

General Meeting of Rieke Elementary PTA

February 11, 2014 7:00pm
Mary Rieke Elementary School Library
1405 SW Vermont St, Portland OR 97219



Approximately 63 people in attendance.

Meeting called to order by President Erin Barnett at 7:07pm

Andrea Porter-Lopez was main presenter in this special-topic meeting for PTA in response to potential strike by Portland Area Teachers, February 20th 2014.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Minutes compiled by Dana Brown Grigsby, Secretary.

 3/19/14




PTA Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Date Feb 11 2014

63 signed

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2/11/14 General

SIGN IN SHEET

① Justin Norman

② Leslie Bradley

Nicole Olszewski

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Christine Sunatt

MARK SEKER

Dana Grigsby

Nikki Dorfman

Lena Zys

KATHY PENDERGRASS

Meeting of Rieke Elementary PTA

March 19, 2014
Mary Rieke Elementary School Gymnasium
1405 SW Vermont St, Portland OR 97219

Erin Barnett, President

Present - approximately 44 adults.

President called meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Motion to approve Minutes from General meeting of PTA on February 11, 2014 was made, seconded and approved by membership.

Budget update was presented.

Request made for candidates for 2014-2015 PTA board for President Elect, Membership Coordinator and Event Coordinator positions. Elections for next year's board will be held at next meeting, April 30, 2014.

Safety update by Principal Andrea Porter-Lopez, including information about shooting in Hillsdale on March 12, 2014 involving School Resource Officer Romero. Principal also discussed pending improvements in Rieke School security. Camera and card readers to be installed by PPS by the end of the year.


Principal answered questions regarding funding, staffing for 2014-2015 in light of new teacher contract.


Presentation on Science Enrichment programs by Jamie Repasky.

Meeting adjourned by President at 8:00 pm.

Next PTA Meeting is Wednesday April 30, 2014
6:30-8:00 in Rieke Elementary Library.

Minutes compiled by Dana Brown Grigsby, Secretary.


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March 19th 2014 Rieke PTA Meeting



Mar 19, 2014 6:15 PM

Mary Rieke Elementary Gymnasium

Print Name	PTA Member?	Print Name	PTA Member?
Mary Lucier	no	23	
2 Matt Rupp	yes	24	
3 THOMAS MERRA	NO	25	
4 Huntley Morrison	NO	26	
5 Patty Fale	YES	27	
6 Glen Bolen	no	28	
7 Kell Bolen	no	29	
8 Amber Black	no	30	
9 Andrea Porter Lopez		31	
10 Renee Limon	yes	32	
11 Kate Lubet	yes	33	
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March 19th 2014 Rieke PTA Meeting



Mar 19, 2014 6:15 PM

Mary Rieke Elementary Gymnasium

Print Name	PTA Member?	Print Name	PTA Member?
1 Jim Meurer/Jeni Meurer	Yes	23	
2 Stephanie Wube	Yes	24	
3 Nathy Fendergiam	Yes	25	
4 [Signature]	Y	26	
5 Brett Olszewski	Y	27	
6 Nicole "	Y	28	
7 D Schuller	X	29	
8 NATE Wood	Y ✓	30	
9 Brigitte Naslund	Y	31	
10 Erica Myers	Y	32	
11 Jeff Marston	N	33	
12 Annette Dietz	Yes	34	
13 Chris Resk	no.	35	
14 Ayesha Freeman	Yes ?	36	
15 Tiffany Schuster	yes	37	
16 Salem Barnett	yes	38	
17 Olsson Proeme	yes	39	
18 Lerne Biggs	yes	40	
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Rieke Science Enrichment - March 2014

Goals:

- Provide professional development (PD) sessions for school staff to increase confidence in science concepts, outdoor classroom garden use, and exploration with their students
- Be available to team-teach science lessons in the classroom and/or offer small group pullouts for garden/science enrichments
- Design supplemental hands-on science lessons plans and student materials for the teachers upon request
- Foster a 'love of wonder' for the entire school

Achieved:

