

MEETING MINUTES

RICHLAND ELEMENTARY F.O.R. Club

Date: 9-7-21

Location: zoom

Meeting Called to Order By: Breena Hope

Time: 6:32 pm.

Executive Board Attendees: Breena Hope; President, Emily Richley; 1st Vice President, Angela Brown; 2nd Vice President, Meghan Lillie; Recording Secretary, Allison Bowcock; Corresponding Secretary and Tammie Rice/Martha Schattman; Co-Treasurers.

Attendance: Quorum is present

Minutes: No minutes to approve

Welcome and Intro

- The year kicked with the Raise Craze fundraiser and so far is very successful.
- Spring Dates:
 - Apex February 1-11
 - Bingo de Mayo- May 7, we are hoping and planning for
 - Golf Tournament- date TBD
- Board, committee chairs, and participant introductions.

Financial

- 2021-2022 Budget- We were conservative in this years budget due to the ongoing uncertainty with COVID. August income from dine-outs was \$182.01. Kona Ice brought in \$68 and Rubio's brought in \$114.01.

Yearbook- Michelle

- Yearbooks will go on pre-sale for \$20 and increase up to \$25 later in the year. To have your child's name printed onto the yearbook cover it will be \$5. Considering a sale around spring break where the price would go from \$25 back down to \$20.

- We need to speak with the representative for the yearbook on what we need so that we can include it in the e-blast and on the website.

Mustang Market/Website

- The website homepage will have all the upcoming information on dine-outs and events going on.
- A link will be added to the homepage for parents to turn in pictures for the yearbook.
- The Mustang Market is online and more items will be added to it as the year goes on. Any items online will be delivered to the student at school to take home. You can also order items from Big Frog from the website.
- We will be having the Mustang Market live on Flag Salute Fridays in the park across from school. We will be selling spirit wear and other items from 7:45-9:00. Beginning in October Rush Coffee will also be there.

STEAM Enrichment Programs

- We are following the STEAM acronym and offering in school and out of school learning opportunities for students. Starting with science, Fleet Science Center will be doing in school assemblies. The first one will be on September 10th. For technology, Cal State San Marcos has a program called Mobile making. They do hands on activities with STEAM ambassadors (cal state students). These classes will begin at the end of October and run through Thanksgiving break. For engineering we will be doing a program through ifly after winter break. We are looking into art programs and a family math night.
- With extra money beyond our goal for Raise Craze the FOR Club will be funding STEAM in the class by purchasing materials for teachers that they can use to support their science standards.

Luminary Arts

- In the past we have done choir in the fall and play in spring with Luminary Arts.
- This year will look a little different. We will be starting with the fall choir. Instead of practices being all together they will be two days a week with a limited capacity of 35 kids per day.
- Choir sign-ups will be on a first come, first serve basis.
- We are still deciding if the days will be divided by last name or grade level.

- Similar to school there will be precautions for COVID in place during choir. Kids will have assigned spots and be required to wear a mask.
- The performance will be at Mission Hills High School in their outdoor amphitheater.
- The spring play is still up in the air. We are waiting to see if other schools join because that helps to lower cost.
- Information about the choir should be out in late September or early October.

REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Principal Update

- Kudos to the FOR Club!
- Despite COVID, the rebuild, and all the craziness the kids are loving school and the school year is off to a great start.
- The rebuild was an 18 month process that was adjusted to 2 years because despite ordering the steel needed early it was back ordered. Good news is we are back to the 18 month timeline because the steel will be here in time now. In December of 2022 teachers will be moving into their new classrooms.
- Ten students and one teacher have tested positive for COVID so far this year. There have been about 50 close contacts that have had to quarantine at home. The good news is none of the close contacts linked with positive cases have tested positive.
- Per CDC guidance exposures outside the classroom need to be traced as well. This means when a student tests positive they will also be asked questions like: Who did you drive home with? Who did you eat with? Who did you play with?
- The Raise Craze kindness jump start to the year brought energy and positivity to the campus.
- The work the FOR Club has done to support STEAM has been great and is appreciated.
- The district gave approval on Thursday for volunteers to come on campus. All volunteers must have a vaccination card. At this time they will not be in classrooms but when it is opened up to classroom volunteers there will be a volunteer form that will need to be filled out.
- There is a need for noon time supervisors subs. This is a great way to help the school and be able to be on campus.

