

HOME & SCHOOL

River Woods Elementary School

Home and School Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2019

9:00am

1) Call to Order

2) Members Present (sign in sheet)

- a) Julie Wolk, Lindsay Pawlik, Angel Son, Allison Stoor, Zina Turner, Claire Evans, Mary Giuliani, Sarah Madrid, Neva Grey, Kathy Rusnak, Gina Baumgartner

3) Secretary's Report (Sarah Madrid)

- a) Approve General H&S Meeting Minutes from November 2018
Neva Grey--Motion, Lindsay Pawlik--2nd, Motion approved.

4) Treasurer's Report (Neva Grey spoke on behalf of Garrett Schade)

- a) Neva Grey reviewed the following reports and it is likely that dates on reports are incorrect. Will follow up.
- b) https://drive.google.com/open?id=1sZvpcVbac67unKzfeIvAO1QXrd_5M4HA
- c) (please print and have copies of 1-page treas report at meeting)
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1phHB1eH30ewmD4LmfxqUthWhzQWvxV-o>
- d) District provides \$150K for basic structure.
- e) For playground equipment we would like to use our excess funds in our H&S account to pay for added equipment. Garrett feels we could put \$40K toward the playground (We have a balance of \$50K, we need a \$10K reserve, and we have Carnival which should cover outstanding expenses).
- f) We would need a motion to update our by-laws for the new \$10K reserve requirement and a motion that any excess above the \$10K for this year go toward the playground.
- g) We've been very conservative with funds for the past few years, so this Motion to update bylaws to keep 10k reserve requirement
 - i) Julie Wolk--Motion, Angel Son--2nd, Motion approved.
- h) Any excess funds will go toward new playground
 - ii) Claire Evans-- Motion, Allison Stoor-- 2nd, Motion Approved

- i) Official announcement about playground will be on March 4th at all school assembly. Will also be included in next week's news and on Facebook page. Gina Baumgartner wanted to know that funds were in place and approved before announcement.
- j) Official bylaws say treasure can only serve for 2 years. Garrett Schade will step down at end of school year. We are looking for a new treasurer.

5) Vice President's Report (Neva Grey)

- a) Loft/Attic clean-up/organize
 - i) Lots of things stored in loft above the gym. Neva is going to organize the area and is looking for helpers to organize and label and throw out. Allison Stoor, Claire Evans and Angel Son volunteered.
- b) **Open Committee Chair/co-Chair Positions**
 - i) Adult Social, Melanie Manning is stepping down
 - ii) Beautification, Ellen Baskind is stepping down. Allison Mitch is looking for a co-chair
 - iii) Box Tops, Amy Schade is stepping down
 - iv) Cougars Reading Program
 - v) Field Day, Amanda Barrett is looking for co-chair for this year and will step down for next year.
 - vi) Social Media, Laura Parola is happy to step down if someone is willing to take over
 - vii) Spirit Wear

6) Principal's Report (Gina Baumgartner)

- a) New Playground Information & Input
 - i) Shared 3 mock ups. Will get extensive input from H&S, students and playground committee
 - ii) Passed out playground feedback form
 - iii) Park District cannot contribute funds because RW School is close to other PD playgrounds, so funding will be entirely District funded and H&S funded
- b) SFCP: International Night
 - i) SFCP focuses on inclusion, community spirit, helping everyone feel welcome at school
 - ii) 12 countries/cultures represented this year
- c) Spring Registration
 - i) This year all registration will be on line, beginning April 4th
- d) Class Placement for 2019-2020
 - i) Opportunities for families to share information about their children and a good educational fit. Input is not to request specific teacher, rather it's to request attributes of a teacher.

- ii) Academic, SEL needs, friendships, etc, all go into consideration when doing placements

e) Math Experience with Mrs. Rusnak, Learning Support Coach

- i) Problem Solving to take math skills and apply to real life and fun applications
- ii) Want kids to think effectively, accurately and flexibly
- iii) Focus is on understanding the math, not just “number plucking”
- iv) Shared Graham Fletcher’s “3 Act Task”
- v) Less “us” (teachers), more “them” (students), but continuing to support the learning

7) Student Council Update (Emily Bell)

- a) Discussed Leadership qualities--Kindness is most important
- b) Monthly Community Service Projects
 - i) Dec/Jan: socks for PADS (200 pairs), Jan: One School/One Book raised \$300, February: Rice to World Food Program
- c) Next Student Council Meeting is February 22

8) Teacher Liaison (Mary Giuliani)

- a) Thank you for meals during conferences
- b) Book Fair was a great success, sold almost \$8800 worth of books, which means almost \$1800 profits which goes back to LC. LC is in the process of replacing worn out paperback books
- c) There will be one more book fair this year. BOGO Fair from Scholastic. 2 hour on the playground, not profit aspect to school. Goal is for children to have books before summer months.

9) Committee Chair Reports

a) Carnival (Lindsay Pawlik)

- i) Last push for volunteers, still have openings that need to be filled
- ii) Silent Auction Changes: wave closing and receipts, rather than have everything close at one time, hoping this will keep things more manageable. Asking people to spread the word

b) Beautification

- i) Ellen Baskind will step down. Looking for a co-chair to partner with Allison Mitch.

c) Yearbooks (Julie Wolk)

- i) Completely Sold out

10) Adjourn to April 11, 2019 at 7:00pm