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## General Meeting of Rieke Elementary PTA

22 January 2015 6:30 pm  
Mary Rieke Elementary School  
1405 SW Vermont St, Portland OR 97219

Presided over by Nicole Olszewski, co-President

12 members in attendance.

Called to order 6:35 pm.

Nominees for 2015-2016 PTA Board Nominating Committee, Jeni Sellers, Katie Unflat and Patty Fale, were introduced, and elected unanimously by members in attendance.

Barb Anderman presented on progress with Raise it for Rieke Benefit, 3/6/15 from 6:30-10:00 pm.

- Need many volunteers to handle registration, decoration, procurement for donations of items and funds.
- Event will be casual, as in last two years and intended to build community and to raise funds.
- Carla Asplund is coordinating dessert table.

Stephanie Wieber presented update on Imagine Campaign.

- Matching campaign from December raised \$23,000.
- On track for fundraising, provided Benefit raises funds as in previous years.
- 10 new recurring donors from December. Now \$1500-2000 recurring each month. If that could rise to \$4,000/month it would relieve a lot of pressure on other fundraising events.
- Recurring donations are preferred over one-time gifts because it makes for a predictable stream of funds.

Rebecca Torres gives Principal's report

- All parents should complete the Successful Schools Survey. Goal is 40% parents.
- Survey requires parents set up an account, which is more laborious, but the yields in trackable information, progress, reporting and analysis are huge.
- All staff take a version of the survey. as do 5th graders.
- PPS wants survey results aggregated, can share out results and create improvement plans for each school.
- Survey helps inform PPS how families are feeling at school. Parents can use the info to direct effort and create change.
- Supposed to be one survey for each school our kids attend. One for each parent, also.

Smarter Balance (SB) - new assessments in line with Common Core.

- Last year was a pilot testing year, and Rieke's 3rd graders took part.

- Now all Oregon 3,4,5th graders take it to ID areas for improvement.
- More difficult tests, no chance to guess correctly. SB measures different things.
- Test takes 4.5 hours, over several sessions.
- Test administered April-May (45 day window from starting first segment).
- School received and will keep 35 Chromebooks to create more flexibility for preparation for tests.
- This is a baseline year - it does not compare directly to OAKS.
- Kids can take practice tests online, as can parents.
- Results returned in summer.
- Opt-outs count against school. If >95% students take the test, it effects ranking.
- Rieke can use results from test to inform instruction.
- Teacher can review results for each student in summer to see how their own instruction was, and what individual kids will need for support in coming year.
- Oregon has signed on for next generation standards, PPS only for science standards.

#### Announcements

Tech bundles for teachers is happening - each teacher gets a cart with projector, docu-cam and CPU. Teachers already have Chromebooks.

Rieke's 7th Science Fair is 2/22/15 at OMSI 5:30-8:00pm.

Battle of the Books

Auction 3/6/15

Friday of late opening weeks will be when Rieke hosts Reading for Preschoolers.

2/11/15 is Connect to Kindergarten.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:05pm

Minutes compiled by Dana Grigsby, Secretary.

Jan. 22 2015

General Meeting

Dana Grigsby

Nellie McCarthy

Debra Schulman

Nicoli Olszewski

Joni Sellers

Rebecca Torres

LISA Nelson

Kutu Ufeta

Barb Anderman

Shannon Puller

Stephanie Wiker

Erica Meyer

Larry Jansen

Jamie Repasky



## PTA General Meeting Agenda

*January 22, 2015 – 6:30pm in the Library*

- Welcome – Nicole
- Approve prior minutes – *to be completed at March meeting*
- 2015-16 PTA Board - time to nominate new members - Nicole or Jen
- Imagine Update – Stephanie or Nicole
- *Raise it for Rieke* Update – Barbara or Nicole
- Principal's Report - Principal Torres
- Adjourn

*Important Event Reminders:*

Connect to Kindergarten – February 11<sup>th</sup>

Science Fair (OMSI) – February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Raise it for Rieke – March 6<sup>th</sup>

## General Meeting and Community Dinner of Rieke Elementary PTA

12 March 2015 at 6:30 pm  
Mary Rieke Elementary School Cafeteria  
1405 SW Vermont St, Portland OR 97219

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Erin Barnett, President

Approximately 41 adults present. Approximately 50 children.

Dinner started at 6:30 pm with food provided from City Thai by PTA.

Meeting called to order 6:57 pm.

Erin announced slate of candidates for 2016-2016 PTA Board positions.

co-presidents, Huntley Morrison and Kelli Walker

Imagine chair - Jim Meurer

Treasurer and co-treasurer - Justin Norman and Amy Michaud

Secretary - still need a candidate

Membership - Jeni Sellers

Volunteer coordinator - Jen Wright

Event coordinator - Christine Surratt

Communications co-chairs - Sarah Newman and Leslie Fallon

Service coordinator - Melissa Light

Foundation rep - Ashleigh deVilliers

Election will be at next General Meeting, 4/15/15.

Discussed having OMSI as venue for our Science Fair in coming years. Majority of members present favored moving Fair back to Rieke, but supported having a Family Night at OMSI as a community event in the months prior to next year's Science Fair.

