

Riverdale PTA

October 7, 2009

Riverdale Elementary School

Officers present: Kristie Guardia, Janine Persefield, Mary Beth Eggers. Total 10 persons in attendance.

Meeting called to order at 3:12 p.m.

PAST MINUTES -- September 9, 2009.

Correction made: Mrs. Nelson—transferred from the Middle School. The word “from” replaced the word “to”.

Motion made by Dawn Simmons to approve minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Cheryl Brandon. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

Mrs. Evans – Elementary

No School Monday, October 12, Columbus Day

Scheduling has begun for parent teacher conferences which will be happening October 21st and October 22nd. The Elementary will dismiss early on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of that week.

Question was asked whether the Elementary would want PTA assistance for Parent/Teacher conferences. Mrs. Evans said the Elementary School had other plans and no assistance would be needed. It was unknown whether the Middle and High Schools would want or need assistance. Mary Beth volunteered to follow up with school personnel.

Halloween parties will happen on Friday, October 30th. Costume parade will start at 1:45 p.m. and parties will start at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Evans will be sending a letter home to parents asking for hand sanitizer donations to assist with combating the flu season.

Mrs. Evans referenced a letter of request for money from the PTA to assist the schools with purchasing large bottles of the hand sanitizer to put in cafeterias. PTA president said we would discuss item under new business.

Mr. Jennings – Not present

Mr. Boyd – Not present

Mr. Jacobs – Not present

OLD BUSINESS -- CORRESPONDENCE

Kristie Guardia reported no correspondence this month

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraiser – Janine Persefield

Miscommunication caused problems with the Middle School participation in the fundraiser. Despite this problem, students in grades K-5 grossed over \$10,000 according to preliminary conversations with the Market Day fundraiser representative.

Dawn Simmons strongly encouraged Janine to have 10 volunteers on hand for pick up day on Tuesday, October 20. Regular Market Day orders are being delivered within the same truck so additional volunteers are imperative. Dawn recommended volunteers be at the high school by 5 p.m. with the truck and Market Day representative scheduled to arrive between 5-5:15 p.m.

The high school cafeteria will only be open until 7:30 p.m. and a question was raised as to what will happen to items not picked up. Janine will send reminder notes home to parents about the date and time of pick up. Janine will call to remind those parents who have large orders.

Concerns were vocalized about the wrong date given to those who placed internet orders. Janine said she will follow up with her Market Day fundraiser representative so that message(s) can be sent via email to those who placed orders electronically.

Janine said that the winner of the raffle prize was a second grade boy.

Dawn Simmons – Market Day

52 orders for September. Less dollars than last September, but more orders. Dawn was happy about the results.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for funds – hand sanitizer

Kristie read Mrs. Evans request for money to help with purchasing hand sanitizer. Mary Beth made a motion that the PTA assist with purchasing up to \$100 of hand sanitizer. Seconded by Kristie Guardia. Motion carried.

Request for funds - Bob Motz Monarch Butterfly presentation to kindergarten

Request was made by the Kindergarten teachers for \$40 to help reimburse Bob Motz for costs related to his Monarch butterfly presentation for the children. Motion made by Janine Persefield made a motion that PTA give Bob Motz \$40 for his presentation to the Riverdale kindergartners. Motion seconded by Laura Jackson. Motion carried.

Membership update

Mary Beth said that she has volunteered to take over the Membership committee. She will have an update for the next meeting.

Ann's Helping Hands

Kristie read a letter from Ann McCarrell who is looking for donations for holiday baskets. Over 100 families are in need of assistance this year. She is looking for donations early this year to ensure they can purchase the needed items and baskets can go out on time. Mary Beth said she would follow up with Todd Jackson to see that budgeted dollars from PTA get to Ann as soon as possible.

Middle School Book Fair

Roxie Zuercher, middle school librarian, is asking for assistance with the Middle School book fair which will be happening October 19-23rd. Roxie can be reached at 523-3131 or rz2230@riverdale.rockis.k12.il.us.

Subway fundraiser

Janine said a parent had dropped off a Subway card fundraiser idea. Janine said she will check into it and get back with more information next month.

Fruit Sale

Question was raised about continuing the fruit sale that has been done for the past two years in order to raise funds for the playground. Kelly Doty, past fruit sale chairperson, said that if PTA decides to continue it again this year, she would help but would need assistance and would want to have someone else take the lead in the future. The fruit sale took place in March last year.

Danielle Scott – Reflections

Danielle said that information about the Reflections program will be sent home with students soon. The Reflections program is an arts recognition and achievement program that provides opportunities for students to express themselves through various art forms. This year's theme is "Beauty is..." The deadline for completed entries is November 25. For more information contact Danielle at 309-749-7650 or danielle3829@msn.com.

Future PTA meetings

Suggestion was made to email teachers and administrators a reminder before next month's PTA meeting. Kristie said she is waiting to hear back from Mr. Boyd about Starz students helping with babysitting. There's a potential conflict with the meeting start time at 3:10 and high school dismissal time. It was also noted that the gym would not be available due to Good News Club utilizing the gym on Wednesday afternoons.

Next PTA meeting will take place at 3:10 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4 in the Riverdale Elementary School Library.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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Meeting minutes submitted by Mary Beth Eggers