- Presented four PD sessions for the Rieke staff - Observations, Stephen's Creek Science, Cladistics (biological classification), and Scientific Method/Engineering Loop
- Was awarded the Toshiba America Foundation Education Grant for \$1000 of science supplies for the 'TAF Pack for Science Exploration' program, currently in beta testing.
- Partnered with the Rice Rock Museum to add a rock garden to the outdoor classroom space, currently 10 rocks including a Thunder Egg, Oregon's State Rock.
- Introduced and maintained the Wonder Tree question and answer quest.
- Completed over 400 hours of prep work and teaching time since September through March.
- Documented all new class and pull-out sessions for the Science Enrichment binder.
Watershed questions w/ Ronald Parks + REC and BES

Highlights by grade

- Kindergarten
 - Fall and Winter Nature 'Train' Hike - focused on observation, similarities and differences, change over time, shapes and structures
 - Scientific Method lesson - Can a seed grow without soil?
 - Proscope (digital microscope) technology experience - 'life as ant'
- 1st grade
 - Outdoor Classroom observations
 - Simple Machines event - hands-on stations to learn about levers, wedges, screws, friction, and pulleys
 - Rock garden explorations and sand comparisons during the Sand, Silt, and Pebbles unit
- 2nd grade
 - Maple helicopters lesson during the Motion unit
 - Frog development observations with eggs from Mr. Swehla's pond
 - Compass training and solar spectrum explorations as part of the weather unit
- 3rd grade
 - Bugs as food - 'Identifying our Fears' lesson and mealworm cookie tasting event
 - Stephen's Creek water quality testing
 - Creation of the Bug Hotel Team
 - Upcoming - photosynthesis and photovoltaic in the garden
- 4th grade
 - Stephen's Creek watershed studies
 - Native American use of local plants
 - Ivy pull and basket weaving event
 - Upcoming - watershed and water cycle explorations
- 5th grade
 - Observation trip to Stephen's Creek
 - Engineering challenge - building a solar tracker with solar panels, velcro, popsicle sticks, engine, and glue guns
 - Upcoming - Microbes All Around Us - how to use solar power to clean contaminated water

General Meeting of Rieke Elementary PTA

April 30, 2014, 6:30 pm
Mary Rieke Elementary School Library
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Approximately 17 people present.

Called to order at 6:30 by Erin Barnett, President.

- Presentation by representative from Schoolhouse Supplies.
Details at <http://www.schoolhousesupplies.org/>
- Susan Brodahl spoke about Rieke's backpack food program.

Motion to approve Minutes from General Meeting of PTA on March 19th, 2014 was made, seconded and approved by membership.

Motion to approve Standing Rules was made, second and approved by membership.

Slate of candidates for 2014-2015 PTA Board

Erin Barnett, President
Debra Schulman, Treasurer and Justin Norman, Assistant Treasurer
Dana Grigsby, Secretary
Erica Meyers, Communications
Jennifer Wright, Volunteer Coordinator
Christine Surratt, Event Coordinator
Nicole Olszewski, Foundation Representative
Tiffany Schuster and Nikki Dorfman, Membership Co-Chairs
Stephanie Wieber and Jim Meuer, Imagine/Fundraising Co-Chairs
Lisa Nelson, Service Coordinator

Motion to vote on new Board was made, seconded and approved by membership. New Board elected unanimously by members present.

Principal Andrea Porter-Lopez spoke about how PTA funds are being used to support teaching technology and science. Each grade level team now cooperates to share a set of iPads, rather than school having an iPad lab.

Technology teacher, Mrs. C (Jani Colasuro) presented on how she's working with different grade levels, and some of the tools, apps they're using. Her position is partially funded by PTA, and this is her fourth year at Rieke.

President Erin Barnett gave more detail about how PTA funds are being spent to support Rieke's kids and teachers.

- Enrichments - Mrs. C, Jamie Repasky.
- Contribute to Rieke Foundation to help Principal to hire an added teacher.

Budget for 2014-2015 was discussed

2014-2015 PTA Budget will be put to vote at next General Meeting, May 20, 2014 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm.

Minutes compiled by Dana Grigsby, Secretary.

