

Riverview High School PTO
Meeting #1
October 12, 2022
7:00pm

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Heather Deem.

President: Carrie Longstreth
Vice President: Heather Roupas
Treasurer: Stephanie Vespi
Secretary: Heather Deem

7:07 pm Carrie Longstreth called the meeting to order.
Present: K Migely, P. Billet, A. Paris and the PTO board.

-Introduction of the board and short discussion regarding a succession plan. New PTO board members will be needed for next year. Anyone interested please let any one of us know.

-Mr. Antonio Paris introduced himself. He is a new member of the school board. He is eager to be involved and helpful. Mr. Paris welcomed any questions or comments. He is in charge of student life and wants to be a more “in person and available” face of the school board.

-Updates: A reminder for all parents that drop off should not be happening in the small semi-circle facing Third St. Please enter the alley and go around the school building to drop off your student.

-The district’s new merchandise website does require some patience with shipping and receiving of the items but it is very much worth it as it benefits the entire district. We are hoping for more sales and discounts to be added, especially before the holidays.

-Mrs. Billet asked if the Tennis team senior yard signs are available. Mrs. Vespi advised her to check with our new Athletic Director Cory or the tennis coach.

-Treasurer’s report: Stephanie Vespi went over the PTO’s profit and losses at the end of last school year and where we are currently. A break down of all of the costs and expenses are available to anyone who wishes to see them.

-We were able to purchase a new 3-D printer for the high school, allowing the two we had to be sent and utilized at 10th Street and Verner. We assisted with snacks for Verner’s after school program. We were able to purchase air purifiers for Mrs. Gardner. Our balance as of the end of September 2022 is \$12,431.46.

-With expected expenses, we MUST do some fundraising this year. Any ideas for fall or spring are welcome.

-Dance Program: No report from Katie Harley. We discussed that the cost of dance had to be increased this year. This hasn't been done in over ten years. The dance teachers were asked to increase their liability insurance to a one million dollar policy. K. Migely asked if the school helped with the cost of this in any way. C. Longstreth said this is a completely out of pocket expense for them. Jamie and Julie used to also be able to utilize Ms. Maria's policy and they are now required to get their own. C. Longstreth wants to make sure that this very worthwhile program is not lost because of this added burden to the teachers. We are basically asking them to pay to teach. We have a lot of growth in students coming up from the elementary schools but at the moment we aren't sure what our current high school numbers are.

-Ski Club: Email sent from Moochie to past members letting them know to mark their calendars for the opening ski club meeting on Thursday, November 3rd. The location and time will be sent out soon. Please share this info with anyone new who might be interested.

-They are planning at least 4 trips to 7 Springs. Moochie is still waiting on details from them but she suggested maybe looking into getting an EPIC pass for the season. She also suggested looking into ski and equipment rentals for the season from Fox Chapel Ski and Board.

-Initiatives:

- a. **Fundraisers:** Fall and Spring. This year we really need to do some PTO fundraising. Mr. Paris suggested doing what the elementary school does with Amazon Smile. He also suggested working with local restaurants for "nights" that people could order and a portion of proceeds could come to us. He suggested doing a March Madness kind of fundraiser too. In the Spring, H. Deem suggested doing a car wash. H. Roupas thought that there might be some water issues that the school has, so we will look into that. If so, we will have to find a place to do the car washes. Deem suggested Mr. Tire across from Waterworks and Paris suggested Auto Zone in Harmer. NEED MORE IDEAS!
- b. **Activities:** Normal activities seem to thankfully be in full swing! Homecoming was a success, the pep rally was wonderful, the gym looks great with the new murals. Powder puff will take place again (proceeds benefits prom) Mrs. Roupas mentioned that in her day as a junior, the juniors beat the seniors. Mrs. Deem mentioned that in her day she broke someone's finger. We laughed and laughed.
- c. **Teacher Favorites List Book:** We would like to create a "teacher wish list" binder or Amazon wish list so that people who wish to donate or gift teachers will know exactly what is needed or wanted.

-Jr High Dances: A dance was held last spring and was a great success. 111 kids signed up to participate. We would like to have more of them. Mr. McConnell would need a few more adult volunteers. Mr. Paris suggested getting Key Club involved to organize them like they had done in the past.

-Prom Promenade Committee: This year's committee is headed up by Dina Tsambis. She has already organized a group of parents to help out and has already begun work on the event.

-New Business: Mrs. Billet asked when the district's strategic plan will be available to view. Mr. Paris said it is still in the works. He mentioned that Dr. English was wanting to do a parent/community focus group.

-Mrs. Vespi mentioned that the school website calendar still could use some work... difficult to find things or they aren't on the calendar. We all are in agreement that we missed the old calendar that used to be provided. We lamented and mourned the old calendar. Then we got over it.

-Teacher Appreciation: Heather Roupas asked about the budget. We had raised it significantly last year and she asked if this is still okay for this upcoming year. The budget was raised to \$979. She mentioned that it would be great to have a wishlist for the teacher's lounge. A running wishlist of items that would be nice to have for them through Facebook or Amazon. She also mentioned that it may be nice to have more parent volunteers the day of to circle around and ask teachers who maybe couldn't get away from their rooms, if we could bring them something.

-Adjournment: Mrs. Longstreth asked if there was any more business. Mrs. Migely motioned to end the meeting and Mrs. Billet second. Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm, thank you and good night.