**River School Family Foundation Meeting Minutes**

River School Library

6-7pm

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Maureen Theunissen, Recording Secretary

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| **Agenda Items** | **Notes** | **Action** |
| Welcome & Additions to Agenda | Lara Dooley is the new Library Tech. Introductions. |  |
| Approval of Meeting Minutes | Megan Eierman made motion and John Hamilton 2nd |  |
| President Report (Laura Webb) | * Marketing Branding workshop: January 29th 1-5pm. Opportunity to organize staff, faculty, students and teachers. Interviewing students to receive input prior. Clarifying what makes River authentic. What is our messaging? District is in support of this message. Also opportunity to recruit new families etc. We are lucky to have Nancy Levenberg as our facilitator.
* Welcome packets to new families: River at full enrollment for next year. Open house on the 4th for new families. Tour and informational. Laura will give a brief opening about the RFF. Will hope to generate interest and engagement among parents. Please feel free to join in support.
 | Megan Eierman to print the ‘ask’ buttons in Spanish |
| VP Report(Megan Eierman) | * Plastic reports- New decade we would like to convert to reusable plastics. No single use plastics. We can get water bottles donated so that we don’t need to get plastic bottles for event. Would like to get new solution for plastic utensils. There is only one school not using plastic. Would like to get student council involved. Need trash police.
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| Treasurer Report(John Hamilton) | * Budget report- showing the numbers on what fundraiser brought in, see separate attachment. Parent pledges are down. We need to raise 75K to meet current budget obligations. Doing the financial audit now, will need to do them every few years at least, but not required for every year. Need to find a replacement for John Hamilton. Ideal candidate would need financial or accounting background. Work on board and or bookkeeping experience is very helpful. Venita is not continuing so we will need someone to help soon. We use QuickBooks at River. Dealing with about a 100k budget. Need someone to start training now. Laura will try to see if we can recruit someone.
* Student Council Budget- proceeds from all dances should go directly to student council budget. Approval to allocate $1038 raised from Dances and put into student council budget. Will net out the money’s each time there is a dance.
 | Laura: Send out parent square to get interested parents |
| Principal Report(Peter Hartnack) | * New site update- kids are super positive, traffic is tricky but so far its going ok. Kids are very curious and love exploring. Stacey says the class is calm and people are getting back into the routine.
* The field is not finished - hoping it will be done by late April. The track will be done in late March. The kids are liking the cafeteria and being able to play music etc.
* Enrollment is up and we are growing to 500 students next year. 6th grade will be a big class. We can take 540 total. Want to be clear on all the unique elements like green slips, referrals, etc. How do you deal with harm? Things in the culture at River are already addressing this. Need to be clear about what is being put out there.
* Will we do a parenting class? Not a requirement but want to figure out a way to engage people. Can we do a tutorial? Maybe
* Register gave us some good press- it’s a real school now and kids are enjoying the feeling of being in their own school. Amy was out but now back so the payments can start flowing to teachers for art integration
* Neighborhood- mostly positive but need parents to be respectful. No double parking, no u turns on a driveway. Slow down. Open house on Jan 30th, we will let people into cafeteria. Classrooms will be closed but they can look in.
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| Committee Reports a. Assemblies & Field Trips (Marilyn Reid ) /5min​b. Dance (Rachel Bergman) 5min​c. Luau (Megan Eierman) /5min  | * Field trip- 6th graders went to Academy of Sciences on Friday. Saw skin exhibit and planetarium. Did an extended day so that they could stay longer. Was really great. Going to water treatment plant next
* Otter quad – going to Sacramento- US History
* Osprey quad- Cal Berkeley and Lawrence Hall of science
* “Nightmare on Puberty Street” is coming for an assembly
* Thanks to the team for getting all this together!
* Staff talked about the student suicide at Harvest. The kids knew about it earlier. Family doesn’t want to turn it into a thing. Oversharing is not in the best interest for other kids who might be depressed. Needs to be handled carefully. The next assembly deals with that in their presentation. So school will be getting a reminder soon.
* Dance- Winter dance was very well attended. Double the attendance! Thanks to Peter and Cathy for helping out! School wide conga line. DJ Liam Crignan was great! Planning a small afterschool dance at 3:15 on Feb 7th. Also, there traditionally is a dance at end of year for graduation. Details need to be worked out.
* Luau is in full swing and we need to get donation submitted. Its March 21st. Dev is working on greater giving page to sell tickets and solicit online donations. Requesting feedback- would like to increase price to $40 and include one drink ticket. Want to keep affordable. No objections from group. Committee wants to sell additional drink tickets online in advance. Everyone agreed that would be great. Need to get guidance on teacher tickets.
* Library- Hosting a book fair! Running it through Follet so we can buy more books for library. Will need volunteers. Give 8th grade families chance to make a mark on library. District will give us a large influx of books from district- all fiction. Nonfiction books needed- mostly poetry and graphic novels. Would like some funding to put student artwork on small easels to help decorate library. No holes are allowed in walls on campus. Motion to allocate $125 from Teacher request core to use in library. Rachel seconded. Motion approved. Kids came into the library playing games and reading.
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| Staff & Admin Report(Stacy Eichner) | * Teachers are just trying to get organized and love their space. Love that the facilities are working. With size of campus, teachers now need to make a point to get out of classrooms and see people. Looking to keep up community connections that they had in old smaller campus. Want to access some of the funds set aside. Love the new school!
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**Next Meeting: February 18th 6pm-7pm**