

# PTA General Meeting Minutes

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## **Minutes Approval**

**Move to Approve - Andrea Obana**

**Second - Jamie Uyeda**

**Motion Approved**

## Committee Reports and Updates

### Special Events

Spring Festival is 5/13/17. Planning has started, there will be more info to come. There are opportunities to work on committee and on the day of the festival. Open to new ideas! This is the biggest PTA fundraiser of year.

### Clothing Center

Richmond volunteer day is March 20th. The shift is 9:30-1:30 and can split into two separate shifts.

### Cultural

Another Japanese lunch has been set for 4/14! Let them know if you have ideas or menu suggestions to contribute.

### Special Projects

New path looks great! Will have pictures of new field posted soon. Principal Allen discussed the new path and field as well. There needs to be a low fence installed to protect field and stop damage by dogs. There will be landscaping in back corner. There will also be a ceremony in the future to honor all of the hard work that was put in to make this project possible.

### Recruiting

PTA Board is recruiting for Vice President and Secretary positions for 2017-2018 school year.

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report will be posted on PTA website.

## Run for Richmond

Presentation (will be posted on PTA website) included how PTA raises money, Run for Richmond, allocation of funds for Richmond School Foundation, overview of different parent groups and fund raisers, etc...

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Principal Allen discussed Run for Richmond and its support of arts, science, and technology . Money is distributed to each grade to use for arts and science. Also used for assemblies and tablets for K-2. Staffing forecast is not available yet, hopefully by early March. Unsure how mandatory P.E. increase will effect budget and staffing. Currently offering 60 minutes of P.E. per week, but will eventually increase to 150 minutes.

Morgan Kunze of Richmond Foundation discussed the need for additional funds to support staffing for the 2017-2018 school year. Last year the PTA membership voted to allocate 50% of the funds raised by the 2016 Run for Richmond to the Richmond Foundation. The following was discussed when deciding how to proceed this year:

- how much budget will effect staffing for next year is yet unknown
- how P.E. increase requirement will effect staffing?
- Mr. Allen said there will be a negative effect from budget but do not know how much
- how much to allocate from Run for Richmond to Foundation, \$10K or split funds raised 50/50, other %, or?
- Run for Richmond typically raises 30-40K, can expect 30K minimum.
- did last years 50/50 split of Run for Richmond funds negatively effect traditionally funded projects, Mr. Allen said it did not this year
- 10% Run for Richmond funds go to general administration and 33% goes to All Hands Raised
- Run for Richmond money will be used for the new path/field maintenance (wood chips and fencing will approximately be a couple thousand each)
- vote now or wait until more staffing and budget info?
- if we do not take vote this eve then need to advertise emergency meeting for 10 day prior to meeting

After discussion the following vote was put forward:

**Vote to give \$15K to Richmond Foundation for this year only**  
**Move to approve - Amy Starr Thomas**  
**Second - Angelena Garlock-Balzer**  
**Motion Approved**

**Vote Result - PTA membership voted to allocate \$15K of the funds raised by the 2017 Run for Richmond to Richmond Foundation to support staffing needs.**

Foundation will have a spring fundraising drive as well.  
Run for Richmond will be in April.

#### Smarter Balance Testing

Vice Principal Krista Blovad discussed the upcoming assessments. There will be a link to presentation on Richmond School website. Presentation and discussion included overview of testing, growth mindset/low stress approach, use of data, and Q/A

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Oya No Kai

President Jeff Hopper discussed (along with Rich Burt) Camp Westwind and how it has been a part of the JMP program for over 25 years and that it is a powerful community builder for students K-12, interns, and families. Lottery is currently open and on ONK website under Westwind link. There will be 3 weekends (5/19-21, 5/26-29 and 6/2-4).

ONK Auction is 2/18/17. Student art will hang by office.

Intern Farewell Ceremony is 2/24/17. Discussed next years interns. PPS contracts with company in Japan and they had trouble finding interns who wanted to come to the states for next year. This has happened before, usually only one year dip.

An advocacy committee has been put together to support the 8th Grade Research Residency trip to Japan that has been challenged. This is a 10 day trip during the school year. Currently gathering testimony from students on how important the trip is to them.

Please update info in ONK database to receive newsletters.

Representative Rob Nosse

Some topics discussed were - budget, call for action and lobbying, tax increase, contacting your reps, more tax on business, mandatory P.E. increase. Followed by Q/A.

**Meeting Adjourned**