Teacher Representative

- Teachers were asked if there was anything they wanted discussed tonight but nothing was brought up.
- The Raise Craze fundraiser has been a great way to start the year. It has been easy to manage.
- The staff has been asked to reach out for room parents. There is a Google Doc where all the room parents info is being entered. If they don't have a room parent rep all communication will go through the teacher. E-mails and names should be ready to share with the FOR Club soon.

Raise Craze

- We are so thankful for Trudi bringing Raise Craze to our attention, so far it has been a huge success.
- We are glad to hear it is easy on the teachers.
- This fundraiser was selected because we want to instill the values in our kids while also helping out the school.
- Family service night was successful. Kids had the opportunity to make cat toys for the Humane Society, painted rocks to place around their neighborhood, make placemats for Meals on Wheels, and write thank you cards to service members.
- We are in the middle of the week of service. We are collecting donations for Casa de Amparo and the San Diego Food Bank. On Wednesday kids will have a chance to chalk the walk and leave kindness messages/pictures in the hallways at school. On Friday we are showing gratitude to the school staff, kids can write notes at home for their teachers and other school staff.
- The fundraiser closes on the 17th.
- We doubled our goal of \$7,500 and we are currently at \$15,800 in donations with only 247 students registered so far.
- We will be using the money we have earned over our goal to support in class STEAM materials.
- Closing ceremonies are on the 24th, we will share with the school how much we accomplished. Julie will be doing something crazy.
- We only have about 250 students registered so we are still trying to push families to register and send the e-mails.
- So far we have 602 acts of kindness logged.

- We are making notes on how we can improve the fundraiser next year. We are open to feedback from teachers, staff, and parents.
- We will look into putting together a survey for teachers when the fundraiser is over per the suggestion of Angela Cecena.
- There is a traveling trophy that is moved based on daily goals. Student council is making the morning announcements about who gets the trophy and is helping to move it each day.

Carnival

- Carnival will be held on the 23rd of October.
- We are discussing what time to have the carnival. In the past we have struggled getting volunteers due to youth sports. It has also been very hot during the day and we thought it would be fun to have it in the dark.
- Per an online poll evening is preferred by most families.
- It will be 4 hours, rather than 6 like in the past mostly due to permits required around food.
- There are issues we will have if we have the carnival later. We need to consider lighting, safety due to lack of lighting, people walking home or to parking that will be further away, and older middle school and high school students coming unaccompanied. Custodial costs may increase and we may be required to hire security guards. Julie will check on custodial and security costs/needs.
- Although some coordinator rolls have been filled we do still have some spots open. These include non-food vendors (local vendors that sell items other than food), entertainment (coordinate with entertainers like Dance FX, MHHS band, Boy Scouts), ticket coordinator (count and track tickets from each booth), booth coordinator, and plant walk coordinator (reach out to local nurseries).
- We have a Dad's committee who can help with set up and clean up.
- We will not be able to do a haunted house this year due to COVID. We are meeting with 5th graders to see if they have an idea of a fun activity in place of the haunted house.
- Input on time of carnival from meeting participants:
 - Drawback of having it in evening- safety with lighting, more high school and middle schoolers come in the evening and they don't always have the best intentions.
 - Maybe in the late afternoon until dusk eliminates the light safety issue.

- Maybe we can do the haunted house in the PE area so it is outside or in the hallways between the classrooms.
- 2:00pm-6:00 pm could be a great option, it isn't dark yet but it should be cooler and less conflicting with youth sports.

Dine-Outs

- We had two dine-outs during the summer Kona Ice(\$68) and Rubio's(\$114.01). The total made on these two was \$182.01.
- Menchie's dine-out is on September 17 from 12:00-10:00, they will be giving 25% back.
- My Yard Live dine-out will be on October 14 from 5:00-8:00.
- Rush Coffee will be at the park across from school on flag salute Fridays starting in October.

Pony Pals

- Teachers filled out forms about their favorite things on Google docs or paper. So far 45 staff members have turned in their forms and 18 people have signed up to be Pony Pals.
- We are currently working on a flyer to go home in the Wednesday folder in hopes of getting more parents involved in Pony Pals.

Volunteers

- We are in need of volunteers throughout the year. This time of year is a busy time for us due to carnival.
- We have 22 volunteers so far. Most volunteers want to do the Halloween stuff.
- We have 2 dads for the dads committee.
- We are hoping that once we get more room parents more volunteers will come in.
- There is a Meet and Greet on Friday from 5:30-6:30 for volunteers.

Round Table

- No comments in the round table.

Meeting Adjournment: 6:58 pm

Minutes Compiled by: Meghan Lillie