

River School Family Foundation Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

5:45-7pm

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

Maureen Theunissen, Recording Secretary

Agenda Items	Notes	Action
Welcome & Additions to Agenda	Add- Offline approval of River Wear t-shirts and sweatshirts expenditure- \$5262.50 – board approval secured by majority vote on March 2, 2020 Add- ideas for 8 th grade graduation	
Approval of Meeting Minutes (Maureen Theunissen)	Shea and Marilyn motioned and approved prior minutes with inclusion of offline approval mentioned above	
President Report (Laura Webb)	<p>Open positions, nominations & voting-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Reviewed document for the River Family Foundation Nomination process- Deadline for submissions is May 12. Board will vote on May 19. There are 15 total spots. We need 5 more board members. Would like to have the committees figured out too. Will confirm if Debbie Duffy could chair stomp for next year. The treasurer position should be at least 2 years for continuity. Have spoken with all incumbents who are interested in continuing. Will be placing new treasurer as John Hamilton is rolling off due to end of term and we will be looking to fill up to 4 open director positions. <p>Bylaw updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The bylaws needed to be updated to be current with how the RFF will actually work. We took out term limits for board members with the exception of the Treasurer position.○ Need to make sure that board members attend at least 7 meetings. This is needed to make sure we always have a quorum. Notice of special meetings will happen via email or voice mail rather than requiring notification First class mail. These will be done as needed.○ Needed to vote on things outside of meetings (like t-shirts above) so added a clause that allows action to be taken with a majority vote via email.○ Discussed new board and officer nominations and process - How should the vote go? Membership vote (full democracy) or board vote for new members (representative democracy)? Will be representative and board will vote for new members for this year. Can open this up for more discussion next cycle.○ Specified that we have President and Treasurer sign checks for over \$500. Back up of VP if President not available.○ We will eventually have a nominating committee○ Conduct an audit every 3 years- We may need to have some people that are available to do audit that is not a signatory on the bank account. Let's reconcile that section for best practices.	<p>Laura- add follow up on voting model</p> <p>Need more committees- will look at in the fall</p> <p>Gina Griggs- Will share her bylaws from her elementary</p>
VP Report (Megan Eierman)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Megan working on transitioning River to be a green campus and eliminate single use plastics. The Recycling company will come to campus and help with training. The new physical distancing proposals will come into play.	

	There might be some money or grants available. On pause for now, will resume when we are back on campus.	
Treasurer Report (John Hamilton)	<p>2020-2021 Proposed budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reviewing the budget documents. Our parent pledges have plunged and we are currently only at \$39,895. The major expense is the field trips of \$17,470. 6th grade trip happened, but 7th and 8th grade did not. The money was transferred to River specific account held at district for securing buses etc. That money is safe only a small portion was spent for 6th grade, will be used for students in future. Also the 10K for art integration is in River account and not spent. Will be used for students. ○ Reviewed new Budget format- Top shows budget for fundraisers (shooting for \$131K)- Bottom shows expenses (anticipating \$127K)- Will need to reconcile old budget with new one. ○ New budget reflects priorities that were identified this year including all kids getting a yearbook, we will fund River Wear and some scholarships. Also, this budget is a more accurate reflection of what our school actually needs. Will need to produce a balance sheet to reflect what happened with money from this year that didn't get spent and is being held in River school account. 	
Principal Report (Peter Hartnack)	<p>First couple of weeks was enrichment work for kids. It is going to be credit/no credit. This past couple of weeks is what the new learning will look like. The kids are getting same projects from quads with individual teacher spin. The need for information for parents so that they can help. Parents will also have to have some patience with this situation because there are issues. Kids are acting up on video just as they act up in class. 20 minutes in not very long to interact. Also, not everyone is showing their face (privacy rights and HIPPA concern) on videos because some kids are not in good positions to show house and might have other issues going on. They might not have a good learning environment. Rigor is going to suffer. But good opportunity to focus on social emotional work and help kids to work through these hard times. People are going to get credit/no credit. If kids are progressing, they will get credit. The work will not translate to letter grades though because of different circumstances. Need to find the right balance. Cathy is working on individual calls with kids that need redirection. Zoom will be reintroduced based on teacher preference because there were some problems with google hangout for certain subjects. None of the systems are perfect.</p> <p>8th grade graduation ideas- what are things that we can do to celebrate 8th graders. Ideas are yard signs for kids, Can utilize budget from RFF allocated to 8th grade celebrations.</p>	<p>Stacy- Can parents be more helpful during this time? She will get some feedback.</p> <p>Peter will follow up on plan to support 8th grade graduation</p>
Committee Reports a.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next assembly planned with Nightmare on Puberty Street Jan 26th, 2021 	
Staff & Admin Report (Stacy Eichner)	Please read the Teach Report attached- Some teachers did not have the time but overall reports were positive. Stacy talked about how things are going in her class. Most kids are happy to participate but some kids are hiding their faces. She is thankful to be at River because our curriculum is supporting kids and their social emotional health. Really appreciate the kids communicating with email if something comes up. Teachers are using 8-10am to meet with	

	other teachers to coordinate departments and share learnings. The VPA teachers are needing more support to come up with new ways of teaching.	
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Next Meeting: May 19th 5:45pm – 7:15 pm (Zoom Call)