Approved 5/20/14
GAB a/18/14
DAG a/18/14

General Meeting of Rieke Elementary PTA

20 May 2014

Mary Rieke Elementary School Library
1405 SW Vermont St, Portland OR 97219

Erin Barnett, President

14 people in attendance

Meeting called to order by President at 6:40 pm

Motion to approve minutes from 30 April 2014 meeting was made, seconded and passed.

Erin Barnett led discussion about a recently conducted survey of Rieke families' budget priorities and fundraising participation, followed by discussion of proposed 2014-2015 budget.

Motion to approve budget for 2014-2015 was made, seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned 8:04 pm

Minutes compiled by Dana Grigsby, Secretary.

Erin Barnett 9/18/14
Dana Grigsby 9/18/14

Mary Rieke PTA Meeting



May 20 2014
6:30
Library

Print Name	PTA Member?	Print Name	PTA Member?
1 Dana Grigsby	Y!	23	
2 Jim Meurer	Y!	24	
3 Katie Unficht	Y	25	
4 MARK SEKER	Y	26	
5 Nikki Dorfman	Y	27	
6 Nicole Olszewski	Y	28	
7 Ruth White	Y	29	
8 Brigitte Naslund	Y	30	
9 Lisa Nelson	Y	31	
10 Rachel Tillman		32	
11 Christopher Olson	Y	33	
12 Jamie Repachy	Y	34	
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General Meeting of Rieke Elementary PTA

18th September 2014 at 8:45 am
Mary Rieke Elementary School Library
1405 SW Vermont St, Portland OR 97219

Presided over by Nicole Oszlewski.

25 People in attendance, 24 PTA members.

Secretary, Dana Grigsby, presented amendment to previously approved minutes for meeting 13 May 2013. Motion to approve minutes for 13 May 2013 was made, seconded and passed.

Motions to approve minutes for meetings of 10 December 2013 and 20 May 2014 were made, seconded and passed.

Motion to update standing rules change removing vice-president from required officers on board was made seconded and passed unanimously.

Announced election for PTA board positions to be held at next meeting at 6:30 pm 16 October 2014. Standing for election will be:

- Tiffany Schuster, co-volunteer coordinator
- Sarah Newman, co-marketing coordinator
- Jeni Sellers, membership coordinator
- Ashleigh de Villiers, Foundation representative
- Nicole Olszewski, co-president

Nicole outlined the values and mission of the Rieke PTA and discussed the recent and upcoming Rieke events PTA is supporting:

- Back to School Picnic
 - PTA Clothing Closet
 - Food Pantry
 - Scholastic Book Fair 9/22-9/26 after school
 - Dinner in the Field 9/27
 - October Community Dinner and PTA Meeting 10/16 at 6:30
 - New Playground Discovery
 - Volunteers needed for Book Fair, Reading Buddies co-chair, Family
- Interested community members should contact Jen Wright, riekev@ptaschools.org

Principal's report from Rebecca Torres-Wilhelm

- Staffing updates
- Facilities updates - playground resurfacing scheduled for summer building bathrooms is back on list for consideration. Principal will progress closely, as we have need of more bathrooms.

Approved?
needs sig.
do we need more
wrong date?
on 12/14 we
approved "10/16"

General Mtg incomplete

10/16 needs only signatures

12/4/14
4/22/15
3/12/15
4/15/15

- Student involvement, including new schedule for assemblies, Eco Team, Jr. Coaches and Friend to Friend mentorships.

Upcoming events

- School picture day - 1st October 2014
- Back to School Curriculum Night - 2nd October 2014
- Parent Conferences - 29th and 30th October 2014
- OMSI Family Night/Rieke Science Fair - 23rd February 2014

Jim Meurer, Imagine co-chair outlined the research he's done on improving and updating Rieke's playground.

