

HOME & SCHOOL

River Woods Elementary School

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GENERAL MEETING **MINUTES**

September, 12th 2024 at 7:00 PM

- I. Secretary's Report - Becca McIlwee
 - A. [Review Minutes from Home & School General Meeting on 5/9/2024](#)

Approved by: Alisha and Laura Nabb

- II. Treasurer's Report - Becky Wolski
 - A. FY 23-24 updates
 - [FY23-24 Monthly Budget Activity June](#)
 - [FY23-24 Treasury Notes to share](#)
 - [May 2024 Reconciliation Detail](#)
 - [May 2024 Reconciliation Summary](#)
 - [June 2024 Reconciliation Detail](#)
 - [June 2024 Reconciliation Summary](#)

-On the treasury details document you can see every category broken down

Question: Have we made any progress towards the outdoor classroom?

-That money is separate from savings and the budget

-We made \$592 from interest last year on the money market account

-The bank balance every month will be visible on this document and will be shared at each meeting

Question: What is the goal for the long term project?

-We don't have a fixed goal amount but are thinking 20kish

- We are wanting feedback from parents, students, and staff on what should be included in the outdoor learning center

B. FY 24-25 Monthly budget activities

[Fall 2024 Newsletter](#)

[FY24-25 Monthly Budget Activity July and August](#)

[FY24-25 Treasury Notes to share July and August](#)

[July 2024 Reconciliation Detail](#)

[July 2024 Reconciliation Summary](#)

[August 2024 Reconciliation Detail](#)

[August 2024 Reconciliation Summary](#)

-The budget will show a running tally in each category and will be broken down by month which will be updated throughout the year as things happen

-The newsletter will go out to the community soon to help explain the budget

-It was stated that people should not feel obligated to do every single fundraiser

Gina: The school budget is about 48K each year so we appreciate the H&S funds to help run some of the fun activities during the school year

III. Vice President's Report - Dawn Gambini

A. Volunteer Spotlight

- Each month we will spot light volunteers on our H&S bulletin board and in the school news that is sent out each week
- Volunteers could even find themselves in the yearbook this year
- We really want to celebrate individuals that help our school and students

B. RW Volunteer Sign Ups

- Short 7 room parents (kindergarten, 1st grade, 3rd grade, 4th grade, 5th grade)
- Room parents help organize the classroom parties and help coordinate any extra activities (will allow classroom parents to attend all 3 classroom parties this year)
- We do have some spots open for classroom celebrations
- Encouraging the community to look back into the SignUp Genius to fill those spots
- Just a reminder that if you are registered for the Fall Celebration, you should get your ID registered at the front office before hand so badges can be printed ahead of time which will allow for a smoother check-in process on the day of the party

Question: Some classrooms have a long waitlist for celebrations. Is there any way teachers could use that waitlist to reach out to those parents for other volunteer opportunities within the classroom for example field trips?

IV. President's Report - Jacki Chadez & Meredith Pollack

A. Fun Run

- Two different tracks and children are not running a full mile
- The main focus is for families to register
- There are key chains, panda pens, sweatbands, and vortex fliers as prizes
- There will be a special opportunity to go outside and watch a teacher perform a trickshot which will be recorded so others can view it but the grade level that reaches 100% registered first will be able to view it live

Question: We will be hitting up the same people to donate for the same goal (outdoor classroom) It would be nice to provide those people with an update on the outdoor classroom.

Question: What is the goal for individual fundraising?

- Asking Mybooster to adjust that individual goal amount

B. Outdoor Learning Center [Survey](#)



V. Principal's Report - Gina Baumgartner

A. RW Vision & Mission



River Woods School Mission

Our mission is to inspire all students to positively contribute to a diverse and global society through rigorous instruction and challenging learning experiences as • Collaborators

- Critical Thinkers
- Innovators
- Problem Solvers
- Competent Communicators

who are socially flexible, emotionally skilled, and academically curious.

B. Home & School Mission

• **Home & School Mission Statement**

- The Naperville District 203 Home & School Association's mission is to encourage and facilitate a cooperative partnership among our students, parents/guardian, and district staff and administration **to support and enhance the school experience of each student.** Home & School initiates and/or supports various programs through the donation of time and sponsorship from its district school population and community members. Home & School remains constantly fluid to meet the

ever-changing needs of our diverse student population.

C. District Mission Update



D.

E. Start & Theme for the Year

F. Engagement Continuum

G. Picnic

H. Fun Run

I. WatchDOGS

- WatchDOG kick off is September 26th
- Expectations will be shared during this kickoff meeting
- It was initially started to have male role models involved in the school but we have moved beyond that and any parent is allowed to come during the lunch/recess time
- Adults will talk with students during lunch time and playing games with students during the recess time

J. Student Ambassadors

- Starting next H&S meeting

K. Feedback and Input for River Woods School

L. Meet Mrs. Jones, River Woods Assistant Principal

M. River Woods Home & School [Input Form](#)



VI. Teacher Liaison ~ Ms. Matteson

- Mrs. Guillian is already thinking about Book Fair and will be seeking out volunteers to help with setup, cashier, and take down

VII. Committee Updates

- Hospitality is collecting donations for the teacher care kits for fall parent-teacher conferences (flyers & FB posted)

- Amazon wishlist was very successful for teachers last year and they were created again this year
- Spirit Wear has a 30% off sale and will be the largest discount of the year
- Carnival is excited to embrace the One School One Book selection which gets released in January and would love input from others on ideas for the event
- Adult Social is meeting on Monday to get started with planning and has a date, first weekend in May and will host it at the same location as last year
- Hospitality is the behind the scenes committee for Veteran's Day and would appreciate volunteers/donations
- October 17th @ 6:30 will be International Night
- Yearbook has already had a meeting

Motion to adjourn by Alisha and Lindsay Pollick