

River Grove
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, April 18th, 2024 5:00 PM
MINUTES

1.0 Call to Order: Board Chair Katie Bruns called the meeting to order at 5:26pm.

1.1 Roll Call: In attendance: Eric Olsen, Breena Slivik, Angie Hong, Madison Boesel, Katie Bruns, Lisa Dochniak, and Sarah Godsave. Also in attendance: Drew Goodson and Jessica Hansen.

Our mission is to utilize the natural resources, history, arts, and civic stewardship of the community as a foundation for the study of language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, physical education, art, and other curriculum subjects. The place-based learning environment will be student centered, designed by teachers, and reinforced and supported by the local community.

Please state now if ***any members disclose any actual, potential, or perceived conflicts.***

2.0 Approve Agenda: Olsen motioned to approve the agenda. Slivik second. All in favor.
Agenda approved.

3.0 Approve March meeting minutes: Dochniak motioned to approve the minutes. Boesel seconded.
All in favor. Minutes approved.

4.0 River Grove Community Updates

4.1 Authorizer Comments: Not in attendance.

4.2 Accept any written community comments: None were received.

5.0 Finance Reports & Actions: Goodson

5.1 February Financials: Boessel motioned to approve the February financials. Godsave second.
All in favor. Motion passed.

5.2 FY25 Budget Update: Goodson noted that the board just completed a budget workshop and approved the revised budget that was presented. He will continue conversations with Creative Planning (Financial Advisor), Bremer Bank, Manitou, possible funders, and members of the Finance Committee on ways to reduce expenses and increase revenue for the coming year.

- Slivik asked when staff will be asked to shared their intent to return.
 - An email will be sent to staff tomorrow.
- Goodson noted that enrollment numbers for next year are not yet set and that there are several potential new families that are still undecided. There are 43 confirmed new students.

6.0 PTO Report: April Martell sent an message to Slivik to share with the board. The plant sale is ongoing. They've been giving teachers gift cards. Spring Fling- May 4 at the May Township ballfield. There are no other major updates.

7.0 Director Update

- Enrollment: 43 new students for next year. There is still room to enroll new students in K-2nd grade. 3rd grade is full.
- School Events:
 - Spring Fling- May 4 at May Township Ballfield
 - Kindergarten Round Up - May 9
 - Twins Game- May 16
 - Spring Play-May 21 at Pioneer Park
- Academic Update:
 - READ Act: River Grove has a staff committee working through the READ Act requirements and selecting training for teachers and staff. The state is paying for teacher training.
 - MCA Testing: Happening next week.
 - Market Day: Date TBD but will be close to the end of the school year.
 - 1st - 5th grade students will be going on a trolley tour in Stillwater. The kids went to Abrahamson Nurseries recently and had a great field trip. There is also a field day planned for the end of the year.
 - Hong shared that Stillwater Middle School recently held its induction ceremony for Junior National Honor Society and there were 10 River Grove alumni in 6th grade that joined NJHS. These kids are from the first class of River Grove student to be at the school k-5th grade.

8.0 Old Business

- 8.1 Curriculum Committee Update: State-funded literacy curriculum might be available soon.
- 8.2 Development Committee: Godsave gave a presentation during the Budget Committee meeting earlier this year.

9.0 New Business

- 9.1 Board of Directors Assessment tool: Bruns shared this with the board via email.
- 9.2 Board Elections: Godsave was appointed to fill Greg Beaumont's position and her term ends in June. There will be a call for nominations and an election to fill the board opening.

10.0 Next Board of Directors Meeting (s):

- 10.1 Regular Board Meeting: May. 16th at 5:30pm. There will be a budget workshop at 4pm, immediately preceding the meeting.

11.0 Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:02pm