- Parks and Recreation Bond to be voted on in November would pay to resurface our field (Rieke owns the land, P&R owns turf which is past useful life) if passed

Minutes compiled by Dana Grigsby, Secretary

RIEKE PTA SIGN-IN SHEET

Meeting Date: 18th September 2014 8:45-9:45am
 Rieke Elementary Library

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Leslie Fallon	yes	lestieciorelli@mac.com
Katie Unflat	yes	katie@unflat.com
JEN WRIGHT	yes	
Jeni Sellers	yes	clancy99@comcast.net
Cyndie Casper	yes	cydcas@gmail
Melissa Light	yes	mel meljay_94114@yahoo.com
Jamie Repasky	Yes	
Tiffany Schuster	yes	
Leslie Bradley	yes	lbradley@firstam.com
Emily DeCarlo	yes	
Stephanie Wuker	yes	
Olene Kono	yes	
Kati Sengstake	Not sure	
Regan Wylie	?	reganwylie@mac.com
John Schult	yes	debras9004@yahoo.com
Eric Swehla	yes	
Jim Meurer	Yes, still need to pay for 11/15!	jimmeurer77@gmail.com

RIEKE PTA SIGN-IN SHEET

Meeting Date: 18th September 2014 8:45-9:45am
 Rieke Elementary Library

7pm @ Casa Couma

Name	PTA Member?	If interested in joining PTA, please provide an email address
Christine Swartz	yes	
Jason Swartz	yes	
Lisa Nelson	yes	
Rachel Tillman		
Michelle Livingston	Yes	
MATE Wood	Yes	
Ashleigh deVillias	yes	- but haven't turned in my form
Patty Full	yes	
Sarah Newman	Y	
Karin Mew	Yes	
Eric Suehl	Yes	(I'm pretty sure - let me know if not!)
Rebecca Torres	yes	now I am
Hustley Morcizo	yes	
Stephanie Weber		
Nicole Olszewski		

Rieke Elementary PTA September General Meeting



September 18, 2014

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Taking care of official business
- Values and mission of the Rieke PTA
- What the PTA is up to this month and next
- Upcoming volunteer needs
- Principal's report



Values and Mission of the Rieke PTA

- Core Values
 - welcoming all families and reflecting the diversity of our school and community
 - providing accountability, transparency and open communication
 - recognizing and utilizing the power of human capital by pooling our community's skills, ideas and resources
- Mission
 - support our students, teachers and staff to create a positive and engaged learning environment
 - raise money to effectively encourage and support learning enrichments beyond standard curriculum
 - build a strong child-focused community and provide a pathway for parents to plug in and be engaged in their child's school.



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What the PTA is Working On

- Back to School Picnic – Thank you!
- PTA Clothing Closet – Thank you!
- Food Pantry – let's keep it stocked
- Scholastic Book Fair – 9/22-26
- Dinner in the Field – 9/27
- October Community Dinner and PTA Meeting – 10/16
- New Playground Discovery



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Principal's Report

- Staffing Updates
 - Annie Lee – half-time 2nd grade teacher
 - Heather Barnwell – 3rd grade teacher
 - Anita Schmueker – half-time 5th grade teacher
 - Valoree Landcaster – PE
 - Zach Prichard (Sir Zach) – full-time secretary
 - Erik Seavey – school counselor
 - McKenna Miller – speech language pathologist
 - Ryda Thuch – para-professional
- Facilities Update
 - Playground resurfacing – new surface scheduled for summer 2015
 - North building bathrooms – back on list for consideration; PPS is currently reviewing plans with architect



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Principal's Report

- Student Involvement
 - Student assemblies will be on late open Wednesdays
 - Student Leadership will be lead by Mr. Seavey
 - We will continue with our Eco Team, Jr. Coaches and Friend to Friend mentorships
 - We will continue to look for ways to be inclusive of all our students and promote a positive and safe culture
- Upcoming Events
 - School Picture Day – October 1st
 - Back to School Curriculum Night – October 2nd, 6:30pm
 - Parent Conferences – October 29th and 30th (no school on 10/31)
 - OMSI Family Night/Rieke Science Fair – February 23rd



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*Approved. Needs
signatures*

General Meeting of Rieke Elementary PTA

16th October 2014 at 6:30pm
Wilson High School Cafe
1151 SW Vermont St, Portland OR 97219

Presided over by Erin Barnett.

Approximately 48 adults in attendance.

Motions to approve minutes for general meeting of 18 September 2014 were made, seconded and passed.

Discussed success of Field and Vine Dinner.

