

## Riffenburgh PTO Meeting Minutes February 26, 2018

- 1.) **Treasurers report** (Amanda Waldron) The beginning balance was \$42056.25 on 1/1/2018. Income was received from Dominos (\$45.00) and Box Tops (\$233.50). The ending balance on 1/31/2018 was \$42,334.75.
- 2.) **Mini grants** none at this time
- 3.) **VIPs Reports/updates** (Tracey Johnson/Merav Tsubley)
  - a.) **Silent Auction and Family Fun Night:** (Merav T) see below
  - b.) **New volunteer base:** (Merav T) Does anyone know how to recruit more people? Should we find someone the year before so we know we can act and move on organizing when the time comes the following year. Someone mentioned that "Volunteer spot" is a great online program to put sign ups, very flexible, easy to organize and does not give very much spam. Make a presence at all student events by advertising PTO.
- 4.) **Old business**
  - a.) **Missoula's children :** The fund raising aspect was about the same as previous years. The expenses for the event were the cost of renting the facility to Missoula so they would harness the liability insurance, the cost of Theater Company and pizza after first auditions. The # of tickets sold paid these expenses plus raised \$1600 to off-set the cost of the fees to hire Missoula children's to come to Riffenburgh. Two people are ready to take it on next year but need more support from families to help with event. Possibly require each family with one time slot to fill in and a coordinator present each day.
- 5.) **New Business**
  - a.) **Family Fun Night and Silent Auction:** The event is being canceled for the March 1<sup>st</sup> date. There is no Silent Auction coordinator and low volunteer participation. Maybe need other ideas for an activity that takes less time i.e. restaurant gift cards only (restaurant rage) or local business gift cards. Possibly combine with April family fun walk. Do activities in gym and maybe make it simple like free games. Consider bingo night and movie night.

**Agenda:** Christy Marshall will check with Audra on date of April 20th. We will do restaurant rage for April 20th. Teacher features are being organized and collected by Barry. Angie will go to wellness meeting on March 8th and talk to them to see how to deal with the combining. Get a group meeting set up with those interested in organizing these events.
  - b.) **Riffenburgh PTO bylaws:** (John Broderick) John and Merav sent a copy of a newby-laws version to the PTO board. The steps to proceed are: to review the new by-law document as a PTO group, make revisions as needed and assure whatever changes that are made will be able to go to the public once the document is revised before the March meeting. John said by the March meeting hopefully we could have document ready to circulate to the public. If all is acceptable then circulate the minutes to the community as soon as the March meeting is over and tell the public they have 14 days to provide response to items they have an issue with. At the April meeting the floor will be open to the community to provide feedback about the by-laws circulated. These by-law revisions are needed to proceed to 501 (c) (3) status.
  - c.) **50th anniversary committee:** (Melanie) Mel has sent the word around to some old Riffenburgh alumni and community members. She is getting the historical perspective ironed out and getting involvement from these people to move forward with the dedication and memorial stories next year. She has no current members of the community and would be interested in having other spread the word to get more involvement.
- 6.) **Student Accountability committee:** (Melanie) An additional meeting was recently added on March 5, 2018 at 7:30am as the committee tries to wrap up what will be their main priorities for the 2018-

2019 school year. What is the vision as we move forward and what activities, projects or groups best exemplify that at Riffenburgh

**7.) Principal's Report:** (Melanie)

a.) Brandon Harrington returned and gave his assembly on empathy. Mel asked for parent feedback. Parents that went said they were really impressed with his speeches and kids really were engaged in what he was saying. Mel asked if she should come back the next year, everyone agreed.

b.) The new proposed date for the combined Family fun walk and Family fun night is great if we can pull it off. The problem is one starts right after school but the fun night portion will have a low turn out if right after school. Not sure how to proceed. Angie will talk to Wellness Committee to see their thoughts, Christy Marshall will work with Audra to see if date still works. Merav will get committee together to help plan this event so load can be shared. Email will be sent informing families of cancellation and possible rescheduling of the event.