

## River Oak Charter School Parent Council Minutes – January 17, 2017

1. **Call to Order** - 5:30 pm
2. **Roll Call** - Achilles Poloynis (Chair), Estelle Clifton (Secretary, CC-K), Jed Davis (3<sup>rd</sup>), Valerie Guerra (1<sup>st</sup>), Eva Marie Gomez (3<sup>rd</sup> alternate), Debbie Swayze (4<sup>th</sup>), Brandi Page (8<sup>th</sup>), Kris Mize (Faculty Representative)
3. **Approval of Minutes** – November and December 2016 minutes approved (Motion-Jed, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Eva Marie)
4. **Approval of Agenda** – (M-Estelle, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Valerie)
5. **Public Comment** – Achilles brought up the two positions coming open on Charter Council Board as Parent Rep Brian Carter and Community Rep Jessica Lee both plan to leave CC when their terms end in March.
6. **Action Items** – See item 7.B.
7. **Reports:**
  - A. **Administrator’s Report** – Ms. Meechan could not attend; no playground meetings have occurred in a while. Waiting for design requests back from equipment firm
  - B. **Treasurer’s Report** - no treasurer present; Achilles - need checks worth \$11,000 for dance-a-thon; Class 8 got check. Eva Marie mailed Shakespeare check and hopes it made it and cleared; Workshop Thursday will be paid by PC and motion for \$60 for workshop childcare (M-Estelle, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Debbie).
  - C. **Faculty Report** – Kris Mize – Science fair coming up (our first year) grades 3-8. All 5<sup>th</sup> graders will do one. Choices are a traditional demonstration or student may research something; there are new standards on scientific methods (Next Generation Science Standards). Mendocino County still uses old hypothesis approach. Standards for County science fair explained to students. Kris is available after school for students that need help or have questions, she worked in public school and wants to help them to keep process fun for students. February 14<sup>th</sup> is when projects are due at River Oak. The Marie and Martha room at church next door reserved for setting up projects. Judging on the 15<sup>th</sup> and open to public 11-1 on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Student leadership delivered gifts to community and where very well received by community. Made people feel good!
  - D. **PC Charter Council Report** – Jed Davis – 1 hour meeting. Reviewed playground options. They approved calendar and bell schedule. First interim budget report presented. Approved purchase of chrome books for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade testing. (we have one cart and order another for ability to test multiple classes at the same time) Approved expanded traditional Kindergarten 2-4 children and maximum school capacity of 240 students voted on.
  - E. **Ed Foundation Report** – - none. They meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> wed. of the month at 7p
  - F. **Classroom Reports** – 1<sup>st</sup> grade will do play, the ugly duckling; 3<sup>rd</sup> family tree projects are changed to have presentations not at once, but during their birthdays. Cook family recipes as

well. No longer requesting money because school funds are covering kitchen equipment purchases. Kitchen is great and equipped, nice improvements. Shelter projects are being presented by students, who are surprisingly confident. These are the gifts of ROCS. 4<sup>th</sup> - class reading preparing to go to Fort Ross Jan. 30-31<sup>st</sup>. Parent meeting all on one night means some parents can't be in two places. 5<sup>th</sup> – science fair same for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> has no rep. 8<sup>th</sup> loved Dicken's Fair, sex ed. happening and Yosemite trip planned.

## 8. Ongoing Business/Overview Report

- A. **Museum Road Show** – they have no time to fit us in. Maybe a possibility in May, but maybe not.
- B. **Filling PC Seats** – For this Jan. meeting Jed is voting as the 5<sup>th</sup> alt (5<sup>th</sup> rep has not been attending) and Eva Marie is voting as the 3<sup>rd</sup> alt. We still need 7<sup>th</sup> and a 1<sup>st</sup> Reps.
- C. **Budget/Calendar 2016/17 Review** – tabled
- D. **Playground Committee Report** – Committee got back to selected design firm with requested changes
- E. **Fundraising Process** – Jed - certain years are heavy years for expensing curriculum. Parents are not necessarily aware of this. 3<sup>rd</sup> with cooking and 1<sup>st</sup> with crayons and recorder cases, 4<sup>th</sup> grade fountain pens. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher spent a lot, improving class cooking tools, but communication on who should fund was going around and round. Faculty and admin decided they should look at various grades extra needs. Kris – in the past 3<sup>rd</sup> has received extra at end of year by faculty pooling money (that did not happen this year). Would be helpful for parents to have summary of grades curriculum and field trips that are usually planned. PC is vague on what we fund and it would be nice to have some language in our by-laws that explain our funding. Teachers do a block rotation that explains curriculum and PC could get a copy from each class. Kris will work on summary of all grades in the future.
- F. **Bylaws Update** – Achilles made edits such as date and location of meetings, but wants to add language to adopt what has occurred in the past like passing items without quorum when they are not class specific, such as funding childcare for workshop. He will come up with wording.
- G. **KMEC Student Radio Program** – committee to lead is desired. Eva Marie will talk to leadership group with Kris, they meet tomorrow.

## 9. Upcoming Events –

- A. **Creative Discipline** - January 19<sup>th</sup>
- B. **Literacy Week** – Feb 27 - Mar 3 – For green eggs and ham breakfast Estelle will head and Sarah Bailey may help and for book sale. Eva Marie will help.
- C. **May Faire** – May 13 – Mondays at 3:30 meetings are held traditionally, likely starting in March.

## 10. Adjournment 6:46 pm