

River Grove Elementary
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 12, 2024 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Earth - Conference Room - River Grove

MINUTES

- 1.0 Call to Order
 - Board members attending - Eric Olsen, Sarah Godsave, Breena Slivik, Angie Hong, Lisa Dochniak. Madison Boesel participated virtually. Also in attendance - Drew Goodson and Jessica Hansen. Angie Hong was absent
- 2.0 Approve Agenda
- 3.0 Approve Minutes August 2024
 - Godsave motioned to approve the minutes. Dochniak seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.
- 4.0 Community Comment
 - PTO Report:
 - PTO is doing a fantastic job this fall. Among so many things, they provided a fun escape room experience during training, a \$200 stipend stipend, shirts for all teachers, and a snack cart for teachers..
 - Upcoming PTO activities include:
 - Sept. 28: Acapulco give back night
 - Oct. 22: Lift Bridge Brewery Fundraiser
 - Nov. 6 Chipotle night
 - January: Applebee's flapjack fundraiser
 - February: Read-a-thon
 - Additional events to be planned monthly throughout the spring.
 - River Grove Community Updates - none
 - Citizen Comments - none
- 1.0 Authorizer Comments - no one from the MN Guild was in attendance. Goodson spoke with Jim Zacchini recently and is looking forward to the coming school year.
- 5.0 Reports and Discussion
 - Financial Reports: Olsen reviewed highlights from the August financial report and Goodson suggested considering revising our budget 2024-2025 budget in October of 2024.
 - Slivik motions to approve July and August 2024 Financial Report. Godsave seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.
 - The Fiscal year end June 2024 financials are not completed yet.
 - Director's Report
 - River Grove currently has 115 students enrolled. Class sizes range from 18 to 22 students.
 - Academic Update:
 - NWEA Round 1
 - Interventions
 - READ ACT
 - Leading up to the start of the school year the Teacher Inservice was really successful
 - The 5th graders are headed to Wolf Ridge

- All around the Forest you will find great learning experiences and wildlife sightings.
 - Staff issued a challenge for “Wildlife Sighting of the Month”
- Board Member Reports
 - Curriculum Committee:
 - The committee prioritized scope and sequence for k-5, while still sticking with the Core Mission of allowing teachers to creatively adapt their curriculum to the local environment. UFLI curriculum provider will be used by the teacher teams this year . Reader and Writers Workshop & Eureka Math with Fidelity this year, also access to Everyday Math. Goal being back in the forest is to modify the forest setting.
 - Development Committee: Is on track to announce the Annual Fund at the fall fundraiser. They are also reviewing the 2024 MINNESOTA GRANTS DIRECTORY for opportunities.

6.0 Old Business

- Vacant Spot: Olsen spoke with 1st grade teacher Alice Williams about joining the board. Will meet again with Alice Williams and suggest an appointment at the next scheduled board meeting.
- Wellness Policy: Still in process. Assessment to be completed by the end of the calendar year. The policy to be approved and published by the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

7.0 New Business

- Lease was reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Godsave to give Olsen and Goodson authority to sign the lease agreement with acceptable clarification and confirmation on the following items:
 - Property access and unaddressed maintenance items
 - RG's Insurance Agent's review of the lease against our policy.

The motion was seconded by Dochniak. All Approved. Motion passes.
- New Mascot: Officially the River Grove Bobcats. A motion was made by Silivik seconded by Olsen.. All Approved. Motion passes

8.0 Next Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, October. 12, 5:30pm at the school.

9.0 The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.