Principal's report from Rebecca Torres-Wilhelm

Motion to approve the election of additional PTA board members was made, seconded and passed. The following positions were filled by this election.

- Tiffany Schuster, co-volunteer coordinator
- Sarah Newman, co-marketing coordinator
- Jeni Sellers, membership coordinator
- Ashleigh de Villiers, Foundation representative
- Nicole Olszewski, co-president

Jamie Repasky provided science enrichment curriculum summary and discussed goals and activities.

Susan Brodahl provided update on the backpack program.

Jim Meurer presented research and options for new playground equipment. Community discussion was generally positive regarding the option for fundraising towards the goal of new playground equipment. No decisions were made however a majority of those in attendance raised their hands in support of proceeding with more detailed plans.

Minutes compiled by Nicole Olszewski in the absence of Dana Grigsby, Secretary.

Approved 12/4/14

Holiday Giving

- Stephanie brought up a scrip-buying idea for teacher appreciation, but didn't get traction with Board. Fear of confusing it with the Needy Family Tofino stuff.
- Can we bring in classroom reps to help organize donations to Needy Family project? Poor participation last year, when we tried to encourage scrip as a way of giving rather than presents.

Benefit

- Barb Alderman is doing it! Monday night meeting on this topic at Stephanie's house
- March 6th 2015 at Castaway.

Next General meeting 12/4/14 at 8:45 am.

Technology Instruction

- PPS now has a classified union position as technology instructor
- Having her as a contractor, partially paid by PTA, means Rieke is supplanting a union position-holder. PPS HR trying to make it a union, FTE position for January.
- Erin hopes we can keep her in status quo through end of school year. Rebecca working to keep it this way, too.

Because Smarter Balance testing is on horizon, school levy increases funds, we could end up getting the numbers of teaching staff we need, and provided by PPS.

For years, K-8 schools have gotten short shrift because high school parents were driving funds into grades 9-12. Staffing formula favored them.

If PPS provides Rieke an extra teacher and a tech instructor, and more support in front office, what will PTA do with the raised funds? Will donors be mad if we spend it on something other than FTE? Or keep in reserve? Erin pointed out that PTA has a great track record of delivering for Rieke. Having excess money is a good problem to have, but we cannot count on it. We need to raise funds as though next year will be like previous years.

PTA commitment to 1/2 time secretary (Zach) expires in June 2015.

Ashleigh would like help with the Connect to Kindergarten project. Erin will back her up. Marketing. No neighborhood transfers/lottery in coming years, likely.

Andrea and Rachell ran the show in previous years. Erin will help out. Want to woo parents considering private school.

- Tout Jamie Repasky (outdoor classroom, Common Core curriculum)
- Jannie C (tech).
- Get some testimonials from 5th graders.

Site Council

- PPS survey parents in January
- Rieke could do one separately
- Think about what PTA would want included, if anything.

General Meeting of Rieke Elementary PTA

4th December 2014 at 8:45 am
 Mary Rieke Elementary School
 1405 SW Vermont St, Portland OR 97219

Erin Barnett, co-President

19 adults present

Called to order 8:49 am.

Erin announced Rachell Spink won't be returning as Principal's secretary, and passed around a card for attendees to sign for her.

Motion to approve **Minutes from 10/16/14** general meeting was made, seconded and passed.

Susan Brodahl presented about Rieke's backpack food pantry, supporting needy families by sending home food for the weekends with their students. All materials donated by community members. Serving 11 families, including 25 kids.

- Will need help with a Sorting Party 12/15/14 3:15-5:30
- Donations can be dropped by wall at office.

Opportunities to donate gifts for families at the holidays - tags on tree (created by Miseso Church for us) to choose. So far 45 gift card and 45 gift tags have been taken by donors.

Erin introduced Stephanie Wieber to present on Imagine Campaign, and matching challenge.

- Imagine has been supported by a pretty small group of donors, and this is an effort to get more families involved. Especially as a recurring donation commitment.
- Deadline for matching donations 12/31/14

Membership discussed current enrichments supported by Imagine funds, primarily Dr. Jamie Repasky, science instructor and Jani Colasurdo, tech instructor.

