

Riverwood PTSA General Membership Meeting Agenda 5/2/2023 | 9:00am Riverwood International Charter School

Welcome and Introductions – Chrissy McCluskey & Julie Taube – Chrissy is rolling off this year as Co-President, "What we do and who we are" - mini grants for teacher and students, scholarships, reflections competition, raider math and writing centers, student achievement programs, classroom supply reimbursement program - see details from slideshow, 2023 PTSA scholarship winners – see details from slideshow, north Fulton PTSA scholarship is taking applications next spring – let's apply and win! The month of May Events – 212 recognition breakfast, mailbox treats, executive board meeting, Senior celebration, PTSA newsletter, blue envelopes, prelude to graduation, end of the year faculty luncheon. "Where to find us" – social media (FB, Twitter, Instagram, Riverwood PTSA website, PTSA newsletter, Senior class news newsletter). "Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree long time ago."

Secretary's Report – Lee Graiser – Clipboard is circulating so please sign-in.

Treasurer's Report – Shelly Casner – The second half of the year has been very busy supporting year end senior celebration planning from yard sign sales to prelude to the senior celebration. We are pleased to share that we have been able to double the number of PTSA awarded scholarships from 5 to 10 this year. As a reminder, our operating budget runs at \$92k per year and we should end the year with a small surplus after all spring expenses are finalized.

Nominating Committee Report – Lee Graiser – Presented 2023-2024 new slate on 5/2. New slate was approved at 9:24am.

Principal's Report – Kindra Smith – Ms.Smith is honoring Chrissy – the work comes through your heart, you've done a tremendous job, I appreciate you. We need the PTSA, it's hard work but it's fun too. Graduation time – excited about it!! 30 kids who need a little push to get assignments in before the end of the school year. Things are going really well. Drug awareness – focus for the district next year – support for students about dangers of drugs and alcohol.

Education is provided for parents and kids. Attendance for the district will be a priority now that covid is over. 75-80 kids arrive late at school every day, which is challenging for the teachers and staff. It is our biggest struggle right now. We are almost fully staffed – looking for a Spanish teacher and social studies teacher. 123 staff members report to Ms. Smith currently. Info coming out of RW – There is a missing population not receiving important school events through current communication channels. I'd like to create grade level text groups. I may need help distributing the information to students and parents. I'd like everybody to be in the know about all events. I am also working on a 9th grade bootcamp – more details to come soon.

Wrap Up – Chrissy McCluskey & Julie Taube – Chrissy - We are always looking for volunteers. Currently, we are looking for volunteers to collect devices and work in the front office. Get involved in Raider Wear. Thank you for coming, supporting, and making Riverwood better. Julie – I am looking at dates to meet with the new exec board in the next few weeks. I'll send out a google doodle soon to discuss Raider Rally and get to know each other better.

Meeting adjourned on 5/2 at 9:59am.

Attendees: Julie Taube Stacy Cohen Ilana Wilensky Jen Cohen Shelly Casner Kathy Dees Julie Oshins Kendra Matathia Nicole Sims Leslie Paul Kindra Smith Mandy Katz Symore Corbin Angie Goldman Josette Marshall Allison Srochi Lori Rosenthal Lara Sopher **Caroline Donohue** Melody Smalls Deb Perlstein Sydnei Rubenstein Romi Elkainovitch Chrissy McClusky Lee Graiser