

Riverview Jr./Sr. High School
PTO Meeting #2
February 22nd, 2023

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

In attendance- Board members, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. MacConnell, Mrs. Kathy Migely, Mrs. Gretchen Biondich and Mrs. Deb Polsiak

-Meeting was called to order at 6:36pm. The board succession plan was discussed. Volunteers are needed to replace all board members for next year. Please consider volunteering for one of these very rewarding positions.

UPDATES

-Mr. Hewitt discussed drop off in the mornings. They are continuously working with the Food Truck administrators to keep the large truck out of the way so people can drive around the building to drop off. We will be getting a removable "gate" that will soon block the Third street turn around. Someone will have to go out every morning and set it up and remove it after school has started. We discussed the dangers and other possible plans that PennDot has for that area/intersection.

-H. Deem asked about the school entrance and if there was something we could do to spruce it up a bit, update artwork, etc.... Mr. Hewitt mentioned that some construction is planned for the front entrance. A wall will be built down the center of the room and one way will be for entering the building and one to exit. Mr. Hewitt also discussed some possible Gym improvements in the works.

-At the last meeting we discussed a possible student store that could have examples of what is available through our online spirit store. We used to have a student store that was run by the Student Council and Mrs. Walsh but is no longer. Mrs. Polsiak said that it would benefit the kids greatly to get them involved in reviving it. She gave FC school district examples. Could we have a cart that could be rolled out at events and during the day? Mr. MacConnell discussed maybe his kids could get involved. He mentioned the success of their plant sales. Mr. Hewitt mentioned that his office plant is now dead because Mrs. Zatawski is no longer there to water it.

-Mr. Hewitt discussed other visible changes for the school in the works but no details given. There is a lot in the planning stages.

-Mrs. Migely asked what ever happened to the school's Athletic Scholars. One or Two students were selected monthly for feature on the schools social media and website. Sometimes given a t-shirt as a reward for maintaining great grades while being involved in sports. This hasn't happened in quite awhile. Mr. Hewitt wasn't sure and it was decided that she should ask our Athletic Director if that was something he would revive?? Mrs. Migely also asked if it was the school that contacted the local paper or AKValley with student athlete features. Mr. Hewitt said it was not the school.

-Mrs. Longstreth asked about the speaker issues in the gym. He said they are working on fixing that issue along with other gym improvements. He said that the band, portable speakers work great and can be used in a pinch. The school uses them for outdoor graduation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Riverview Jr High PTO	
Profit and Loss	
September 2022 - January 2023	
	TOTAL
Income	
PTO Dance Income	9,286.33
Ski Club Income	9,794.00
Total Income	\$19,080.33
GROSS PROFIT	\$19,080.33
Expenses	
Bank Charges & Fees	342.40
Donations	678.34
PTO Dance	4,012.00
Ski Club	3,619.00
Total Expenses	\$8,651.74
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$10,428.59
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Mrs. Vespi presented the above report. We discussed ways to spend our funds this year.
-Mrs. Deem suggested starting a PTO Scholarship. Mrs. Deem will contact Casey Rocchini regarding how we can get that going. We agreed on two \$1000 scholarships. One

academic and one trade. We will need to decide how we will determine who wins the funds. Either through a small essay, are they involved in dance or ski club (PTO run organizations) or need based??

DANCE PROGRAM

-Katie Harley will be continue to run/organize this year. It will be her last year. The recital date has been moved up to **April 22nd, 2023**. We have 6 seniors and will be giving them each a small scholarship. The PTO will continue to help pay for the sound and lights. The prices of dance class were raised this year and the number of students enrolling has gone up.

SKI CLUB

It was an interesting beginning for the Club. With 7Springs being purchased by Vail, there has been a lot of changes. This year we encouraged everyone to purchase an EPIC PASS for their Lift Ticket. Most Club members are only paying for the bus this year, since they have their own Lift Ticket. We have a few who still need to purchase a Lift Ticket.

The money collected for the bus has been turned in to the Treasurer and I submit a check request for each bus trip to pay Lenzner Bus Company.

We have gone to 7Springs 3 times so far and hoping to squeeze in one more trip.

This year we took an adventure to Holiday Valley on January 23. We had about 40 people attend, club members and family. We were short in the number we needed to cover the bus, but the Giunta-Bertucci Funeral Home gave us a generous donation. Everyone really enjoyed the day, and we hope to do again next year.

Heidi Mamula designed a great logo for us this year and we are using BSN Sports. We are hoping to have this an ongoing store.

We have 46 Club members this year and 6 Chaperones. I would like to thank Heidi Mamula, Jill Myers, Arnaud Berthoud, and Ted and Jill Polesiak for all their help. Could not ask for a better group of members and chaperones.

Six of our Club Members will be graduating, and we will be getting them gifts. We also plan to have an end of year party. Possibly at Zone 28 again.

-Moochie

INITIATIVES

-Senior banners are again up in the air as we await the installation of Allegheny River Blvd's lampposts. PTO received a lot of complaints regarding our solution to last

years inability to hang senior banners. Rogers & DeTurck have been so wonderful and extremely generous to us, printing the posters last year. We learned that people want Verona kids in Verona and businesses on the lower boulevard would like to have some as well. Last year our thinking was....the parade was only a small circle in Oakmont... we didn't know at the time that it was headed into Verona as well. We considered the lower boulevard but felt they may not be seen as well. We had 59 out of about 66 kids actually submit a photo for the posters. We felt we did the best we could in the situation we were in.

TEACHER APPRECIATION

-Mrs. Roupas said she would organize again and Mrs. Vespi and Mrs. Biondich offered to help. The coffee truck was a big hit so she will look into reserving that again. The cost of the truck is significant so the budget was doubled to accommodate. The date will be May 11th, 2023. We asked for Mr. Hewitt and Mr. MacConnell's suggestions on what the teachers like the best. We will look into The Deli again. We will ask for donations of desserts and water.

FUNDRAISING

-At the last meeting we discussed if a car wash would work. Mrs. Deem knew of them being very successful at another school and wanted to try here. We felt we should "test" a few places to make sure the water pressure was okay. Mr. Hewitt said he would check with Al Pater regarding the hose situation. We could hold it in May at some point.

-Amazon Wish List was discussed. Mrs. Longstreth is working on the getting that all set up. Teachers can add requests at any time and any parent can donate to them through Amazon. Mrs. L hopes to have it ready to launch teacher appreciation week.

JR. HIGH DANCES

-The Jr. High dance in the fall had a great response. The Key Club raised \$395 to be donated to The Special Olympics. Mr. MacConnell said they are planning a spring dance. It will be a black light dance with lots of glow sticks and glow in the dark paint. They are deciding what charity that dance will benefit. Mrs. Roupas suggested that we have a dance for the 9th and 10th graders. Mr. MacConnell said he could easily plan on that same weekend since he will have all the supplies for a black light dance. One on Friday and One on Saturday. Details to come.

PROM

-Dina Tsambis and her committee have been busy planning. The theme is An Evening in Paris. It will be at the Oakmont Country Club on May 5th, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

-7-11th grade awards ceremony will be May 24th.
Senior awards night at the Oaks will be May 11th.

Our next meeting will be April 19th.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.