

Richmond Elementary PTA 2018 General Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 22 at 8:15 AM in Richmond Cafeteria

Attendance: see sign-in sheet

Welcome

Minutes from November 2, 2018 General Meeting

Motion to approve - Robyn Draheim

Seconded - Becca Werlin

All in favor, Motion approved

Financial Report

Unit in good standing. Will be developing budget for next year this Spring. Need to bring reserve down by \$20,000 so any special projects will be considered.

Committee Updates

Special Events - May 4 is Spring Festival

Membership - up 20% from last year, current membership is about 140

Classroom Support - currently helping Oyonokai with getting auction packages together

Emergency Preparedness - city requiring placard that says Richmond is a building with unreinforced masonry so need to come up with some wording

Super Green Team - Spring plant sale coming up and info will come out after spring break

- Japanese vegetable starts will be sold at Spring Festival
- Breakfast in the Garden will start in March
- Lunchtime food waste audit will be coming up
- Cell phone recycling drive will be happening
- Have 5 trees that need to be inoculated (\$4000) - how can we fundraise through the neighborhood?

Public Comment

- Read for Richmond begins this Monday. Funds go to experiential learning for STEAM in the classroom
- Portions at lunch question. This year, students cannot get second lunch, but can have unlimited sides which many do not like (unripe fresh fruit and canned fruit in sugary syrup). Decision is from Nutrition Services. In the past, if there was permission from home, children could go through for a 2nd entree. Portion is the same for kindergarteners and 5th graders so ending up with hungry children in the higher-up grades. Hard to learn when you're hungry. As a parent organization, PTA should weigh in on this.
- Need to respond to PPS survey to give positive feedback about language immersion schools. Will be put on PTA webpage.

Special topic presentation-

Conversation with State Rep. Rob Nosse

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 AM.