

Richmond PTO Meeting Minutes February 8, 2017

Call to Order: 6:33 pm

Members Present: Stacy Wotherspoon, Shellie Callahan, Mrs. Martin, Rebecka Richards, Kristin S. Haxton, Robin Woodmansee, Kim Peltier, Sarah Dugas, Elisa Raymond, Mrs. Hooper, Donna Porter, Lisa Parr, Melissa Silva, Sharon Jaruta, Filipa Bryson, Elisa Campbell, Julie McGovern, Pam Moyer, Donna Porter, Sheila Grover, Kat Velandier, Tina Noble, Joni Broughton, Heather Dalton, Kristen Anderson, Lauren Coggeshall

Message from Principal:

Mrs. Martin opened the meeting with recapping her day that she spent with a 2nd grade student in Ms. Leddy's class. She rode the bus to and from school and participated in all schoolwork. She also participated in PE, recess, and lunch.

Mrs. Martin then spoke about Survey Works. The survey window is now open, Lab was open today and will be open on Friday at parent pick up time. Feedback is incredibly valuable – compare to past years data. 3rd and 4th grade students also complete the survey in school.

Mrs. Martin proceeded to speak about the NAEP assessment that will be for the 4th graders. About 1 hour of testing – some students will take on paper, others will take on Ipads. This is a national assessment – no identifiable data for our students.

Mrs. Martin talked about Open Schools Week. Will take place to bring kids back into Richmond School that are in charter schools. Also, Kindergarten registration will be in March.

Mrs. Martin also addressed the change in the morning drop off procedure. The cones are working well – next step is to start opening the doors at 8:25 – this will start on Monday 2/13.

Second Grade Funds:

Mrs. Hooper discussed how the breakdown of spending for the 2nd grade SAF account which has \$2300

POW Science in class presentations - \$315 March 3rd

Field trip to the the Vets Auditorium to see “Teacher from the Black Lagoon” - \$730.75/\$160 Bus March 22nd

Field trip to RIRRC – Buses \$600

Mrs. Hooper: Map Skills for today - \$123.75

\$494.25 remaining

Treasurer Report:

Checking Account - \$28,233.73

Savings Account - \$5,964.63

Estimated to Spend - \$9,503.61

Total Spendable - \$24,695.05

Color Run:

Lauren Coggeshall, Hope Valley PTO President, would like to have a district wide Fundraiser I Aoril 2018. Could take place at the high school. She relayed information and Richmond PTO needs to discuss - only 3 fundraisers per year – need to decide. Would need 2 representatives from each elementary school to help run the event.

PTO Web Site:

The current website is reportedly hard to use, not inviting and does not adequately disperse information between listserv and social media accounts. Julie McGovern showed visuals of Digital PTO – website designed for PTO's. Want to make our website more inviting. Would cost ~\$500 annually to maintain. Approved – will add in line item to next years budget. Plan to do over summer so ready to go for 2017-2018 school year.

Water Fountains: Stacy Wotherspoon presented the water fountains that are currently in the middle school and in Charlestown Elementary. \$917.88 each. Filters come in 3 packs and are \$184.02. Goes over existing water fountain. Approved to purchase 5 new water fountains. PTO will also purchase replacement filters ~\$530 annually. Will add line item for replacement filters to 2017-2018 budget. Maintenance will install new fountains and replace filters when needed.

Box Tops: Snow day tomorrow - envelopes will be due on Friday. Count day TBD. Richmond is #1 in district, #4 in state out of 353, and #1,142 out of 96,371 schools participating.

Stop and Shop:

Shellie Callahan reported that we are currently at \$10,240 – about \$2k less per payment milestone – this is due to funds from S&S points are now further dispersed between the increased number of schools participating in the program. Program ends 3/19

EnRichmond: 4 week program running on Tuesday and Wednesday. Starts on 3/7. Runs after school until 4:30. Will register and volunteer through community pass. Class schedule has been confirmed. Tuesday – Chess, cheer, geology, painting

Wednesday – Flag football, tape art, sewing by hand, agriculture, get fired up, hip hop, karate

Yearbook: Binder with all yearbook covers was presented. All sales for yearbooks will be on-line – will start selling after February break.

Board Positions:

President – Robin Woodmansee

Vice- President – Julie McGovern

Communications – Lisa Parr

Fundraising – Joni Broughton

Secretary – Need position filled

Family Tubing – Planned for 2/6 or 2/27 – think Snow!!

Event ReCap:

Holiday Shop – 433 sales – Not a planned profit event but PTO made \$1500 PTO bucks were dispersed to 14 students. Started shopping for next year. Housing oversock.

Fall Fundraisers - Square One Art \$2491.08 Yankee Candle \$3440.28 Looking for new fundraising ideas. Need to submit to Mr. Ricci on 5/1.

Upcoming Events:

Spring Fundraiser – Mixed Bags Sell 3/6-3/17

Girls Choice - Friday 4/28 Theme – Red Carpet

Boys Choice - Thursday 5/11 On-site Field games – Olympic set up