

**Riverwood PTSA Executive Board Meeting Agenda
October 4, 2022**

- **Welcome - Meeting starts at 9:05am**

- **Secretary's Report – Julie Taube (for Lee Graiser) – motion to approve executive meeting minutes. Motion is approved at 9:10am.**

- **Presidents' Report - Chrissy McCluskey & Julie Taube –**

Welcome baskets were awesome. Raiderwear arrived. Still waiting for clear bags. Pop Up next Thursday / Friday during lunch. Sarah/Kasey to create a sign up for Raiderwear.

- **Treasurer's Report - Shelly Casner – Please let me know if you have any questions.**

Bank fees are listed at the bottom of the budget. 89% of budget. Increased by 28 members. 101% for parking lot auction budget.

- **Principal's Report - Kindra Smith**

Things are quiet post open house. We are hitting our stride. Baskets are lovely. They had no idea. Christmas in September was a great boost!

Sarrah comment: Sign up before open house was helpful (time to meet teacher). Band concert was beautiful. Chorus concert is tonight. Homecoming is coming up. Teachers are a little stressed because of grading policy. NEW GRADING POLICY: every kid at HS level – each teacher has to report 2 major grades, 3 minors, 3 practice (per 9 weeks). These are hard fast deadlines for the first 9 weeks. Teachers stressed because district looking for 9 grades in gradebook (challenging up against Yom Kippur). We have never been in this situation before (we carried incomplete for 2 whole years with COVID). It could be a project (does not have to be a test). Place holder is an option to be creative with grading requirements. Block schedule supports IB curriculum. 4 classes each day gives enough hours for IB curriculum. Students are stressed out with the demands! Ms. Smith talked to Clif Jones (District contact for new grading policy) about deadlines, it does not have to be a test. We are working on doing the right thing. We won our first football game. College Night – looking for 60-70 representatives and there were 30 representatives. Fantastic Information given – breakouts/panelists were productive/helpful. Going to move it to the cafeteria next year so breakout rooms more convenient. Students have been tutored on Naviance.

- **VP Reports:**

- **Hospitality - Angie Goldman & Lori Rosenthal – College Night – dinner for everyone | Mailbox treats | 212 breakfasts | Oct 12 breakfast | Oct 3 Custodian appreciation day | Student / Principal lunch 9/23 was excellent. *Ms. Smith comments: Students are incredible – 2 freshman – wide open sharing opinions. School pride was discussed – can we bring that to Riverwood. Door entry discussed: “A PHONE” being moved to Door***

27. Brad Glenn – 7:15am meeting to discuss School Pride – Student Government effort starting in Middle School. Sarrah idea: bring them to a Pep Rally. Spiritwear Fridays – Staff already does it. Lori idea: Big Brother Big Sister idea.

Planning for 2 events on Oct 21.

Oct 21 – Prospective Parent tour – Diane Kopkos in charge and we will see what she wants. Keep it light because ribbon cutting is next.

Oct 21 - 10:15-11:15 Ribbon cutting

○ **Membership and Fundraising - Starla Daniels**

89% to goal for membership – would like to get to our goal. Idea: recap of PTSA event thus far. Promote teacher mini-grants. Parking lot auction (2nd round) \$3052. Parking lot auction TOTAL \$17,200.

○ **Student & Parent Support - Amy Rubin**

Sophomore Sundays – Students loved it! Chairperson said it went great. 350 participants. Volunteers checked names.

1st senior committee meeting Oct 6. Trying to get juniors involved. Trying to get more volunteers and getting 2-3 bids for everything. Senior t-shirts for junior move-ups. Trying to respect the budget. Finals chicken biscuits (Dec 12): How many seniors/juniors here 1st period (Contact: Erica Joyner about numbers | Trisha Meyers – student information)? Bus and atrium stops for student biscuit pick-up.

○ **Administration & School Support - Sarrah Elmi-Williams & Kasey Willis –**

Baskets were awesome. Volunteers brought baskets without signing up.

○ **Communications - Jen Cohen & Leslie Paul – Send photos to Leslie so they can be posted. Amy's team flyer - awesome! Instagram – 10 photos at a time. Create highlights with stories.**

○ **Academic Enrichment - Kathy Dees – Signs are being re-taped because they are falling off the wall. New tape seems to be working. Brand name tape is better! Tova is reflections chair (state rep is new and non-responsive). RICS will start reflections despite sluggish rep. State due date is in November. Send to Media Center for promoting by Thursday / week before.**

● **Wrap Up/Adjourn Meeting – Meeting is adjourned at 10:23am**

● **Upcoming Calendar Items:**

Attendees:

Kathy Dees

Shelly Casner
Amy Rubin
Julie Taube
Chrissy McCluskey
Starla Daniels
Kasey Willis
Leslie Paul
Kindra L. Smith
Sarah Elmi-Williams
Angie Goldman
Lori Rosenthal

- **Upcoming Calendar Items:**
 - Oct 19: Mailbox Treats
 - Oct 19: ESOL Bingo Night
 - Oct 21: Prospective Parent Tour
 - Oct 28: Reflections - Entries Due
 - Oct 28: Principal Student Lunch
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