

## 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.

Motion to approve by Jim Meurer, seconded and approved

Pat Wood 5/19/15  
Dana Grigsby 5/19/15

Addendum

Motion to add incoming board members, co-presidents Huntley Morrison and Kelli Walker, and Treasurer Justin Norman and assistant Amy Michaud to Bank of America checking account 0021 1410 6024 and CD 4077 was made, seconded, and passed by membership. Motion introduced by Dana Grigsby. Dana Grigsby 5/19/15

Pat Wood 5/19/15