

River Oak Charter School Parent Council Minutes – November 3, 2016

1. **Call to Order** – 5:30
2. **Roll Call** – Achilles Poloynis (Chair/1st), Amy Nelson (Treasurer/GSK), Estelle Clifton (Secretary/CC-K), Eva Marie Gomez (3rd), Jed Davis (3rd), Amber Shrum (GS-K), Adriana Dakin (2nd), Kendra Adams (2nd), Kayla Meadows (Faculty), Rima Meechan (Administrator)
3. **Welcome Guests** – Several faculty and staff participated in PC welcome meal
4. **Approval of Minutes** – Minutes were approved for May 6, September 1 and October 6, 2016, with a minor edit to Oct. Administrator Report (Estelle motion, Amy second).
5. **Approval of Agenda** – Approved with addition of Fundraising
6. **Public Comment** - Eva Marie – question about food on campus; Ms. Meechan - we do not have food handling/ commercial kitchen that would allow any number of food program arrangements. Someday the senior center is interested in moving and has offered our school first right of refusal, under current directorship, not that we have the funds, but grants may be an option.
7. **Action Items**
 - A. **Museum Road Show** – 40 minutes with question and answer period for \$350; 3rd-5th. Amy moves approval Jed seconds
 - B. **Ukiah Players Theatre** – Too busy to come
 - C. **Fundraiser (3rd)** - Third grade fundraiser – Sushi, they want to bring OCO TIME Tuesdays (MUST be either Monday or Thursday) for sale. (Ms. Meadows mentioned 3rd grade money for classroom equipment and maybe food, faculty approved - \$750; we did not receive the formal request so, put on next agenda) – Estelle moves approval for date that is open and Brandi seconds
8. **Reports**
 - A. **Administrator** - back to school night was not as well attended as would like. Maybe have it tie in with parent nights do it in September when all classes have their parent meeting with your class and then move about. There could be issue with parents in multiple classes though, still brainstorming to get better attendance. Speaker on strategies for conflict resolution. Ann Oliver, was well received. Maybe next year, instead of speaker, an overview on the working of the school and how it is run. This will help empower more parent involvement. Maybe combine back to school night with ice cream social.
 - B. **Treasurer Report** – see attached. Treasurer position is open and Amy will train – Adriana Dakin and Kendra Adams. They will be co-Treasurers. Estelle moves to nominate. Unanimous approval
 - C. **Faculty Report** – First Eurythmy block done, next spring she will return. Third grade asked for money from faculty. Ann Oliver worked with school in past and may come back to assist leadership group and train the faculty on conflict resolution with children. Daphne McNeil, trained in handel and remedial education might come and observe classes and give advice on how to best work with certain students.
 - D. **Charter Council Report** - Interviews were held for new CC member, and there was discussion of cell phone policy and increasing diversity of student body. Eva Marie will be next parent to go for PC.

E. ED Foundation – Jason Davis and Anna DeFazio they are looking at a March date for fundraiser.

F. Classroom Reports –

- GS – lantern festival at Nelson Ranch, Gowan’s field trip
- CC – lantern walk at Red Barn
- 1st – very few attended 2nd parent night, they are donating money to the 2nd grade.
- 2nd - Mamas pumpkin path in Healdsburg. Good parent night and cookie baking at red barn for Monday cookie sale (super good cookies), New teacher is well received by students and parents.
- 3rd – Field trip to Pennyroyal farm and the apple farm and Hendy Woods to see huts. Tasted goat cheese and saw grapes for winery
- 4th – Building keyboards out of paper to get ready to learn to type. (No more waiver for testing)
- 5th – Field trip to Rosicrucian Museum they are learning about Egypt and they are pin pals with 5th grade in Marin Co. (Wise Academy, Fairfax). They visited and slept over in Fairfax with pen-pals after meeting at museum. Everyone already knew each other. Also, that night, a Whirling Durvish came to perform.
- 6th – No Rep. (Ms. Martinez’s class)
- 7th – physics and went to Ashland – there may be someone interested in Rep. spot?
- 8th – Plan to go to Yosemite for a week (nature bridge) will do some river rafting

9. Ongoing Business/Overview report

A. Budget/Calendar 2016/17 – Tabled

B. Filling PC Seats – Need to coordinate with teachers, several grades not represented.

C. Playground Committee Report – Kevin Carr was chosen as PC rep on ROCS Playground Committee, by the PC subcommittee. Meeting next Tuesday to review designs from architects. Deadline for Parent suggestions on new playground need to come in by Tuesday morning at the latest.

D. Committee Formation Review – Tabled

E. Guest Performances

- i. Oregon Shakespeare** – December 16th they need payment and then we have options on configuration. They suggest two plays and two workshops about 40 minutes for each. 40 people in the workshops. In the past 7th and 8th do the workshop. Maybe one play for all then 5, 6, and 7 workshops. They are willing to allow 4th grade to participate 4-8 play. Winter Assembly is same day and ends at 9:15.

F. KMEC – They are open to the whole school -depending on date, 1-2 hours with a parent chaperone. Orientation for Chaperones. Once a month, twice a month? Eva Marie is interested in having another parent or two and will forward an email to send. Eva Marie would talk to classes to see their interest.

10. Upcoming Events

F. May Fair - May 20 – Adam Williams is interested in starting planning meetings in January, need parent rep from each class

11. Adjournment – 7:30