

HOME & SCHOOL

River Woods Elementary School

Home & School Minutes

September 12th, 2019

9:00 AM

- 1) Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM by Neva Grey.
 - b. The meeting started with introductions around the room.
- 2) Members Present (sign in sheet)
 - a. Lisa Bracey, Allison Stoor, Veronica Gordon, Huma Adnan, Aimee Ishikawa, Zina Turner, Claire Evans, Neva Grey, Emily Kirschner, Kristen Gervase, Amy Schade, Lindsay Pawlik, Jamie Gibbs, Code Ninjas representative, Julie Wolk, Andrea Eschmeyer, Angel Son, Monical Neill, Nicole Rutherford, Antara Prasad, Christie Thakkar, Gina Baumgartner, Mary Guiliani
- 3) Secretary's Report
 - a. Approve meeting minutes from May 2019
 - i. Julie Wolk made the motion, Zina Turner second
- 4) Treasurer's Report
 - a. All reports available for July and August, including budget, profit and loss, reconciliation
 - i. Budget in blue, green is transactions in last month, yellow is year to date based on fiscal year July 1-June 30
 - b. All available on River Woods Home and School website in Treasurer's Corner
 - c. Bank account total: \$58,909.43 as of 8/31/2019
 - i. Will be cutting check for the playground costs approved end of last year
- 5) Vice President's Report
 - a. Classroom volunteers – still some open spots
 - i. Reminder of the rules to maximize families in the classroom
- 6) President's Report
 - a. Home and School calendar on website
 - i. Ice cream social today
 - ii. STREAM Night November 7 – every other year event
 - iii. Home and School on November 14 – evening meeting with Adam Russo, speaking about letting your kids fail
 - iv. Adult Social – District limiting to 2 large fundraisers for the year. Because of Step It Up, limited to 1. Remove event or have event as social, but not a fundraiser.
 1. Need to break even on Adult Social
 2. More flexibility with date if not a fundraiser
 - a. Consider weather and event schedules

- 3. Looking for feedback about having social not as a fundraiser
 - b. TEAM NEF – running the Naperville 5K and Half for NEF and River Woods
 - i. Need cheer squads to support out 26 runners and walkers
 - ii. Need a volunteer at 5' 3" or 5' 4" to be the mascot
 - c. Wish list items
 - i. Need to take budget to \$0 annually, except for reserves
 - ii. Add items to wish list so money is put to use annually
- 7) Principal's Report
 - a. 517 students in the school
 - b. New playground, but an issue with wood chips. Should be back to playground on Monday with addition of more wood chips.
 - c. Watch DOGS – start in October. Full day opportunity also lunch/recess time slots (11-12:30). To increase the number of volunteers. Tues, Wed and Friday. No doughnuts and dads event this year. A Watch DOG orientation to cover the same information via video.
 - d. Step It Up – Day of Awesome September 27. Multiple stations for kids to participate. Scaled down field day with bouncy houses. Will be a sign up that opens on Sunday for the Day of Awesome. All students participate. Kick off to the school year. In the morning on the 27th.
 - i. Ended up at 62% participation per grade on average. More at lower grade levels. Will get final numbers this week, but over 850 people donated and profit around \$18,000.
 - ii. Parent questions/feedback: Questions around what Day of Awesome was and what Step It Up was. Parents wanted a simple explanation or video of what Day of Awesome was (a field-day like event). How was fundraising tied to the event – the connection between the funds and event. The time with the Golden Ticket – was it one day, or why extended/if extended. Asked for feedback about how much was raised and what those funds are going towards.
 - iii. Removed the individual prizes, aimed at teamwork
 - e. ALICE training
 - i. Presentation was shared that is shared with students. A for Alert (announcements, noises). L for Lockdown (barricade, spread around room, call 911, escape route). I for Inform (pass on information). C for Counter (distract). E for Evacuate (leave). Will be shared with students today.
 - 1. Parent questions: Are doors all closed and locked? (Locked, but can be open). Can doors be locked from inside? (No, cost prohibitive to change but looking into). How would parents be notified? (Talk 203). Are announcements outside? (One is outside and inside – 1 is only internal)
 - f. MAP Assessment results home on September 20 with parent explanation. Envelope addressed to parents coming home in backpack mail.
- 8) Teacher Liasion
 - a. Mary Guiliani
 - b. Thank you from beginning of year for welcome back treats
 - c. Parent volunteers started in the LC – about 40 parents
 - d. Contact Mary if need to communicate with teachers

9) Committee Chair

- a. Yearbook – Julie Wolk. Providing yearbooks for free to students who qualify for free and reduced lunch. In past, 70 students qualified for free and reduced lunch. Could do family based or individual. \$20 a yearbook – would be a \$1400 line item on the wishlist.
Discussion: Supplies are reduced by 15% for FRL. School does have some funds. Could do what did with one school one book and allow additional donation to support. Vote on the November meeting. Wolk will open sales after that meeting.
- b. Dine Out/Benefit Night: Emily Kirschner. Front Street Cantina any night in October 10% on food and alcohol. \$500 bonus or taco bar lunch for teachers if highest school participation.
- c. Ice cream social at 3 PM today. Highest for past 5 socials. And highest bars sold.
- d. Little Italian fundraiser was a week long, some funds raised.
- e. Using Carlsen's again for school supplies.
- f. Committee Head meeting to follow general meeting.

10) Adjournment

- a. Claire Evans made the motion and Andrea Eschmeyer seconded.
- b. The meeting adjourned at 10:02 AM.