Susan Brodahl presented on the Rieke Backpack Food Pantry, which she runs.

- 40 families receive shelf-stable meals, provided 100% by Rieke community.
- Donations have been down, and almost out of donated funds.
- Contest this week to encourage lots of donations before spring break.

Principal Rebecca Torres reported on:

- Staffing expectations for next year.
- Managing safety on playground.
- PPS Facilities will remove climbing dome.
- PPS will offer matching funds for playground improvements. Contact Jim Meurer if interested in further details.
- Battle of the Books - looking for a community member to chair for it 2015-16.

Erin Barnett presented on Imagine Campaign, PTA's fundraising position.

- Imagine balance around \$111,000.
- Foundation balance around \$70,000
- Principal wants \$35k from Imagine and all \$70k from Foundation to pay for 1.0 FTE 2015-16. 2.0 FTE would be ideal, but would clean PTA accounts out.
- Majority of members present prioritize keeping 3rd grade classes under 35 kids over other concerns. That will require more than 1.0 FTE.

Art Fair will be Sunday May 3rd, 2015.

Superintendent Smith will be hosting Town Halls 3/16/15 at Lincoln HS.

Family Lobby Day in Salem, room on PPS Board bus 4/3/15

PTA Forum on Smarter Balance Assessments 3/17/15 Grant HS and 4/1/15 Cleveland HS

Meeting adjourned 8:07 pm.

Minutes compiled by Dana Grigsby, Secretary.

# RIEKE PTA GENERAL MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

Meeting Date:

March 12 2015

Name	PTA Member?	E-Mail
Nicole Olszewski		
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Jeff Schlangen	yes	
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March 12 2015

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Jeff Schlingner	yes	



## General Meeting of Rieke Elementary PTA

15th April 2015 at 6:30 pm  
Mary Rieke Elementary School  
1405 SW Vermont St, Portland OR 97219

Approximately 20 adults and 2 children present

Called to order 6:35 pm by co-president, Nicole Olszewski

Presentation by Erik Seavey, school counselor, on Buddy Bench program. Bench donated by Rieke PTA to foster community, inclusion on playground and around school.

- "Where problems are solved and friendships are created!"
- Will include Rieke's Friend 2 Friend participants and Junior Counselors
- Rieke has proactive systems at recess and lunch, especially because of Shannon Pullen's work.
- We want all Rieke Rockets to show compassion to all the kids who sit on the bench.

Nicole presented slate of candidates for 2015-2016 Rieke PTA Board.

Kelli Walker and Huntley Morrison - co-presidents

Jim Meurer - Imagine chair

Nate Wood - secretary

Justin Norman - treasurer

Amy Michaud - assistant treasurer

Leslie Fallon and Sarah Newman - communications co-chairs

Jennifer Wright - volunteer coordinator

Christine Surratt - events chair

Melissa Light - service chair

Ashleigh deVilliers - Rieke Foundation representative

Motion to elect all candidates was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Erin Barnett, outgoing co-president presented thank you posters to the rest of outgoing board.

Jim Meurer presented a playground update.

- Status quo until PPS gives written verification of requirements on surface.
- Interest focusing on low equipment to allow spin/balance type play, especially for older Rieke students.
- Erica Meyer brought up Wilson High's new concession stand, being built mainly as a donation by Anderson Construction. Owner is a Wilson graduate. Perhaps a Rieke grad family might sponsor something here.
- Concrete work that would be required is the big expense. \$35,000.

Rebecca Torres gave Principal's report.

- Staffing. Sturges will be teaching 4th grade.
- Third grade large class sizes. No current solution. She has written requesting set-aside funding from PPS to hire a third teacher. Planning to write to parents of those students informing of what situation may look like.
- Good news in new 0.5 media specialist (augment 0.5 library assistant, Miss Jayne). Also a new full-time counselor. This year's 0.5, Mr. Seavey will be leaving.
- RAT race was a success. Make-up run date not yet known.

Kelli, incoming co-president, proposed communication to all class levels about the situation for 2015-16 third grade. At some point, any Rieke student could end up in an oversized class. PTA funding puts an additional teacher into one grade this year and previous years.

Membership and principal discussed other creative ways to use existing resources, dance, music, PE teachers to help out and relieve some pressure on the two 3rd grade teachers. Imagine dollars could be used to hire help for lunch duty, recess...

Because PPS budge comes out in May, Rieke funding picture may gel more then.

