

General Board Meeting
Thursday, March 9, 2023
9:30 AM

- Welcome and Call to order – 9:34 am
- Attendees: Megan Epps, Barbara Brown, Laura Kudey, Ali Knipfing, Nicole Bengard, Katja Magee, Julie Rose, Amanda Williams, Mary Latrick, Renia Trickett, Dave Burgess, Courtney Rhoades, Andreen Grubbs, Sara Fox, Lauren Plunk, Sara Jackson, Sallie Smith, Lyndsey Crandall, Caralee Culpepper, Sarah Whitmire, Dana Lanning, Melissa Bache
- Review and approval of minutes from February Board Meeting
 - Motion – Ali Knipfing
 - 2nd – Megan Saltmarsh
 - Motion carried, minutes approved
- **Principal's Report – Dave Burgess**
 - Bingo - a success! We now have a packed food pantry. Nice to be able to do it indoors. Impressed with food trucks and better wait times.
 - Mastery Connect - assessment testing coming Friday and Monday. Will collect data that helps us fine tune areas of concern to be SC ready.
 - Job Fair - we have one opening for a teacher position, potentially two. We have some great candidates.
 - Atrium - curtain is a bust due to the infrastructure. We would lose valuable stage area, so the project is on permanent hold. Instead, looking into a portable stage for outdoor use, and some potential PE equipment.
 - The Leader In Me program - this year we are training on Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. We have a lighthouse team made of 7-12 staff members that go through the official program training. The program helps develop their own voice, a great way to help kids shine and develop leadership skills. It's a yearlong planning process.
 - Field Trips - do we want to continue doing overnight field trips. DC will be \$600+, Charleston is \$400+ for 1 night. Need to discuss how to best get the right feedback from parents on thoughts regarding overnight trips, costs, and how to help every kid go. Going to test out a raffle at Carnival this year, proceeds go towards the scholarship fund.
 - Enrichments - suggestion to list the cost in advance before people fill out the Google form expressing interest.
 - Retention Pond in Sugar Creek - potential backup issue. Mr Burgess to look into it and potential clean-out. There is a 50' rule where we can't do anything with property, the drainage ditch should catch most of our runoff water. The district came out and cleaned out the side.
- **Treasurer's Report – Nicole Bengard**
 - Total revenue \$114K, expenses \$103K, and net is \$11k through Feb. Ending cash \$49K. Expenses are on track and looking good. Expecting a great March.
 - Generated income from spirit wear, school store, boulder sales and skate day.
 - We are over budget in curriculum enhancements due to purchase of a poster maker plus 2 years' worth of supplies – funded from Booster-thon, which has ~\$15K left to spend
 - We have spent all of the restricted Backpack Buddy funds and had a successful Bingo with a full closet of food.
 - Copier - we are looking to be on track to go over budget with upcoming events like carnival. We have room in the budget.
 - When you submit expenses, please don't forget to fill out the check request form
- **President's Report – Katja Magee**
 - Boosterthon funds - bought the poster maker, it's in the media center. \$5000 towards teacher appreciation (\$125/teacher and grade has to vote on what to do with the funds as a group).

They'll have 6 weeks to spend or it will reabsorb into the pot. With leftover money, we are considering ideas: playground upgrade (benches, hoops, paint touch-up, etc),

- Instead of staff appreciation lunch we are going to do a raffle. 7 buckets, full of summer fun stuff.
- Spirit night - Wildflower was good - we made \$118

- **Committee Reports:**

- PTA President Elect- Lyndsey Crandall
 - Nominating committee met last night - need treasurer and president elect, will continue a Grandparents committee
- Backpack Buddies- Mary Latrick and Barna Gupta
 - A huge thanks for the food. We have way more milk than last year, which is awesome.
 - We are still in need of oatmeal, applesauce, ramen and juice. Individual packets preferred. Every kid gets 5 individual packs of oatmeal for spring break.
 - No more drives remaining this year, there are 10 weeks left of the school year. We only buy exactly what we need each week from the budget.
- Bingo- Megan Epps and Melanie Hendrix
 - Thrilled with turn-out. Packed over 736 inside, we had chairs for 550.
 - Last year's line was so long for food, there were some concerns with wind/weather this year causing some cancellations. We will continue trying to improve food situation for next year.
 - Had a lot of extra help cleaning up this year, which was super helpful. Also had more help setting up can pyramid and putting food away.
 - The custodian staff was amazing, and flexible to all the changes.
 - Suggestion for people to know what gift basket would be associated with each game so that people can plan what they want to aim for as a prize.
- International Night- Shezeen Muqri
 - Cookbook almost done and off press soon.
 - Preparing for international night, looking for more student performances and countries to be represented. April 13th
- Carnival- Renia Trickett and Sarah Whitmire
 - Art Contest - we'll get contest going before spring break, winners design will be on the Carnival T-shirts
 - Carnival is Cinco de Mayo - May 5th
 - Start saving your eggs and cartons for the confetti eggs.
- Other Committees
 - Newsflash and website - get stuff submitted as soon as possible
- Riverside Middle- Melissa Bache-
 - April 13th Spring Fest - all spring sports are free, vendors and food trucks are there. If you have rising 6th graders you can sign up to get a tour and there will be somewhere there to answer questions. There will be a link where you can sign up for tours that evening.
 - She's also recruiting PTA and parent volunteers for Riverside Middle if anyone with a rising student is interested. Connect with Katja if interested.
- Adjournment- Meeting adjourned, 10:33 am.