- Ms. C's position newly classified by PPS as a union position, and Rieke has previously had her as a limited term employee.
 - Because of that reclassification, Principal has worked very hard to keep Ms. C on staff through end of the year.
 - Smarter Balance testing (related to Common Core) is coming, test administered on computer, and the tech skills our students are learning is important to their success.
- Jim Meurer presented on developments in the playground improvement discussion.
- Board agrees that starting a full capital campaign for the playground is not a good fit for this year.

- More modest plan to remove the climbing dome and replace with another piece of equipment, like a wall-ball court is more appropriate.
- Lots of enthusiastic support for improving playground at our community dinner meeting, but members don't want it at the expense of other enrichments we support.

Member brought up the possible health concerns associated with the materials Portland parks and recreation has proposed using to renovate Rieke Field.

- Motion for PTA to write a letter to city expressing our concern about the materials was made, seconded and passed, with majority voting yes, and 3 voting no.

Dr. Jamie presented on her work with students.

- 95% kids ate a cricket at the bug tasting event.
- Students learning about Native American studies, weaving ivy baskets, learning about invasive species.
- Kids propose ideas like making flutes out of bamboo from community members' yards.
- Parks and recreation will be planting replacement trees in our arboretum with the kindergartners.

Barb Anderman has agreed to lead Benefit project, March 6, 2015 at Castaways.

- Kick off meeting, some people already in place to work on the event.
- Working on art projects by class.
- Wants help with decoration, procurement of donations.
- Tickets on a sliding scale, as in last 2 years.
- Funds raised will go to Imagine Campaign this year.
- email her at banderman@gmail.com for more information

Art Fair will need a new chairperson this year. May event.

Rebecca Torres spoke about what an amazing community Rieke has.

- She spoke about the secretary position that has been vacated, and how it's hard without Rachell. She built great structures for office to function, but a trained person is needed to handle the accounting elements.
- She is leaning toward making Zach Pritchard the Principal's secretary, providing him with support and continuing education to make this work.
- She discussed the hiring process, and wants community input.
- Principal asked for parents to help with the Writer's Tea event. Rieke hosts them 3 times a year.
- Also requested parent help to stand by traffic cones in parking lot at busy times.
- Requested more parent help for time when kids move from recess to cafeteria.
- Lost and found storage needs to be organized, and needs more support to get kids' items back to them. Will be asking Wilson TAs to help too.
- Members asked that school better publicize the dates when the lost and found items will be cleaned out and donated.
- Lost and found donations should be on a schedule.

PTA Board looking for new volunteers. There will be a big turnover for coming year in Board positions.

Next meeting scheduled for 1/22/15 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Minutes submitted by Dana Grigsby, Secretary.

RIEKE PTA SIGN-IN SHEET

Meeting Date: 4 December 2014 8:45-9:45am
 Rieke Elementary Library

Name	PTA Member?	If interested in joining PTA, please provide an email address
Katie Unflat	y	
Linda Huseby	y	
Leslie Fallon	y	
James Cokerick	N	
L. Nelson	y	
Mel Chusea	y	
Michelle Livingston	y	
Barb Anderson	?	
Jennifer MacIsaac	y	
Milca Suzuki	S	
Ashleigh deVilliers	Y	
Melissa Light	Y	
Stephanie Weber	Y	
Rebecca Torres		
Jim Meurer	y	rebel
Dawn Grogg	y	
Erin Barnett	y	
James	y	

General Meeting of Rieke Elementary PTA

4th December 2014 at 8:45 am
 Mary Rieke Elementary School
 1405 SW Vermont St, Portland OR 97219

Erin Barnett, co-President

19 adults present

Called to order 8:49 am.

Erin announced Rachell Spink won't be returning as Principal's secretary, and passed around a card for attendees to sign for her.

Motion to approve Minutes from 10/16/14 general meeting was made, seconded and passed.

Susan Brodahl presented about Rieke's backpack food pantry, supporting needy families by sending home food for the weekends with their students.

All materials donated by community members. Serving 11 families, including 25 kids.

- Will need help with a Sorting Party 12/15/14 3:15-5:30
- Donations can be dropped by wall at office.

