

# **River Oak Charter School Parent Council Meeting Agenda April 7, 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 PM**
- 2. Roll Call:** Sarah Bailey (Chair), Kelly Miller (Treasurer/2<sup>nd</sup>), Estelle Clifton (Secretary/CC-K), Kayla Meadows (Faculty liaison), Rima Meechan (Administrator), Jyl Sherman (4<sup>th</sup>), Debbie Swayze (3<sup>rd</sup>), Sarah Walker (1<sup>st</sup>), Amy Cline (8<sup>th</sup>), Achilles Poloynis (CC-K), Renee Thomsen (7<sup>th</sup>), Melissa Eleftherion Carr (3<sup>rd</sup>)
- 3. Approval of minutes Feb 2016:** unanimously approved
- 4. Approval of Agenda as Presented:** approved
- 5. Public Comment:** none
- 6. Action Items**
  - A. Fundraiser Approvals:** both approved
    - 8<sup>th</sup> grade Popcorn sale on Wednesdays at 1pm.
    - 5<sup>th</sup> grade yard sale May 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - B. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Grad Ceremony Gift**
- 7. Reports:**
  - Administrator's Report – Rima Meechan:* none
  - Treasurer's Report – Kelly Miller:* \$9,209.73
  - Book Sale - \$730 in sales. Next year might want to exclude adult books. Lacked older children books. All books were sold for \$1 increasing sales and at the end by the bag. ISSUES – books on hold did not go very smooth. IDEAS – perhaps next year a catalogue for ordering books for older readers.
  - Need new PC treasurer
    - Faculty Report – Ms. Meadows:*
    - Staff completed a first aid training;
    - MCOE training on Common Core presented by Molly Snyder was very good;
    - The Leadership Group (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades) will host an Earth Day for the grades 1<sup>st</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>.
    - Ms. Gould is not returning.
    - A Eurhythmist has been hired (Renate Lundburg from Summer Field) and she will start with two block sessions (fall and spring) to see how it works out for her. The church will be rented and classes will be one-day a week for Kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grades.
      - Charter Council Report:* Jyle recommends attending CC meetings.
      - Admissions change – now the sibling preference shall be maintained in attendance scoring for a two-year period, in order to allow families to prepare for change.
      - Curriculum coordinator is a priority hire (ideally a senior Waldorf experienced person)
      - Plan to get a science aid (hopefully in house person)

- Nokomis Principle addressed increasing diversity strategies. At his school 80% of student qualify for free lunch and aftercare is also free so, students can come 7-3pm and get three meals. He began conducting school meetings in Spanish with an English interpreter; Our school opening up enrollment to new lottery every year for grades is not known, so he will be happy to promote that change annually.
- The Senior Center is preparing to move and might sell their facility in the next 3-5 years. School is saving money for potential purchase.

Amy will attend next month's CC meeting

***ED Foundation Report:*** Fundraiser raised \$8,500.

***Classroom Report:***

- **CCK** Safari West trip; Circus performance coming up.
- **2<sup>nd</sup>** went to Safari West and plan to go ice skating as a reward, plus will attend Cherishing Youth Day at City of Ten Thousand Buddhas
- **3<sup>rd</sup>** First overnight on the 25<sup>th</sup> at the Full Belly Farm; working on shelter project and continue to sell Taste Buds on Fridays
- **4<sup>th</sup>** Gold Country Field Trip
- **5<sup>th</sup>** Odyssey play was one-hour long plus Greek potluck; planning on going to Mendocino Outdoor Science Camp (note open air cabins can be chilly)
- **7<sup>th</sup>** Ashland trip
- **8<sup>th</sup>** Attended high school shadow day lead by alumni students at Ukiah high; Art opening at library May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Ongoing Business/Overview Report**

**A. Pastels on the Plaza**

- Need help from parents soliciting sponsors. Look for brochure in boxes
- Look to your class for signup sheets for event
- Tentative plan is to divide proceeds 80% to overnight field trips 20% to school green fund (solar etc.)

**B. Staff Appreciation**

Morning breakfast to held May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30

**9. Upcoming Events:**

**May 2- no school**

**May 14- May Day/Pastels on the Plaza**

**10. Adjournment 6:50 PM**