

River Oak Charter School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday December 1, 2022, 5:30 PM

Location - River Oak Charter School Large Commons or via Zoom

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.

Roll Call – Chair - Sarah Bailey <i>present</i>	Treasurer – Robyn Gibbs <i>present</i>
Vice Chair – Valarie Jenkins <i>present</i>	Secretary – Talena Ruddick <i>present</i>
Faculty – Sara Westbrook <i>present</i>	Administrator – Mrs. Mize <i>present</i>
CC – Jason Davis <i>absent</i>	GS - Meghan Cosman <i>present</i>
1 st – Sezgin Ramirez <i>present</i>	2 nd – Talena Ruddick <i>present</i>
3 rd – Ollie Prax-Lodge <i>present</i>	4 th - Rebecca Montes Donovan <i>present</i>
5 th – Anita Ramirez <i>present</i>	6 th - Elexa Richards <i>absent</i>
7 th – Candia Benton-Welsh <i>present</i>	8 th – Bianca Ramirez <i>present</i>

Others in attendance - Nettie Watson, Syracuse G.

1. Call to order at _____ 5:31 _____

2. Roll Call (sign in sheet)

3. Approval of Minutes approved

4. Approval of Agenda (Items 1-4: 10 minutes) AR/

5. Public Comment (5 minutes)

6. Action Items (10 minutes)

a. Fundraiser approvals - 8Th grade moves popcorn fundraiser to Wednesdays. Approved.

7. Reports:

a. Administrator's Report Book fair is a success. Mendocino County Youth Project was here today, they will be working with the students, including in aftercare. They can help tutor if needed. Winter assembly is coming up Dec. 22nd, at 8:30, they are hoping parents can come help set up chairs at 8. MCOE came and did paraprofessional training for staff.

b. Treasurer's Report - We had an extra \$981 come in from the Dance-a-thon fundraiser.

c. Faculty Report - On the 15th 1st and 2nd grades are hosting their winter spiral walk. The students are loving the garden updates, thank you Nettie and parent volunteers. Sara is working with 8th grade on the yearbook, if anyone has photos they would like to share please send them to → yearbook.rocs@gmail.com

d. Charter Council Report - Charter Council has been reviewing the budget. They are optimistic about hiring a new administrator, Jennifer Lockwood, who would be hired on an interim basis, and hope to make that permanent. The annual meeting between the Charter Council, Parent Council, and Faculty is coming up Dec. 12th. The Charter Council is meeting with the Church next door to inquire about the field space.

e. ED Foundation Report - Nothing to share at this time.

f. Classroom Reports - 7th grade made over \$300 with their Thanksgiving grams, they also made

incredibly beautiful self portraits. 2nd grade is blossoming into reading coming home reading all the things. 3rd grade has been hatching chicks and are happily working on their singing. 5th grade is working on their knitting, they are currently working on socks. 4th grade has been very successful with their book fair.

g. Site Council Report - Parent Council is accepting parent member applications for site council.

h. Grant Writing Committee Report - Will be meeting this coming week.

8. Ongoing Business/Overview Report

a. Volunteerism Committee Update - Ollie is waiting on estimates and also to hear what the church votes about putting new turf/sod onto the field. Ollie is planning on sending out a survey to parents to see if there is an overwhelming preference between sod or turf. She is also looking for local companies who can give us estimates on the cost of the project. Nettie would like to add a thank you in this week's newsletter to ROCS families who donated their time to spruce up the garden, and a big thank you to Mr. Antonio for all his assistance. The garden is looking great and students are really enjoying their time there.

b. Site Council -Parent Members- Update -

c. Dance a Thon Prize Wrap Up - We had bubble recess this week, the beanies have been ordered, we are surveying the students to see what ball they would each like and then they will be ordered. Pizza lunch will be Wednesday, December 14 at 12:30. Popcorn parties will be Dec. 22nd, Bianca will help our other volunteers pop the popcorn, PC is still working out all the details.

9. Upcoming Events/New Business:

a. Annual Meeting Dec 12 - A community building, exchange of ideas. Parents would like the absence of a music program to be an item of discussion. There is currently a grant that would help fund the position of a credentialed music teacher. The field and making it usable for the students should be a priority. There are some requests for more aides, paras, and staff to help our outlier students. Parents would love a little more communication with any upcoming changes. Rebuilding our ROCS community. Parents would love to see more signage from the city about the speed limit and students crossing.

b. Pastels on the Plaza May 6 - Amy and Adam are willing to be on this year's Pastels on the Plaza committee. The Pastels committee would like a parent from each class that will be a point person for the class booths.

c. PC Fundraiser- Online Auction Idea - Mrs. Mize says PC should talk to ED Foundation about this as they might be organizing an online auction.

Total Time Scheduled : 1 hour 45 minutes

Adjournment __7:22_____