

**River Oak Charter School  
Parent Council Meeting Minutes  
February 4, 2016, 5:30PM**

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. Call to order at 5:35**

**2. Roll Call:** Sarah Bailey (Chair), Robyn Gibbs (Co-chair/2<sup>nd</sup>), Kelly Miller (treasurer/2<sup>nd</sup>), Estelle Clifton (Secretary/CC-K), Kris Mize (Faculty liaison), Achilles Poloynis (CC-K), Kate Beaman (GS-K), Sarah Walker (1<sup>st</sup>), Jyl Sherman (4<sup>th</sup>), Erica Nuñez Reyes (6<sup>th</sup>), Renee Thomsen (7<sup>th</sup>), Amy Cline (8<sup>th</sup>).

**3. Approval of minutes December and January** – amendment to December reflecting the funding approval of the marionette assembly and January was approved

**4. Approval of Agenda as Presented** – changed 6.B to reading week and added 8C staff appreciation breakfast. Also, Item 9 - No school schedule

**5. Public Comment** – Estelle Clifton continued the discussion of her desire to form a school committee to explore school expansion. After lengthy discussion and various recommendations, she acknowledge that a committee will need to be independent of ROC if the PC and CC do not wish to sponsor such an effort.

**6. Action Items**

**A. Fundraiser Approvals** – None.

**B. Reading Week** – Need PC funds for purchasing some breakfast items such as ham and frozen spinach.

Need parents to bring:

- Eggs
- Fruit
- Beverages (tea, not juice)

Motion made to expend up to \$300 on breakfast supplies made by Amy Cline and seconded by Kelly Miller passed unanimously.

**7. Reports:**

**Administrator's Report – Rima Meechan** – None

**Treasurer's Report – Kelly Miller** - \$6,668.93 plus, we are expecting around \$2,000 to come in from last year's Pastels sponsors.

**Faculty Report – Ms. Meadows** – Teachers want to keep trying new things, especially middle school. Middle school lacks sports and electives, challenged by limited facility.

Music program is very healthy for brain development, but students are not practicing enough. Parent Reps suggest parents be encouraged to support music by having to sign practice sheets, maybe reward parties for practicing students. More recitals may increase participation and elevate accomplished students, possibly participating in parade floats encouraging other schools to start a music parade tradition. Summer travel incentives to music camps, do music exchanges,

perhaps introduce assemblies at our school. Perhaps there are local symphony mentors or the potential to get some of our students into the junior symphony.

**Charter Council Report** - The CC meeting January 14<sup>th</sup> included the School Accountability report card results (most of them), raising the rate of pay for Acorn Hut substitutes (so that folks will be willing to take the work); Audit findings (Acorn Hut billing is not convenient to audit when hand done); school is looking to hire HR person for help with unknown compliance stuff; draft parent survey was presented; An all-school Open House (more than Kindergarten this year) is January 23<sup>rd</sup> 10-2 pm.

Jyle Sherman will attend February's CC meeting.

**ED Foundation Report** - None (February 26<sup>th</sup> is the fundraiser at Barra winery. Raffle tickets must be sold and returned by February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Funky Dozen will play and there will be food and drink.)

**Classroom Report** - 8<sup>th</sup> grade did an outstanding job performing the play Oliver Twist, 4<sup>th</sup> grade is excited to go to Fort Ross, CCK is going to Safari West, we need a representative for 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**8. Ongoing Business/Overview Report**

**A. Literacy Week Committees Formation - March 2<sup>nd</sup> 6-8 pm**

**BREAKFAST**

Perhaps the upper grades will set up the chairs on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> to be ready for Monday. We need to maximize seating. The building needs to be unlocked by 7:15 (thank you Kris Mize for volunteering). Breakfast at 7:30 on the February 29<sup>th</sup>. The intention is to feed the children and maybe the parents can have a nibble. A sign up genius will be made to share with classes. Bring eggs by Friday, Tea dispensers would be great. This is a bring your own dishes event.

**BOOKS**

Need more children's books by February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The books will be sold:

Wed 12:30 – 1:30 & 6-8 pm (literacy night)

Mon, Tue, Th, Friday 2:30-3:30

Tue, Th 8 – 8:30 am

**B. Pastels on the Plaza – MAY 14<sup>th</sup>** - two meetings so far. The next will be February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30. Hope to involve more organizations to help with the performances. Wish to invite WSMC.

**C. Staff Appreciation Breakfast –Amy Cline and Jyl will chair**

**9. Upcoming Events:**

**Feb 12 - 16- No School**

School is out early Feb 8-11

**10. Adjournment 7:05 pm**