuse some supplies from year to year?
- No grant this year for One Book One School – possible funding discussed
 - Possible discount through Scholastic
 - Put copies on hold at library
 - Donations accepted on order forms
 - Each family buys their own copy
- Revitalize Community Outreach Program – SFCP to lead
 - Gift card donations
 - Families Helping Families
- Professional Learning Committees to be used across grade levels

Committee Reports

- **Carnival**
 - Date will be February 21, 2015
 - Western Theme
- **Yearbook**
 - Volunteers needed to take pictures throughout the year
 - Books will sell for \$20 this year
- **SFCP**
 - Welcome Back Picnic was attended by approximately 500 people
 - Next SFCP Social will be on playground after school – 9/18
 - Winter Coat drive

Miscellaneous

- Nancy Benson will run the Ozzie Reading Challenge
- Kane County Cougar games for River Woods – April 11 or April 17

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 9, 2014 @7pm in MPR – Open House Meeting