

Riffenburgh PTO meeting September 25, 2017 12pm

1.) Treasurer's report: (Amanda) The beginning balance on 38,085.94. The expenses were the PTO magnets for the school (337.02). The ending balance \$37,728.92.

2.) Mini grants:

a.) Megan Walsh (Resource Teacher) would like to purchase Happy Numbers, a software program. The software is a Common core aligned program that allows kids with intervention more assistance esp if reading is an issue. Allows independent work for K-3 students so kids can learn while teacher is doing one on one with other students. All those who voted said yay to \$150 requested.

b.) Mikaela Perea: (Intervention coordinator) Is requesting the license for Moby Max, for the entire building, gets renewed. Allows for personalized learning, both for gifted and students requiring intervention. Covers all subjects. \$600 requested. Questions requesting if discount for multi year purchase. All voted yes.

3.) VIPs report/updates: (Merav)

a.) Volunteer packs: packets have been returned. Marav said they all need to go through.

4.) Old business

a.) Dutch mill bulbs: (Amanda) went out last week, due October 6th.

b. Officers update: (Rebecca) Officers are chosen as they volunteer. We have never had 2 people want to duke it out for a position. If we did then we would probably put it to a vote.

d.) Direct donation: (Rebecca) Last year it only brought in \$300. As a result it was not planned to send them out this year.

e.) Raz Kids: It was decided to renew Raz kids b.c education city was not getting back to us. By doing this we hope that the teachers have something til we can work something out for Education city. This vote was taken via email between the officers.

5.) New business

a.) Mighty nest (Chrissy): The Mightnest.com has a sampling program that ships items monthly for a small fee. You get to use environmentally friendly goods. 15% of all purchases go the school of your choice....RIFFENBURGH!!!! You can also add to your monthly order any other items with no additionl

6.) School Accountability Committee Report: (Melanie Mierzwa) Working to finish draft due in October to summarize upcoming goals for school year. Next SAC will continue to review and set goals for sue mission to district. All schools have a yearly School Performance review. Each school gets an achievement and growth scores. In 2016, Riffenburgh met the achievement goal and exceeded expectations for academic growth. Preliminarily, Riffenburgh scored well on the 2017 and in January it will be announced that Riffenburgh met the goal for academic achievement and jumped an additional 10 points higher to exceed expectations for academic growth again. Yay! These are preliminary numbers and in January the numbers will be finalized. These scores are based upon PARC assessment language arts and math.

7.) Principal's Report:

a.) Brandon Harrington came to discuss bullying. The kids loved it. Lesson to take away was PMP. P=Pause, M=menu of options, P=play it out. Complements refocus format used at Riffenburgh currently.

He can come back to address again in different way in the spring to have double the impact. Revisit this in January for the spring.

b.) Collaboration day on September 29th: On this day teachers at Riffenburgh will focus on rebooting the behavioral teaching approach. Some will even head down to a Positive intervention support group hosted as a workshop. They will bring back tools to develop new or improve old approaches about teaching good behavior daily. Such as, discuss positive behavior support skills, how our behavior program complements it etc. It was realized no parent feedback has been received so PTO and other parents were asked if the staff could present a short few minute intro into what the positive behavior teachings are and goals can we create together? Parents agreed.