

HOME & SCHOOL

River Woods Elementary School

**Minutes for H&S Meeting
September 8, 2016 @ 9:00am**

Attendees:

Amanda Barrett, Melanie Manning, Stefannie Leakeas, Jennifer Ullian, Gina Baumgartner, Laura Burke, Jennifer Applegate, Lisa Moen, Christie Thakkar, Regina Fernandez, Sarah Madrid, Julie Wolk, Erica Kritzer, Denise Downey, Barb Bechtel, Sheila Pawlikowski, Amy Schade, Mary Guiliani, Thao Huynh, Samirah Grande, Marisol Esquirel

Reports of Officers:

Secretary

Jennifer Ullian

- Approval of Minutes from May

Treasurer's Report

Stefannie Leakeas

- Discuss proposed adjustments to our current budget-see proposed budget changes noted in yellow highlighted areas.
- Discuss cash handling procedure-main point is no money leaves the school unless event is held off-campus

Vice-President's Report-no reports

President's Report

Amanda Barrett

- Upcoming Events: Hearing and Vision Screening (9/14), Ice Cream Social (9/22), Fall Conferences (10/6-10/7), Adult Social (9/23),
- Spirit wear Sales end 9/16
- Volunteers: Need Committee Chair for : Yearbook, General Helpers for setup at Adult Social
- Donations Needed for Adult Social
- District Review of Yearly Calendar and Length of School Day – Surveys 10/4-10/18
- Committee Reports/News

Principial Update

Gina Baumgartner

- Standards Based Grading
- PARCC

Teacher Liaison**Mary Guiliani**

- Thanks for the hospitality from H&S for back to school meals. All done for the teachers is appreciated. Kicks chicken was a popular choice among the teachers.

Committee Reports

No reports from committee heads. Focus on supporting Adult Social efforts at this time. Adult Social set for September 23rd at 7pm.

Following the general H&S meeting, a separate meeting was held with the committee chairs, the following notes are from that portion of the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:50**Next Meeting: November 10th at 9am**

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Meeting Minutes November 10, 2016

Attendees: Amanda Barrett, Stefannie Leakeas, Melanie Manning, Jennifer Ullian, Kristen Gervase, Christie Thakkar, Julie Wolk, Sarah Madrid, Monica Etzel, Amy Schade, Mrs. Wheeler, Ms. Baumgartner

Reports of Officers:

Secretary's Report

Jennifer Ullian

- Approval of Minutes from September-Melanie a motion to approve Monica second-no objection.
- Confirm attendance

Treasurer's Report

Stefannie Leakeas

- Approval to change current budget as presented at September meeting- plan to reallocate money from planned fourth Kindergarten teacher to give specials teachers \$50/each and give \$50 to discrepancy funds. Motion to approve by Melanie Manning, second by Amy Schade.
- Reviewed income of dining night, back to school social, ice cream social, and adult social.
- Profit from Adult Social projected to be \$8,5000

Vice-President's Report-No Report

President's Report

Amanda Barrett

- Upcoming Events: Veterans Day Assembly (11/11); Movie Night (11/17) Pizza will be sold. Money Slip due Monday doors at 5:30-movie at 5:45; Poinsettia Sales (orders due 11/18); Yearbook Cover Contest (Submissions due 11/18).
- Welcome New Committee Chairs: Ellen Baskind (Beautification); Julie Wolk (Yearbook) Make sign tags for them. Andrea Eschmeyer will succeed Monica for Helping Hands next year.
- The new benches out front of the school and information sign has been installed along with the bigger information sign by the parent drive. These will be used for communication purposes. Please note for committee chairs, customized signs can be made at district print shop. We would like to ask

that signs stay simple so we can reuse the signs with specific dates for each year for reoccurring events.

- Adult Social Review-looking to use money for current budget then potentially bookmarking money for future projects.
- Watch Dogs Kickoff in January-Dads of Great Students. This is something other schools within our district do to promote Dads or Dad figures if a child doesn't have a biological father. The Dad shadows his kid(s) for the day. The plan will be to offer this opportunity 2-3 times/week. On January 21st, there will be a launch day of Donuts with Dads. On that morning, Dads that can sign up for a date. It will be an hour event. Other schools in the district currently using the program have had positive feedback from both kids and Dads and have developed a wall of fame to showcase those who participate.
- General H&S looking for celebrations –As a committee chair if you have an input re: vendors, successes, or failures please forward to Amanda so that she may share with the district.

Student Council Update: Logan from Mr. Dahlstrom's 5th grade dual language

- December's student council event will be to collect gently used clothes and food drive.
- They are also planning a Pajama Day in near future.
- Amanda let Mrs. Wheeler know that student council is welcome to add information about upcoming events to the sign by the student drive and to the weekly news at least on a monthly basis to keep parents informed.

Principial Update

Gina Baumgartner

- 5 Essentials Survey: November 16-January 16-state survey from staff and parents in 5 areas to help strengthen our school and helps with planning for future. This also goes on our school report.
- SBR- Electronic Platform-Comes out Nov. 16 at noon via internet If you have any questions specific to your child please contact the teacher. Work is being done across the district to help understand the process. Teachers will be meeting by grade level on 11/23 to discuss how the process is going.
- PARCC 2016 Spring Results-68% meet or exceed standard. Reading was down a bit to 62% so now this specific group is being addressed to provide more opportunities. Non-fiction was an area that needed growth so this is being incorporated into the special classes. Math at 70% which is up from 62%,
- Buddy Bench-Installed 2 weeks ago. Money is from an anoyomus donar for

the cost of the bench and school helped support the money for installation of the bench. Emphasis on how to be a buddy to someone on the bench. Goal is for the bench to be empty.

- Restorative Justice-state has been looking at data re: kids who are suspended, expelled, etc. to find alternates. Mindfully look at and only use with those it may have a positive influence on. Building and repairing relationships through restorative practices versus giving a punishment. Looking for restorative which is authoritative with clear expectations and let them know about consequences. Restorative Bridge to help kids solve problems.

Teacher Liaison **Mary Guiliani :Dawn Wheeler was present for her.**

- No reports on behalf of Mary.

Committee Chair Reports

Box Tops

Amy Schade

This collection earned \$640 for the school! The next collection will be in February. Congratulations to our 2 winning classrooms! Students in Mrs. Matteson and Mrs. Siambekos' class earned coupons for free ice cream! The two classes collected more than 1800 Box Tops total!

School Supplies

Kristen Gervase

- Carlson will be used again next year. H&S made \$2,200 this last year.

Helping Hands

Monica Etzel

- Picture contract was for 2 years. At this time, there is no change anticipated.

Veteran's Day

Chrisitie Thakkar

- **Veteran's Day Assembly Tomorrow at 9am.**

Next meeting is January 19th at 9am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 motion by Kristen Gervase