

River Grove Elementary
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, October 10, 2024 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Earth - Conference Room - River Grove

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Board Chair Eric Olsen called the meeting to order at 5:42pm. Executive Director Drew Goodson read the school mission statement.
 - Roll Call: Attending: Breena Slivik, Lisa Dochniak, Eric Olsen. Sarah Godsave attended remotely via zoom from Marine, MN and Angie Hong attended remotely from the Washington Conservation District office in Oakdale. Madison Boesel was absent. Drew Goodson was also in attendance. Hong left early at 6pm and turned over minutes-taking to Eric Olsen.
2. Approve Agenda: Olsen recommended that the agenda be modified to include a vote on approving Alice Williams, a current teacher at River Grove, as a new member to the River Grove Board. Dochniak motions to approve the agenda with recommended addition. Slivik seconded. All in favor. Agenda approved.
 - Olsen noted that River Grove has a non-majority board, meaning that we need representation from parents, teachers, and community members but that no group can form a majority on the board. The current vacancy can only be filled by a teacher or a community member.
 - Dochniak motioned to appoint Williams to the board to fill the current vacancy. Slivik Seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.
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3. Approve Minutes September 2024; The group recommended changes to the section related to the UFLI curriculum. Motion by Slivik to approve the September minutes as amended. Second by Godsave. All in favor. Motion approved.
4. Community Comment
 - PTO Report: April Martell shared PTO updates (see attached)
 - i. Goodson complimented the PTO on their energy and all of the events they have been planning.
 - River Grove Community Updates
 - Citizen Comments:
 - i. It was noted that the River Grove website and board info haven't been updated regularly.
 - ii. Goodson to share gate code for community members looking to attend board meetings. Community members can also ring the gate's video door bell and it will go to admin for access.
5. Authorizer Comments (if in attendance)
 - The authorizer was not present, but Goodson shared he has been checking in with the authorizer and additional policy changes will be coming up later in the year.
6. Reports and Discussion
 - Financial Reports
 - i. Review and Approve September Financial Report
 - Director's Report
 - i. Staffing
 1. We will be losing a bus driver after MEA
 - a. We are looking a new driver or at combining routes
 - b. Parents will be receiving communication
 - ii. Education
 1. READ ACT INITIATIVE starting this month
 2. Dibels testing was completed at the start of the school year

- iii. Camps Events:
 1. Wolf Ridge trip was successful with action packed days filled with activities, fun, and hiking.
 2. Coming up: FUNdraiser- Oct 22 at Lift Bridge Brewery
 3. Coming up: Fall Harvest Celebration- Oct 31 at school for students
 - iv. Tours and Interest
 1. We've had a lot of tours and interest for the 25-26 school year already.
- 7. Board Member Reports / Updates
 - Curriculum Committee
 - i. Staff wants to focus on River Grove's 3 "E's" Explorers, Empathetic, Earth Stewards.
 - ii. Implemented a "Question of the Day" with staff and team building activities.
 - iii. Goals and Upcoming events:
 1. Working on curriculum room
 2. School Wide Assemblies each month
 3. Valley Outreach
 - Development Committee
 - i. Working on a giving platform, we looked at another option - GIVE CAMPUS, but suggested we continue with GIVEMN.org as a giving platform due to the cost of GIVE CAMPUS.
 - ii. We've been selected for "Adopting a Highway" along County Rd 4.
 - iii. Godsave reviewed the MN Grant Book and identified grants to pursue in the future
 - Marketing Committee
 - i. Website Emma Walker (parent) is helping get the website refreshed and ready to publish
 - ii. Social Media updates have been published.
- 8. Old Business
 - Receive some holdback - Were able to pay off Propel loan and a portion of Bremer loan
 - Wellness Policy Review
 - i. Drew will be sending out a request for parents to help with the Wellness Policy Review. Dochinak will be the board liaison.
 - June 2024 Financial Report
 - i. Payroll deduction error is part of discrepancy. We are waiting on the audit to get all the details and discuss.
- 9. New Business
 - Lisa is working with Genieve at MACS to get information to board members additional training.
 - 5-year Lease was reviewed and approved at the September meeting.
 - i. It was fully executed with these points of clarification
 1. Detailed map
 2. Summer use for admin was okay
 3. Goodson was able to verify our insurance coverage met lease requirements.
 4. Snow removal is being provided on the trails by Landlord
- 10. Next Board of Directors Meeting: Nov 14, 2024
- 11. Adjournment