

REES PTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, June 9, 2011, 6:00 pm

Call to Order: Rose Mary Jordan, President, 6:07 pm

Members Present: Emily Fagan, Rose Mary Jordan, Koren Satterfield, Chris Spillare, Jackie Rajabi, Renee Kreiser, Jill Krais, Julie Parham, and Mrs. Riley

Introductions

All Executive Committee members went around the table and introduced themselves, providing job titles, present and prior, in some cases.

Emily Fagan (past president) discussed the differences between Executive Board and Executive Committee, as well as the rules and responsibilities of each group. She also passed out the Standing Rules and Organizational Chart and reviewed those for the group.

Principal's Report

- It has truly been a magnificent year. Thank you, thank you for all the support and generosity you have shown us! It's a great partnership when we are not only working together for the same goal, but friends as well!
- Thank you for the daily expressions of appreciation during Educational Boss's Week!! The lunch and the generous gift card for a mani/pedi was perfect! I am so grateful for your showers of love.
- We were very sad to share this week with the staff that Joe Koontz, our beloved Assistant Principal, will be serving at Donahoe Elementary next year as a full time Assistant Principal.

Due to our decrease in student numbers and a new rubric developed by our Central Office staff to determine if schools receive an Assistant Principal and whether that position is full time or half-time at a school, Rivers Edge will only receive a half-time Assistant Principal for next school year.

Mrs. Melissa Halquist-Pruden, the current Assistant Principal at Short Pump Elementary School, will be split between Rivers Edge and Short Pump Elementary School for next school year. She will be spending 2 1/2 days of the week with us. (Those days have yet to be determined.)

Joe has been an invaluable leader at Rivers Edge and done an incredible job in all the facets of his job. I can't say enough about the level of Joe's work and dedication. We will truly miss him! We will be putting this news in tomorrow's Experience the Edge and sharing it with the students Monday. We are hoping that our families might be able to help soften the news with the students.

- Over the summer, we will close out this school year and then begin working on all the preparations for next school year. The school office hours for the summer will be Monday – Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. The office will be closed daily from 12:45 – 1:45 for lunch and closed each Friday.
- Theme for next year continues to be: “High 5 Hero!” This theme continues our Olweus Bully Prevention Program. In our theme, the word “HERO” stands for Helping Everyone Respect Others. (We are looking forward to focusing on that part even more and having a bulletin board where students are nominated as a HERO for their actions in school with their name/picture being put on the bulletin board.) The High 5 represents our five areas of focus: 1. Being kind to others; 2. Respecting Others; 3. Helping others; 4. Including others; and 5. Encouraging Others. Although this will be a school theme, teachers are welcome to have a different theme in their classroom for decorating purposes, etc.
- We are sad to announce that we have some staff members who will be taking a year off for discretionary leave:

KG. Teacher = Mrs. Whitney Wallin

3rd gr. Teacher = Mrs. Krystal Hawke

We hope to be able to announce the new KG teacher’s name before school is out.

- We have around 25 students participating in the Summer Academy opportunities
- We will work throughout the summer making the best placement for students and incorporating the information sent in by parents.
- Thank you for Kroger Points Rewards. We were able to purchase
 - 1 – Cart
 - 1 – Flip Camera
 - 1 – Elmo - projector
 - 6 – cones
- Letters with classroom placement should arrive in mailboxes the week of August 29, 2011.
- Open House will be held Thursday, September 1. KG (3:15 – 4:00) Grades 1-5 (4:00 – 6:00 p.m.)
- First day of school is Tuesday, September 6, 2011. Tardy bell rings @ 7:50 a.m.

PTA Goals for next year

Maintain our steady pace and continue to grow through school partnership as well as communication, emphasizing inclusion and effectiveness.

Community service projects will be a little different; Shannon Hodges is working on it.

The \$500 REES Scholarship is going to Natika Bhojani who is, of course, a former REES student. She now attends Henrico High school.

Reading Night was a particularly successful new program. We look forward to presenting a Math Night this year, which will be a social opportunity for families as well.

All other programs will continue.

As far as leadership, keep it positive.

Volunteering will be greatly encouraged, emphasizing diversity and openness.

Always keep our central purpose of serving the schools' families in our focus, and in all our interactions.

Treasurer's Report

There was a check to come in from Capital One. Please continue to ask for corporate matching/sponsorship of volunteer hours.

Balance as of 6/9/11 is \$16,459.98

Tentative Calendar for 2010-2011

Summer Board Meeting – August 30 @ 6 pm

Newsletter deadline – September 1

Folder Stuffing – August 30

Open House – September 1

Review of calendar, and discussion as to times of meetings.

Rose Mary and Mrs. Riley will meet soon to discuss further dates and times for events for the coming year.

Volunteers

Discussion was held on which committee chair positions are still available – please contact Jackie Rajabi for that list.

Chairperson training is set for late September but may be accomplished electronically.

Summer Volunteers are needed for folder stuffing, as well as helping to distribute school supply packets. Please contact Jackie Rajabi for details.

Budget/Fundraising Committee Reports

There was lengthy discussion regarding Silent Auction and how to proceed with that particular fundraiser. It was a large revenue source, but had some issues surrounding the process. No changes made at this time.

The committee met and went line by line through the budget and made adjustments.

For the fifth grade party gift to the school, a line item of \$250.00 was added. Each child in the fifth grade designed a tile to be arranged in a wall hanging.

There is an overage which we will need to possibly do a budget amendment as a \$1000.00 technology grant to the school. An item being considered is a permanent projector called an I-Beam (Eye Beam?)

Unfinished business:

5th grade party – scheduled for Monday, June 13

School Supplies

Year Book update- delivery next week. Please contact Courtney Headley if you can assist.

Leadership Training Conference (LTC) July 15-16 Glen Allen High School

Reflections theme – “Diversity is ...”

Virginia PTA Convention – November 4-5 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.