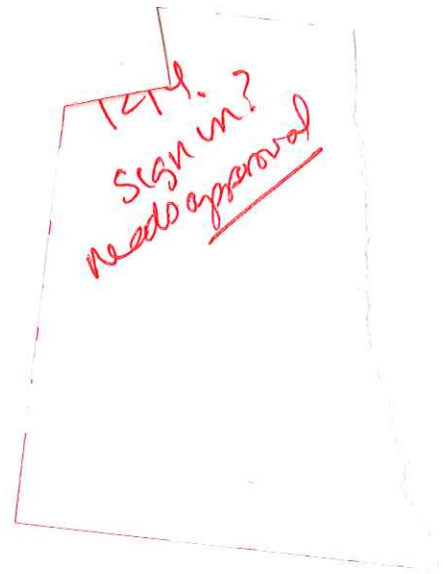
Opportunities to donate gifts for families at the holidays - tags on tree (created by Miso Church for us) to choose. So far 45 gift card and 45 gift tags have been taken by donors.

Erin introduced Stephanie Wieber to present on Imagine Campaign, and matching challenge.

- Imagine has been supported by a pretty small group of donors, and this is an effort to get more families involved. Especially as a recurring donation commitment.
- Deadline for matching donations 12/31/14

Membership discussed current enrichments supported by Imagine funds, primarily Dr. Jamie Repasky, science instructor and Jani Colasurdo, tech instructor.

- Ms. C's position newly classified by PPS as a union position, and Rieke has previously had her as a limited term employee.
 - Because of that reclassification, Principal has worked very hard to keep Ms. C on staff through end of the year.
 - Smarter Balance testing (related to Common Core) is coming, test administered on computer, and the tech skills our students are learning is important to their success.
- Jim Meurer presented on developments in the playground improvement discussion.
- Board agrees that starting a full capital campaign for the playground is not a good fit for this year.



- More modest plan to remove the climbing dome and replace with another piece of equipment, like a wall-ball court is more appropriate.
- Lots of enthusiastic support for improving playground at our community dinner meeting, but members don't want it at the expense of other enrichments we support.

Member brought up the possible health concerns associated with the materials Portland parks and recreation has proposed using to renovate Rieke Field.

- Motion for PTA to write a letter to city expressing our concern about the materials was made, seconded and passed, with majority voting yes, and 3 voting no.

Dr. Jamie presented on her work with students.

- 95% kids ate a cricket at the bug tasting event.
- Students learning about Native American studies, weaving ivy baskets, learning about invasive species.
- Kids propose ideas like making flutes out of bamboo from community members' yards.
- Parks and recreation will be planting replacement trees in our arboretum with the kindergartners.

Barb Anderman has agreed to lead Benefit project, March 6, 2015 at Castaways.

- Kick off meeting, some people already in place to work on the event.
- Working on art projects by class.
- Wants help with decoration, procurement of donations.
- Tickets on a sliding scale, as in last 2 years.
- Funds raised will go to Imagine Campaign this year.
- email her at banderman@gmail.com for more information

Art Fair will need a new chairperson this year. May event.

Rebecca Torres spoke about what an amazing community Rieke has.

- She spoke about the secretary position that has been vacated, and how it's hard without Rachell. She built great structures for office to function, but a trained person is needed to handle the accounting elements.
- She is leaning toward making Zach Pritchard the Principal's secretary, providing him with support and continuing education to make this work.
- She discussed the hiring process, and wants community input.
- Principal asked for parents to help with the Writer's Tea event. Rieke hosts them 3 times a year.
- Also requested parent help to stand by traffic cones in parking lot at busy times.
- Requested more parent help for time when kids move from recess to cafeteria.
- Lost and found storage needs to be organized, and needs more support to get kids' items back to them. Will be asking Wilson TAs to help too.
- Members asked that school better publicize the dates when the lost and found items will be cleaned out and donated.
- Lost and found donations should be on a schedule.

PTA Board looking for new volunteers. There will be a big turnover for coming year in Board positions.

Next meeting scheduled for 1/22/15 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Minutes submitted by Dana Grigsby, Secretary.