

Rieke PTA Meeting Minutes – 10/12/2021

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm, by Israel Hill, PTA president. The secretary was present. The meeting location was online. Quorum was met and noted.

A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from 6/8/2021. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasury Update

Brennan Gantner, the Treasurer, took the floor for a treasury update.

- Balances over time
 - 7/1/2020: \$48,171
 - 6/30/2021: \$29,201
 - 10/12/2021: \$32,152
- Net Change 2020-2021: (\$18,969)

Principal's Update

- Enrolment numbers
 - 1st grade: 53 (3 classes)
 - 2nd grade: 53 (3 classes)
 - 3rd grade: 48
 - 4th grade: 56
 - 5th grade: 64
- Funds/ Current balances
 - Furniture: \$632
 - Technology: \$1390
 - Books: \$400
 - Garden: \$3570
- Facilities
 - Roof next summer
 - Water upgrades delayed due to supply chain issues
- 2021/2022 needs
 - New staff at Lunch/ parent EA's (4 in hiring process)
 - Social distance: Money for more outdoor lunch?
 - Volunteers: Focused grade level office help, lunch/recess outside, Run for Rieke end of October
 - Target money for more seating and literacy selections
 - Playground redesign
- Staffing:
 - 4 new lunch EA's in hiring process
 - Daily health assistant
 - Coach V (Ms. Lancaster) to return Nov. 1
 - Need to bolster enrollment K-1 to keep staff 2022-2023

Committee Chair Updates

Sasha Pollack took the floor to give an update on the school supply project and Rieke Equity Team.

- Total received: \$5691
- Total spent so far: \$3563
- Watch for survey in the Rapper to gather feedback

Adam Light took the floor to talk about the Playscape project

- Striping is being worked on. Should have something to show for the next meeting.
- Pine tree removed after February ice storm
- Planting plan by Catherine Sherraden
- Partial funds raised by 5th grade class of '21
- Tree planting work party in November
- Remaining plantings in the spring.

Motion to allocate up to \$1,800 for planting two trees at the top of the front stairs was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Steph Bakus took the floor to give a fundraising update.

- City Thai dine out fundraiser Saturday, October 16th - make sure to mention Rieke when you order
- Wreath fundraiser is back this year! More information and order forms coming soon
- The Village Ice Cream Factory fundraiser October 26th and 27th - look for details in the rapper
- Equal Exchange ongoing fundraiser - items will soon be up under 'Fundraising Store' on Rieke PTA website

Jennifer Podichetty took the floor to give an update on events.

- Next PTA event is Monday 11/22 and Tuesday 11/23- Providing lunch or dinner for teachers during conferences
- There will be an electronic sign-up

Jess Foote took the floor to give a membership update

- Membership signup is available on the website
- Currently we have 96 PTA members
- Proposal to build a group to help brainstorm and plan safe ways for parents to meet up and connect
- membership@riekepta.org for people to share ideas or help

Adrienne Hays took the floor to give an update on Run for Rieke.

- Run for Rieke will be held on October 27th & 28th.
- Looking to fill a position for Run for Rieke Coordinator to shadow this year, with intention to take it on moving forward.
- Handful of volunteers needed for the day-of for helping with water, crowd management, etc
- One of our main fundraising events- looking for ideas to get the word out

Melissa Light took the floor to talk about the Rieke Foundation

- Money from foundation can be used for staffing
 - ½ time literacy EA
 - ½ time technology EA
 - Small amount for media coordinator
- Two main fundraisers
 - Run for Rieke
 - Auction

Nominating Committee

- A motion was made to nominate Sasha Pollack for the position of Vice President. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- No volunteer coordinator has been found yet.

Other notes

These are some notes of people that are willing to help or volunteer that were listed in the meeting chat:

- TJ Romano and Jessica Foote are willing to volunteer to handle the bottle drop program
- Kae Sharpe is willing to do the graphic design for spirit wear.

The president adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.