

PTA General Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, September 20, 2022 / 6:30pm

Location: [Zoom](#) conference

Meeting called to order: 6:33pm

- **6:30pm Welcome & Introductions**

- *Attendance: Steve Lanning, Kelley Albrecht, Oom Marquardt, Dan Osborne, Yoko __, Jennifer Huang, Carl __, Yukie Bean, Bill Albrecht, Agnes __, Heaven Gutierrez, Emily Higuchi, Myra __, Morgan Pace Bolton, Nat Wild, Courtney Knudson, Jen __, Jessica __, Michelle L, Raechelle Hoki, David Perry, Jon Ber, Becca Werlin, Dr. Van Truong, Pichamon, Jan Carlisle, Sakura Nihong, Adam Briggs, Karen Dutton, Haruka Takanuma, Ember Van Allen, Laura __, Molly __, Craig Leinoff, Dulcie Childs, Bonnie Zadeyan, Becky Walker, Natsuko and Andre, C Hansson, Jordan, Angela Kockler, Marisa Thyken, Naomi Molstrom*

- **6:35pm Meet our Interim Principal, Dr. Van Truong**

- **6:40pm Approve Last Meeting's [Minutes](#)**

- Motion to approve: Steve Lanning
- Second: Becca Werlin
- No opposition, minutes approved without revision

- **6:45pm Treasurer's Report, Approval of Revised Proposed 2022-2023 Budget, Approval of Standing Rules**

- Treasurer Steve Lanning gave overview of budget creation process, and presented a summary of the proposed budget for 2022-2023, including committee budgets, events planning, and other items.
- 2022-2023 proposed budget: Steve Lanning gave overview of budget and budget was shared on screen and via link in chat.
 - Motion to approve: Yukie Bean
 - Second: Adam Briggs
 - Poll was conducted. 20 out of 34 participants (67%) voting, with 18 votes in favor, no opposition (2 non-PTA members).
- Standing rules: Kelley Albrecht introduced the standing rules and gave overview. Standing rules were shared via link in chat.
 - Motion to approve: Adam Briggs
 - Second: Dan Osborne
 - Poll was conducted. 23 out of 34 participants (67% voting), 22 votes in favor and 1 vote in opposition.

- **7:10pm Committee Intros/Updates**

- *Cultural Committee:* Haruka Takanuma gave overview of Cultural Committee activities and shared an update on the recent Japanese Welcome Tea conducted 9/20, as well as initiatives such as
- *Classroom Support Committee:* Yukie Bean gave an overview of opportunities to volunteer, including as Classroom Representatives. Yukie introduced Konstella,

an app that connects parents to school activities at www.Konstella.com (enter Invite Code UXJDK7 to be connected to Richmond). You can contact the committee at Richmondclassrooms@gmail.com, 503-928-2794.

- *Membership Committee*: Adam Briggs shared the new [membership form](#) for 2022-2023 and shared that the membership fee has been waived but donations are always welcome.
 - *Pandemic Support Committee*: David Perry introduced the committee and gave an update on OHSU spit covid tests. You can contact David at David.Perry.s@gmail.com.
 - *Rich Coffee*: Marisa Thyken gave an overview of Rich Coffee's purpose and schedule - serving Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the front of the school just north of the main entrance. Marisa shared an update on the Muddy Hill project and timeline for breaking ground.
 - *Super Green Team*: Morgan Pace Bolton shared an overview of the committee and recent and upcoming events, including Breakfast in the Garden, and lunchtime composting and volunteers. Ember Van Allen shared that the committee is always interested in volunteers, encouraging folks to get in touch. Contact the committee at Greenteamrichmond@gmail.com.
 - *Special Events Committee*: Jan Carlisle shared an overview of the upcoming Harvest Festival, including some updates from last year. Volunteers are always welcome. You can contact the committee at janstar@gmail.com.
 - *Advocacy Committee*: Karen Dutton shared an overview of various topics the committee is focused on, including PPS budget and learning loss from the pandemic. Call for volunteers. You can contact the committee at karendutton16@gmail.com
 - *Equity Committee*: Kelley Albrecht gave an overview of the committee's activities and the equity component to all Richmond fundraising efforts. First meeting of the year is October 5 at Richmond Library from 6:30-8:30pm.
- **7:30pm PTA initiatives and Upcoming Events**
 - Walk and Bike to School - October 12
 - Scholastic Book Fair (in Richmond Library, with funding going directly to the library) - December 5-9
 - Apple and Pear Sale - orders start next week and pickup is in October
 - Undoukai - planning in progress, inspired by Richmond interns
 - Harvest Festival - October 30
 - **7:40pm Public Comment**
 - Bill Aubrecht - shared gratitude for the PTA and the community
 - Marisa Thyken - asked if equity measures could be considered for the Book Fair to help children who may not be able to afford books. On behalf of the Equity Committee, Yukie Bean committed to bringing that issue to the next meeting of the committee. Bonnie Zadeyan shared an opportunity to make this initiative part of the equity grant-making for this year.
 - **7:45pm Adjourn**