

**Mary Rieke Elementary
General PTA Business Meeting
May 26, 2016; 7:00 – 8:00 pm**

- I. Call to Order:** The Rieke PTA General meeting was called to order at Rieke Elementary at 7:00 PM, May 26, 2016, by President Holly Ingram. Notice was given to all PTA members via an email of the Rieke Rapper. A quorum of members as stated in the standing rules (7 voting members) was met.
- II. Approve Minutes – MOTION** to approve minutes from the May 13 general meeting was introduced, seconded, and approved unanimously.
- III. Principal's Report** – Mary Patterson gave an overview of staffing, work she has been doing with staff, and recent events. Mary thanked the PTA and Foundation for the funds sent to PPS. There will be three classes for all grades, except for fourth grade which will have two classes. Ms. Waymire will move to 3rd grade and Ms. Early will be moving to 5th grade. There are open positions for a media specialist and an arts teacher. Class assignments were started and will go out in early July. Kindergarten placements will likely be later in the summer, possibly at the start of school. Last night, she attended the Oregon Council PTA Volunteer Appreciation dinner. She introduced Charlie Cohen, a Wilson student, and personally thanked her for Charlie's volunteer efforts at Rieke this year, who was awarded the Toyota Volunteering Award at the dinner. Mary discussed the various committees at work at Rieke. She discussed the Site Council (2 parents, 2 staff, a classified staff member, and the principal) that addresses issues and school structure at Rieke. They are looking for a parent representative for a two-year term and that election will occur in the fall. A Positive Behavior Instructional Support (PBIS) committee works on teaching how to positively address student behavior and spent yesterday in training with coaches. She discussed the committee's efforts to introduce approaches for all staff at Rieke. There is also a school-improvement committee that develops academic-improvement plans. Upcoming school events will be listed in an updated calendar that Mary will send out tomorrow. Mary discussed the new (2015) law that limits the use of dunk tanks at Carnival, including proof that the company providing the tank is licensed and that they provide someone (at a cost) to monitor use of the dunk tank.
- IV. Reports of Officers –**
- **Financial report** – Justin discussed the potential splitting of the Foundation away from the PTA, which is reflected in the smaller, draft 2016-2017 budget. Justin discussed the recent motion to use reserve funds to send to the Foundation to pay for staffing. There was also a discussion about the potential splitting of the Foundation away from the PTA. The decision to do this will be done by the next board. **MOTION** to approve the draft budget was introduced, seconded, and approved.
- V. Committee Reports - None**
- VI. Old Business**
- Proposed amendments to Rieke PTA Standing Rules - MOTION was introduced, seconded, and approved to amend the standing rules to reduce elected officials to include the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising Chair, and Communications Chair. All other positions would be selected by the Board, as per Oregon PTA bylaws. Draft standing rules were posted on the PTA website.
- VII. New Business:**
- Election for PTA Board (a) present nominating committee's report of candidates for 2016-2017 (b) open the floor for additional nominations, and (c) conduct a membership vote for each position.
 - Based on a call for open nominations and subsequent votes for the president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, fundraising coordinator, and communications coordinator, the 2016-2017 Rieke PTA Board includes:
 - a. Co-Presidents: Holly Ingram, Brian Unflat
 - b. Co-Vice Presidents: Paul Higgins, Sophia Costa
 - c. Treasurer: Mike Kale
 - d. Secretary: Kes Wold
 - e. Membership Coordinator: Christine Surratt

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- f. Communications: Open; Ashleigh to do weekly Rapper
 - g. Co - Events Coordinator: Joelle Allen, Kimberly Allen
 - h. Volunteer Coordinator: Open
 - i. Fundraiser Coordinator: Melissa Light
 - j. Rieke Foundation Liaison: Open
 - k. Teacher Representative: Open
 - l. Media Specialist: Open
- **MOTION** was introduced, seconded, and approved to add addendum to May 13 meeting minutes so that we may add new President(s), VP(s), and Treasurer as signers on PTA accounts.

VIII. Announcements for upcoming Events

- PTA Board and Membership meetings will be determined by the incoming Board and will be posted during summer. The new board will meet with Principal Lewins to work together on a plan.
- Carnival is on June 3, 2016
- Jamie Repasky asked for volunteers to help maintain the community garden and other environmental efforts.
- There was a discussion of potential playground updates. Jim discussed that PPS changed the rules that bark chips can be used as base cover for playgrounds. The new board will look into options and present to the general membership. There was discussion of creating a playground committee. Interested people should contact the board about being part of the playground committee.

Adjournment: President Holly Ingram moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM.