

RIVER WOODS HOME & SCHOOL

H&S Meeting
September 7, 2017
9:00 am

Attendees:

Gina Baumgartner, Melanie Manning, Ann Poulouse, Sarah Madrid, Mary Giuliani Kristen Gervase, Karen Wright, Zina Turner, Julie Wolk, Julie Dorans, Erin Denney-Thompson, Christie Thakkar, Neva Grey, Monica Neill, Amy Schade, Jamie Gibbs

Pledge

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Garrett Schade absent. Gina Baumgartner said Treasurer report looks good.
- Motion made and approved to give Treasurer authority to move cash from checking to money market
- Square electronic payments will be more available at school events

President's Report

Melanie Manning

- Vote on VP candidate Ann Poulouse will be in November
- Policies and Procedures signed by committee heads during meeting
- Directory Spot app information shared. Will go live in October. Stephanie Heinige is Chair.
- Committee Communications to school. Reviewed time line and procedure for sending all school message.
- Google Drive site to be used for all volunteers. All committee heads are now to save important docs and info on Drive.
- Adult Social Update: October 22nd, 5-8 pm Looking for donation items and sponsors for the event
- Manna Cards discussed. These cards make it easier for families to contribute money toward class gift for teacher. Discussed additional ways to sell Manna cards as future fundraiser.
- Focus 203 Update: This year's focus—what do you like, not like about school and what would you like to see. Melanie Manning asked us to share ideas with her, too.
- Sign up Genius: Amy Schade shared. She creates a Sign up Genius through a central account for anyone who needs it. Room Parents will go live 9/22 at noon. Dads and Donuts sign up is 9/15.

Principal's Report

Gina Baumgartner

- NEF—shared about helpful ways NEF funds and grants support our school.
- Digital Learning Initiative—shared which new technology is available to students. New cyber safety initiatives: Mary Giuliani is helping students learn about this.
- Fall Pictures—not in yet. Give principal feedback once they are in. Retake day 9/27
- Adopt a School—hope to help a school in Houston affected by Hurricane Harvey
- School Improvement Plan—shared RW video that was presented to School Board

Teacher Liason:

Mary Giuliani

- Muralist will do paintings in LC
- Teachers and Staff appreciated back to school luncheon

Committee Chair Reports

- School Supplies: Kristen Gervase—Contract with Carlson expires. Kristen prefers to renew with Carlson. Motion to renew Carlson. Motion carried.
- Dine out night—Amy Schade We will have 3 more dine out nights this year. Box Tops will also begin this year.
- Discussion on Spirit Wear feedback. Consider different sizes and pricing levels

Meeting Adjourned until next meeting, November 9, 2017 at 9:00 am

HOME & SCHOOL

River Woods Elementary School

Meeting Agenda
November 9, 2017
9:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

II. Attendees:

Carolyn Holtz, Julie Wolk, Ellen Baskind, Amy Schade, Barb Bechtel, Christie Thakkar, Neva Grey, Melanie Manning, Ann Pouluse, Sarah Madrid, Gina Baumgartner, Mary Guiliani

III. Secretary's Report: Sarah Madrid

- Minutes from fall H&S meetings to be approved at January meeting

IV. Treasurer's Report: Amy Schade reported for Garrett Schade

- Financials passed around
- Reviewed earnings from recent fundraisers including Adult Social, Ice Cream Social and Panda Express dine out night.

V. President's Report: Melanie Manning

- Motion to approve vice-presidential candidate Ann Pouluse, nominated by Melanie Manning, Julie Wolk second, motion carried and approved
- Movie night update
- Great Lake Scrip Update: formerly called Manna, Laura Parola will chair, will be up and running for holidays for teacher gifts

- Nominating Committee for 2018-2019 Home & School Executive Board: Committee to look for H&S vice president for 2018-2019. Ann Poulouse will chair committee.
- Directory Spot feedback: RW app seems to be working well

VI. Principal's Report Gina Baumgartner

- Appreciations: thank you for Fall celebrations, thanks to Christie Thakkar for upcoming Veterans Day program
- School goals: Gina Baumgartner and school staff are working on Vision statement, possibly released in December or January
- Report cards: posted on Friday, November 17th. Please let Gina Baumgartner know if anyone is having trouble accessing report cards
- Student council: will provide possible support for a RW child's illness, more info to follow
- Adopt-a-school update: partnering with Houston school, possibly ask RW families to donate their One School One book back and RW then donates books to Houston school
- Primary Lunch time: consider having music at beginning of lunch for primary kids, help them transition and set nice climate for lunch time.

VII. Teacher Liaison Mary Guiliani

- Gathering ideas from staff for fundraising ideas

VIII. Committee Chair Reports

- **Beautification (Ellen Baskind)**

Ellen will meet with a RW parent to learn more about getting our school garden certified by conservation agency

- **Carnival (Neva Grey)**

Theme: New York New York. There are 5 returning committee chairs. Sub-committee chairs needed including decorations, ticket sales, BINGO, corporate donations. Baskets will be done by grade level.

- **Poinsettia Sales (Barb Bechtel)**

November 30th is distribution date and Barb does have the help she needs for that date.

- **Veteran's Day (Christine Thakkar)**

Veteran's Day program update: 31 Veterans attending, everything ready to go

- **Yearbook (Julie Wolk)**

Discussion regarding number of extra yearbooks to order.

Suggestion to order 400 and then company will send some extra

- **Ways and Means: (Amy Schade)**

Panda Express not well attended, and hoping that Band Night at Patio will have better revenue, also reminder to continue collecting box tops

IX. Adjourn to February 8, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn by Melanie, second by Ann