

River Oak Charter School Parent Council
September 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: 5:37
2. Roll Call: Achilles Poloynis (Chair); Estelle Clifton (Vice-Chair/Secretary, CCK rep); Adriana Dakin (Treasurer/ 3rd alternate); Amber Shrum (1st rep, may become alternate); Laurel Brownscombe (4th rep); Eva Marie (4th, alternate); Debbie Swayze (5th, rep); Carol Sullivan (6th, rep).
3. Approval of Minutes June 2017: Amber motions with amendment that she was present, Estelle 2nd and group approved.
4. Approval of Agenda as Presented: Amber Shrum motions, Eva Marie 2nd - approved
5. Public Comment:
6. Action Items
 - A. Fundraisers – Faculty Council approves fundraisers first (they meet every Thursday). This month approval procedures are out of order for several fundraisers.
 - a. 3rd Grade- Cookie Sale – all year on Mondays, in parking lot bench, no profit or expense included. They try to get businesses to donate ingredients then some parents donate. If requested parents can get reimbursed. Adriana motions approval, Amber 2nd – approved.
 - b. 8th Grade- Sparkling Water Sale – This is in addition to the popcorn standing fundraiser, Wednesday 1-1:30, \$0.50 each and selling for \$1.00. teacher is contact. Estelle motions approval, Laurel 2nd – approved.
 - c. 1st grade - Bake sale at concert 9/22/17 at Nelson Vineyards – cost is donated (\$150) Adriana Dakin motions approval, Eva Marie 2nd - approved.
 - d. 6th Grade taco Tuesday – tacos and burritos from taco loco – no cash box requested. \$3 from taco loco and selling for \$5. Adriana Dakin motions approval, Eva Marie 2nd – approved.
 - e. 6th Grade popsicles – outshine brand – natural flavor color and real sugar to sell on Fridays. \$50 cash box. Amber motions, Adriana 2nd - approved
 - B. Parent Outreach – PC is to maintain a parent handbook that can be distributed to new parents. We need one that is not just K-handbook. Reps should let parents know they are invited to PC meetings and explain our council and that we need alternates. For quorum, we want all the classes represented. For communicating, perhaps text messages - they have a high opening rate and can include a link. Perhaps we should include fun tradition to make meetings more festive such as a raffle – we can all donate an item.
 - C. Update Fundraiser Form – Ms. Meechan has a word document and is happy to make suggested edits. We need a new separate form for classes and teachers to submit requests for PC funds. Amber is willing in editing the fundraiser form.
 - D. PC Bylaws Update – Achilles will email ideas and wait until next month to discuss.
 - E. Traveling Lantern Theater Company – Achilles will email the information
 - F. CMC Math Festival – Achilles will email the information
7. Reports:
 - a. Administrator’s Report – Rima Meechan – great start to year. Children are excited about playground and shy children are more in the action on paly structure. Dance-a-thon is on October 31st and October 1st is staff development day.
 - b. Treasurer’s Report – Adriana Dakin - \$8,349 in bank as of 07/31/17; Kendra no longer co-treasurer and will be 3rd Grade rep, but will stay co-signer; might add Estelle as well.

- c. Faculty Report – Ms. Meadows – today Mr. Pegg - faculty excited at start of the year. Linda Chapman gave talk on art therapy techniques for children, some staff incorporating some techniques. Faculty starting virtue of the month tradition amongsts themselves to bring to their work – this month optimisms - focus on good and things we have control over. Fire evacuation went really well. A few students were scared. The family was not home when fire started. One of our students is related to fire burned home. Faculty plan to solicit donations on back to school night, as family lost everything. As a result of fire, school will review a plan for evacuating the whole grounds. Back to school night with Colocek – Waldorf graduate who did not watch movies until grade 15 and now is tech savvy. Very good speaker 5:30 -6:00. Before that the PC will have a few minutes for introduction. 6:15 parents can walk around classrooms. The faculty is excited about Ms. Du Vall and this is her third time with first Grade. She is finishing her Waldorf training this year and has a credential.
 - d. Charter Council Report – new rep interviewed; moved meeting date this month, usually 2nd Thursday
 - e. ED Foundation Report – Carol Sullivan - Sarah **Nogera** has taken over e-script program, where merchants can give donations to non-profits through a % of a credit card purchase. Safeway stopped several years ago (\$3,400 was annual income)and recently Raley's ended their program. Stores are moving towards grant based awarding. Lucky's still does e-script. Costco does not. Coop has a back to school week. Trying to get Ed foundation into Amazon smile, donation % is very small. Foundation plans to have a fundraiser in February (Jed is now on Ed-foundation and left PC). Meetings are fourth Thursday 5:30.
 - f. Classroom Reports – 1st – drawing lines; 2nd class is in good mood; 3rd went to heirloom festival; 4th will go to Fort Ross on September 28th and 29th; might submit for coffee in the mornings. Yard sales are another idea; 6th getting ready for September 19th Lasen trip 4 days of camping;
8. Ongoing Business/Overview Report
 - a. PC Class Reps/Alts – Beginning of the year letter – **Emily ?** may become 2nd rep. need 5th, 7th, 8th and GS-K
 - b. KMEC Student/Radio Program – need parent to head up – need someone to spearhead and coordinate what the program will be. Achilles would be there weekly, but doesn't want to decide the program. Meadows suggests an article in the newsletter. Achilles and Eva Marie will write solicitation.
 9. Upcoming Events
 - a. Ice Cream Social – Friday September 15th – moved to back to school night.
 - b. Back to school night – Thursday, September 14th – We will have ice cream social on back to school night. Carol will get ice cream, Estelle will bring water Achilles will get cups, bowls and spoons. Tables are in 5th and 6th. Serve at 6:15. Adriana will bring some toppings, Eva Marie will bring donation jar.
 - c. Dance-a-thon – need a committee; DJs, reserve senior center. Darshan Miller has done it Lisa has DJed kindergarten and done a good job. Sonia Shaddock's husband might. Estelle will reach out to DJs and call senior center. Adriana will be on subcommittee and

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Eva Marie and Carol Sullivan. We all need to distribute the pledge forms in an envelope.
Eva Marie help organize forms for distribution.

10. Adjournment 7:12