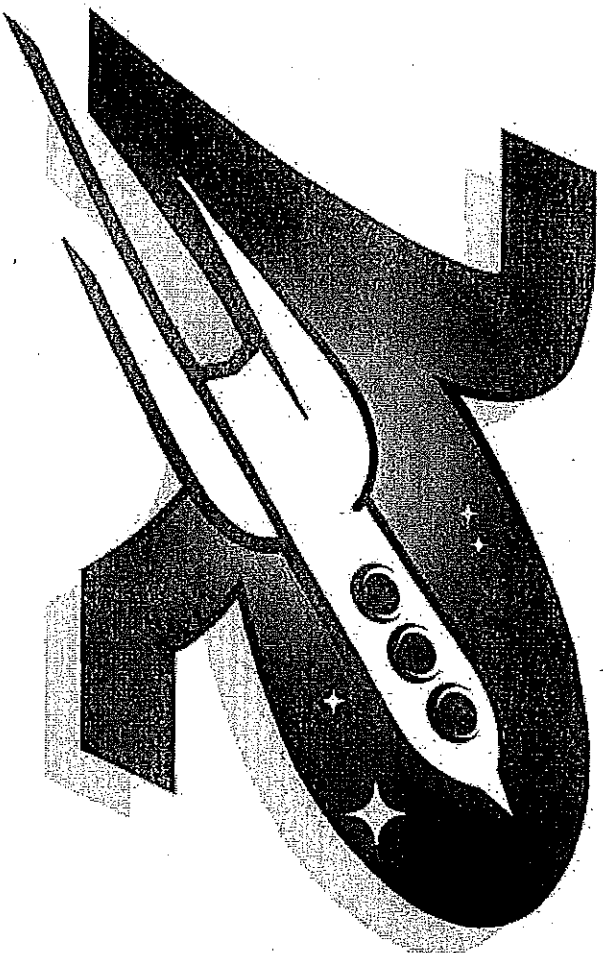
PPS made Jani Colasurdo's position (technology instructor) an FTE, so her salary is no longer on Imagine campaign's books. Looks like Dr. Jamie Repasky, science enrichment asset, will be returning as an Imagine/PTA expense.

PTA will want to supplement as best we can.

Communicate as much as possible - the uncertainty with funding for 3rd grade is another reason for people to continue to support PTA and Imagine.

Meeting adjourned 7:55 pm

Minutes compiled by Dana Grigsby, Secretary.



## Rieke Buddy Bench

Where problems are solved and friendships are created!

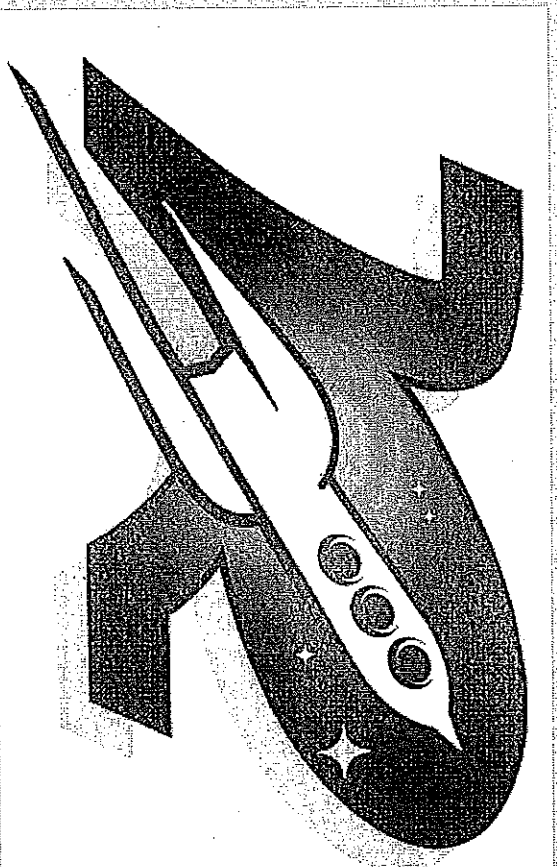
# We help each other!

- Invite someone on the bench to play
- Friend to Frienders can help:
  - resolve small conflicts
  - help find a game to play
- Junior Coaches offer lots of games
- Adults can help resolve big problems

# What is the Buddy Bench?

The Buddy Bench is a place to go on recess if:

- 1) You have a problem
- 2) You need a buddy



# Buddy Bench Guidelines

- Use your *words* first!
- Go to the bench if you need more help
- Look to see what others are doing
- Be willing to:
  - Make new friends
  - Try new games
  - Compromise

Buddy Bench- Where problems are solved and friendships are created

### Students who use the bench

- Students are encouraged to think about they want to do before they go out to play
- Students should try and use their words **first**, before they use the bench
- When on the bench think about your plan for recess
- When students use the bench they should look around and see if they can join in a activity somewhere (two friends on the bench can go play together)., if you see something you want to play, get off the bench and go play
- If you choose to use the bench sit and wait for a friend to ask you to play. You must say yes to the friend.

### Students who are not on the bench

- Look around from time to time to see if you can invite someone on the bench to play
- When you invite someone to play, show that you care about them and use empathy

### Adults on duty

- If you see a student on the bench and no one comes up to them, help them problem solve to find a buddy

# RIEKE PTA SIGN-IN SHEET

Meeting Date: 15th April 2015  
 Rieke Elementary Library

Name	PTA Member?	If interested in joining PTA, please provide an email address
Justin Norman	Y	
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Stephanie Wiper	Y	
Leslie Fallon	Y	
Jamie Repasky		
Rebecca TORRES		
Debra Schuller	Y	
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Erin Barnett	Y	



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Meeting Date:

April 15 ~~March 12~~ 2015

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Jim M		