

River Oak Charter School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 1st, 2022, 5:30 PM

Location - River Oak Charter School

MISSION

The Parent Council (PC) seeks to develop and promote a communicative, collaborative, and cohesive relationship between the parents, faculty, and students of River Oak Charter School. The Council facilitates and supports fundraisers that benefit the school community, assists in the organization of school events, and serves as the Voice of the Parent Body.

1.0 Roll Call – Chair - Sarah Bailey

Vice Chair – Valarie Jenkins

Faculty – Sara Westbrook *present*

CC – Kaylee Edwards(Alt) *present*

1st – Sezgin Ramirez *present*

3rd – Robyn Gibbs *present*

5th – Nettie Walton *present*

7th – Charlotte Scott *present*

Treasurer – Robyn Gibbs

Secretary – Talena Ruddick

Administrator – Jaenelle Lampp *present*

GS - Meghan Cosman *present*

2nd – Talena Ruddick *present*

4th - Rebecca Montes *present*

6th - Elexa Richards *present*

8th – Bianca Ramirez *absent*

Others in attendance; Ollie Prax-Lodge, Rebecca Rameriz, Syracuse G.,

1. Call to order at ____ 5:33 _____

2. Approval of Minutes as Presented (1st Robyn Gibbs , 2nd Charlotte Scott)

3. Approval of Agenda as Presented (1st TR, 2nd VJ)

4. Public Comment- Action Items

PC reps please remind individual classes of fundraising and the flow of fundraising approval.

Parents would love to see the return of string music class. Parents also would like it to be noted that the change in ROCS hours that was communicated last spring was communicated in a manner that was abrupt and not in keeping with the positive communication goals of the school.

A. Fundraiser approvals - Chipotle 33% of purchases 4-8pm October 4th to benefit PC approved (VJ, ER)

Coffee Corner- Monday mornings will serve; Coffee, cocoa, hot tea, smoothies, pastries, to benefit 5th grade. Note: coffee not to be sold to students. Approved (VJ, TR)

Flower bulb sale est. \$150 profit, Sept. 9th NOT approved

Thanksgiving grams - To benefit class 7. Students can purchase a 'gram to send to a friend, cost \$3, the parents would request a cash box. Approved (VJ, CS)

River Oak Sweatshirts - to benefit class 4, will sell in front, Amy Nelson and Chris Mise. Approved (ER, VJ)

- B. Pastels on the Plaza Early Action Items: Theme, Reserve Date, Underwriter Letters

Potential date: May 6th.

5. Reports:

- A. Administrator's Report- including discussion of Title 1 ROCS Parent Involvement Policy
The ROCS School Plan number 1 goal is parent engagement and communication.
Getting the Site Council set up is a top priority.
- B. Treasurer's Report- Popsicle fundraisers brought PC funds up to \$4,068.
PC typically donates to the 7th grade shakespeare festival, school gardens, purchased 8th grade cake, sponsored assemblies, etc.
- C. Faculty Report - Getting back into the swing of the school year. Faculty is excited to have a handwork teacher back on staff. Faculty would love to have a speaker come to speak to parents about some of the benefits of traditional Waldorf methods, and building the ROCS community.
- D. Charter Council Report - September is a busy month, the new food program is wonderful but we are still figuring out how to fit in the extra hours required to pick up the food from Willits. Charter Council is looking for experienced members. The Charter Council minutes should be available soon.
- E. ED Foundation Report - no report at this time.
- F. Classroom Reports - 7th grade welcomes Dusty as a new teacher, and is happy to have Rebecca still on staff as the games teacher.
- G. Site Council Report - still working on forming a current Site Counsel, no report at this time.
- H. Grant Writing Committee - Nettie reports that there are grants we can apply for that could go toward art, music, parent education (speakers), environment education. If anyone knows of any grants we might be eligible for please let a PC rep or the grant writing committee know. The grant writing committee is working on setting up an email account.

6. Ongoing Business/Overview Report

- A. Volunteerism Committee - Nettie and Ollie P. have compiled a survey with the intention of making it easier for parents to know what volunteer opportunities are available. The form asks; what skills parents have that might be helpful to the school, what extra resources they

might have access to contribute, and what times would be best for individual parents to volunteer. A parent suggests adding a link to log parent volunteer hours in the Oak Leaf.

B. Upcoming Events/New Business:

- A. a. Back to School Night(s) Sept. 8 grades 6, 7, 8, and Sept. 15 grades K- 5 Ice Cream Social will be held Sept. 15th - PC will purchase one tub of sorbet and one tub of ice cream and cones. Sara Bailey heading, Talena Ruddick will help.
- B. b. Festival of Courage Sept 30
- C. c. Pumpkinfest Oct 15-16 - ROCS outreach booth with a craft for kids, Valerie has a storefront on School street, she is offering the space to the PC to use for a fundraiser.
- D. d. PC Run Spirit Store - would be run remotely, PC could omit sweatshirts in order to not avoid competition with class 4's ROCS sweatshirt fundraiser.

Adjournment ___7:50 by Sarah Bailey_____