

## Richmond PTA General Meeting

May 26, 2016

6:30pm

Intern introduction- 19 interns across the program.

Motion to approve minutes from 2/17/16- Greg B, seconded by Andrea Obana

Budget discussion- draft to be voted on tonight, officially approving in September, so that we can continue to write checks over the summer.

A few areas where we spent a little extra money- arts technology initiative, cultural center.

SGT- not much money spent, but did some big improvements- Save the Elms, tree planting,

Classroom Support- Jasmin has started working on emergency kits

199 members currently

Special events has stayed on budget.

Gift wrap question- netted \$1600. Taken out for next year, with placeholder for new fundraiser.

Continuing teacher support at \$200 per teacher for next year. \$75 per teacher from Rich Coffee will be used for Capital Improvement next year.

SGT merging with special projects (playground/field improvement) because good synergy.

Spending down surplus by about \$2000 for next year to continue to cover teacher grants. True surplus at \$32000, that is a number that enables to provide stable support even if there are fluctuations in fundraising.

Motion to approve draft budget- Amy S-T, Tara H. seconded. Draft budget approved.

Bev Pruitt- New Principal not yet known. Staff concerned about various things. Teacher leadership team- community building ideas- wants to do activity the first week of school- ice cream social i.e., instead of before school starts. Teacher assignment will go home in June with report card. Curriculum Night- teachers want to only present once instead of twice. Expectations, grading, discipline.

Comments about ice cream social – Kate agrees better timing. Amy ST- change in timing good, keep it simple. Comments generally supportive of timing change.

K- kinder orientation will still happen before school starts, sign up for date for testing.

New model for curriculum night. Suggestion to have 10 minutes at the beginning to meet new staff members, before splitting. If you have a 3<sup>rd</sup> and a 5<sup>th</sup> grader you wouldn't be able to visit both classrooms.

Ice cream social optional for staff.

DBRAC/Focus option review questions- Focus Option committee formed, school visited last Tuesday, Sara Singer. Facilities assistant, one principal. Presented operation plan. Bev asked what committee mission was, they said that there is not a matrix, talked about equity. Committee doesn't have a clear directive. Asked about Richmond Neighborhood wanting to come to school. Reminded committee about why Richmond became lottery in the first place, to help Glencoe's numbers. What makes this school Richmond? Also a question. "Educational Options Review" is name of committee.

Brooke- Sara Singer presented at last DBRAC meeting. Directive not clear.

Sparrow-Sensei: Presented curriculum plan for next year. Proposed schedule- more time for visual arts. This year, not enough time with each student. Baseline portfolios for growth.

Technology- now has equipment. Blogspot. Students will document their work with the digicams. Also will be shooting some videos throughout the year. Each grade level is doing a photo project. See handout for overview of year's projects. Yearbook. Wednesday prep time/ photo journalism class. Different kids, meeting once a month. Needs approval from new principal.

Teacher Deb- Field Day! Needs Volunteers! For 3-5 graders! Rolling board outside of office. 6/7 in the afternoon.

Brita Johnson- Schoolhouse Supplies for school ordering, see handout. Volunteers will be needed to distribute the supplies to the classroom.

Amy ST- field project was on hold, pending DBRAC. Still \$10k short on playground improvement.

Sara- head of nutritional services partner to pilot Japanese food in the cafeteria, one day September/early October. Stepping stone to offer options that reflect district diversity.

Robyn- emergency preparedness- we will talk to parents about school emergency plan in September for meeting. School plan, personal plan, emergency planning suggestions. Non-structural damage mitigation walkthrough in classrooms. Preparedness supply drive.

Jenna- recruiting mentor families for mentor pilot program

Welcome of new board members hello/goodbye

Rebecca, Kate leaving special events

Saori Clark/Jamie Uyeda – taking over special events

Katie Allen/Tara Heiggelke- memership

Kate Day- leaving membership

Brooke Cowen- advocacy

Emi Avondstadt- leaving Rich Coffee

Greg Byrd- Changing from SGT to Rich Coffee

Jasmin- staying on as teacher support

Amy ST- staying on as special projects lead

Tricia- changing to leading online sales

Jay Jaacks- staying on for communication

Jason- continued involvement in advocacy

Andrea- continuing Cultural Committee

Executive Board members proposed:

Co-Presidents: Robyn Draheim & Jenna Wines

Vice President- Monique Sevy

Treasurer- John Barclay

Secretary- Colleen Case (not present)

Approval of executive board as proposed motioned by Amy Starr Thomas, seconded by Rebecca Melcher. Motion to approve new board as submitted approved.

Adjourn 8:10 pm

Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

As written      With Amendments