

## River School Family Foundation Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

5:45-7pm

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Maureen Theunissen, Recording Secretary

Agenda Items	Notes	Action
Welcome & Additions to Agenda	Financial report has been shared on parent square Item added to the agenda: Luau/Fundraising update Additional director nomination added to the ballot: Gina Griggs Art on campus	
Approval of Meeting Minutes (Maureen Theunissen)	<i>Approval of April Meeting Minutes</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Lisa approved, Megan seconded</li></ul>	
President Report (Laura Webb)	Approve bylaws- formally adopting bylaws with 2 changes tonight. They will be on Parent square and website when completed. This document is a living document and will continue to evolve with best practices as we have time to review the documents from Gina Griggs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o 1st change, no term limits on members</li><li>o 2nd change, no one can sign on check for themselves</li><li>o Motion to Approval by Rina, seconded by Tony, Stacy</li></ul> Vote on board and officers- officers and directors who are returning: -Officers: President - Laura Webb (returning) Vice President - Megan Eierman (returning) Secretary - Maureen Theunissen (returning) Directors: Rachel Bergman (returning) Lisa Crump Eichler (returning) Stacy Eichner (returning) Rina Faletti (returning) Shea Hunter (returning) Dan Lintz (returning) Marilyn Reid (returning)  Vote to approve New officers and Directors: Names of new board members- Treasurer - Scott Gay (new) Gina Griggs (new) ADDED 5/19 Tiffany Kenny (new) Tony Parise (new) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Rina motioned to approve- Seconded by Dan Linz</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o ADDED 5/19: Luau/Fundraiser Update- We had originally planned to do our event in the Fall but we need to look into some alternative plan. We didn't want to do an online auction at the time right now. There are some items that are perishable so they need to be sold or otherwise dealt with. Would like to post them on Parent Square to be sold to families. Gina suggested perhaps we could use the items and gift them to teachers</li></ul>	Laura- Post final RFF bylaws

	instead. Everyone seems to be happy with this idea so will pursue this option with the committee.	
VP Report (Megan Eierman)	<p>Send-off to exiting board members –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Perry Teaf and Victor Scargle exiting the board. Gratitude for their time served.</li> <li>○ Thank you to John Hamilton for 6 years of service to school. Your commitment to the school is very appreciated. We will miss you! Your strong passion for school and kids have made the school better. Your help with the accounting and all the fine details are so appreciated. We can't thank you enough for your help during this transition year.</li> </ul>	
Treasurer Report (John Hamilton)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Financial report- Question about Luau numbers- based on Greater Giving report there was a net positive \$170- This is based on 51 tickets sold and value of 30 auction items plus other donations. Looking at the RFF 2019-20 budget, we are in the positive for a profit of 22K since we didn't spend the money we anticipated. We will look at reorganizing the budget for next year as we have more information, but we will present draft budget later in meeting based on best information we have as of now. John said that we need to find a process to report and track moneys already paid to NVUSD for field tips etc. Peter said this money is in protected account and we should be able to get some reports to document this.</li> <li>○ Discussion of schedule of restricted assets: They are supposed to be used for restricted uses. Some of it was spent this year but we have about 27k left in restricted funds plus approx. 450K in savings. Questions about how restricted funds can be used. We have some discretion. We would like to use landscaping funds for the garden for example. We are missing some of the history for some of the categories. Moving forward, we need to document these restricted monies better so it can be spent with correct intention.</li> <li>○ Budget Review- Review draft budget for 20-21- Looking to raise 131K through fundraisers.</li> <li>○ Rina Faletti- Art historian – wants to know what plans are for beautifying inside of campus? Would like to create a plan to get some Middle school appropriate art in the school. What are limitations from district? Make sure this is a collaborative effort and allowing families to weigh in. This will take some funds. Ask Rina to put together a budget proposal and how it would be handled with the board input. We can incorporate that into the budget once we get some input. Would like to have a combination of community and student art displayed. Rina would like you to email her if you are interested in joining this project.</li> </ul>	<p>Laura – please share Draft 2020-21 budget</p> <p>Rina- Put together budget proposal for art on campus project</p>
Principal Report (Peter Hartnack)	<p>Wrap up of the school year- Distance learning is a challenge. If we have to do this in the fall it will look very different. Need to collect text books etc. from 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. All the dates and time will be posted. Also need to pick up PE clothes and yearbooks. For 8<sup>th</sup> graders, they are going to get a visit from Teachers or staff and have yearbook, certificate and quotes given to them. Quotes are framed this year to make it more special for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. They will also get a video with speeches from Peter and the 4 students selected and other aspects of the ceremony. All middle schools will be doing this. Peter is encouraging the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to dress up for this and plan to celebrate that day with families.</p> <p>Possible phases of re-opening 2020-21 school year- There is a wide variety of things that could happen for next year. Looking at different models and</p>	<p>Peter- post on ParentSquare dates and times for pick ups , graduation and other activities discussed</p> <p>Laura- collect feedback from parents for hiring panel</p>

	<p>thinking through the options and what would be in the best interest of the community. Need to be flexible.</p> <p>Staff members- There are going to be some reductions on staff due to budget cuts – some of our teachers are very experienced but don't have good seniority with the union so they have received layoff notices. Mr. Longnecker is on that list and we are hoping not to lose him. Electives will change. Need a new music teacher. 6<sup>th</sup> grade will still have the wheel. Culinary program will only be part of the wheel. Ms. Talbert is leaving. Art teacher (Dearborn) might leave. Charne and ML are also on the layoff list. Mr. Hagen is going to Napa High. ML does not have a position next year so she is leaving. How are these departures going to be communicated? Teachers will tell kids and family on their own timelines. ML told her kids today that she is leaving and will not return. Ms. Moss will be returning. New Hires will be a new music teacher. We have support from outside organizations in order to add guitar to music program.</p> <p>Update on principal search- had screening interviews for all three principal openings. There will be an interview on Friday. Laura will be on panel. Lets email Laura with any thoughts or things we want to see in our next principal.</p> <p>Looking for someone that can solve problems and not create division. Want to keep our philosophy is protected and not diluted by district. Want to keep the culture of the campus alive and well. Talked about how the implicit curriculum can be used to help kids.</p>	
Committee Reports a.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o None</li> </ul>	
Staff & Admin Report (Stacy Eichner)	<p>Teachers report- Stacy created a report with pros and cons about distance learning. Difficult to connect to the kids when it's a whole screen of black boxes or avatars. Some kids have valid reasons but its increasingly everyone. Big increase in isolation and depression with some of our kids. Connectivity has been a problem for some kids. Encourage kids to communicate with their friends. They need, in many cases, to be taught how to reach out either by phone or text or other channels. Encourage art, meditation and some quiet time and getting outside. Is there going to be a feedback exercise to get better system for next year. Yes, that will happen. Will interview questions be made public? Will find out.</p> <p>Question: Do we need to reserved money in budget for social distancing on campus if needed? Peter said the school district will be providing what is needed for re-opening. Will probably not need outside funds.</p> <p>Goodbye to Peter from Megan. We will all miss you a lot.</p>	Laura- please post Teacher's report on ParentSquare

Next Meeting: ***Break for summer. Reconvene AUGUST 18th via ZOOM***