



Riverview Jr. /Sr. High School PTO

PTO meeting minutes for September 9, 2019

- Meeting called to order at 6pm by new President, Carrie Longstreth. First order of business is to acknowledge the new board and ask for motions of approval by those parents present. 1st motion given by Kathy Migely, 2nd motion given by Debra Palsiak. New board members voted in are:
President- Carrie Longstreth
Vice-President- Heather Roupas
Secretary- Heather Deem
Treasurer- Stephanie Vespi

- **PRINCIPAL UPDATE- Q & A with Mr. Hewitt.**
 - a. Mr. Hewitt says that the school construction is almost completed. They have to meet with Oakmont Borough to discuss the new road and how it will change things.
Some parents expressed some concern with the traffic, especially with cars turning from Hulton onto 3rd Street. With lots of school sports leaving arriving every afternoon, the traffic/speeding is creating a dangerous situation. Police are not a regular presence in helping with bakery/rush hour traffic.
 - b. Mr. Glenn Garrison will be returning as a tech instructor at Riverview, just in time for the new art installation in front of the school to be dedicated! The sculpture is set to be completed soon.
 - c. Mr. Hewitt informs that the splitting up of the 7th grade classes has gone well. Teachers and Administrators needed to see how the classes were going during the first couple of weeks and were able to add 2 teachers that have taught Jr. High students before and create smaller class sizes. Mr. Hewitt assured parents that the Jr. High Team will be meeting and all will be on the same page.
 - d. Mr. Hewitt discussed that parents were asking if kids could decide to do EITHER marching band or concert band, instead of having to do both. Mr. Perrino is fine with this and doesn't want to force the kids to do anything they do not want to. Mr. Hewitt would like to discuss this with the Band Boosters to get their opinions.

- e. The group asked and discussed summer homework and its relevancy. Mr. Hewitt believes that all teachers should communicate and ask themselves....”Is this busy work? Is it meaningful and necessary?” All seemed to be on the same page that summer work should not be given unless it is going to benefit the student and be graded.
 - f. The dress code was discussed. Mr. Hewitt encouraged all parents to call and communicate with him if they have any questions or concerns. They are mostly concerned with kids going overboard and testing the rules just to see what happens. Our bigger problem is truancy and vaping, not the dress code.
- **TREASURER’S REPORT- STEPHANIE VESPI**
 - a. Stephanie Vespi passed out the budget from the end of last year. We started with 22,000.00 and finished with 21,000.00.
 - b. Mr. Hewitt received 10 new ipads that were donated by the PTO at the end of last year.
 - c. The PTO donated money to the Model UN trip to Italy at the end of last year.
 - d. We discussed why carry such a large balance and if we were to spend some more money, what would we purchase? Ideas brought up were: Go Buckets for emergencies in every classroom, paying for Jr High t-shirts and Sr. t-shirts, water bottle fillers on every floor (would cost about \$800), AED and EpiPen boxes in hallways upstairs and down.
 - e. Stephanie to begin using online banking. Board plans to go to bank on September 14th, 2019.
- **DANCE CHAIR- KATIE HARLEY**
 - a. Katie informs that dance is set to start at Tenth Street Elementary this week.
 - b. Kick off meeting for the high school dance will probably be September 24th. Emails will be sent out; info will be announced during announcements in homeroom.
 - c. Wendy Wilton is the returning registrar.
 - d. Money earned is used for senior dancer scholarships, amount depends on how long dancing, pays for t-shirts, pizza during dress rehearsal, recital programs.
- **SKI CLUB- MOOCHIE DONATUCCI**
 - a. There will be four ski trips. 2 in January and 2 in February.
 - b. Open to grades 7-12. If families want to come they may and can obtain a discount if they book through Moochie.
 - c. The costs go toward a party at the end and senior gifts.

- d. Information will go home with students; there will be info at the high school open house.

- **TEACHER APPRECIATION- HEATHER ROUPAS**
 - a. Heather volunteered to head up this special day again.
 - b. We all agreed that \$250.00 budget is not sufficient and should be increased. All 7 parents and the board agreed unanimously to raise the budget to \$500.00.

- **FINAL THOUGHTS/DISCISSION- Next** meeting has been scheduled for Nov. 4th; however that is a day off of school, so it will be changed.

- **ADJOURNMENT**