

River Grove Elementary
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, November 14, 2024 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Sun - Conference Room - River Grove

MINUTES

- 1.0 Call to Order: Board Chair Eric Olsen called the meeting to order at 5:36pm.
 - 1.1 Roll Call: Angie Hong, Sarah Godsave, Eric Olsen, Breena Slivik, Madison Boesel, and Alice Williams were present. Lisa Dochniak was absent. Jessica Hansen also attended.
- 2.0 Approve Agenda: Olsen noted that the board meeting is in Sun, not Earth and that the board will be reviewing the September financials, not October.
- 3.0 Approve Minutes October 2024: Godsave made a couple of non-substantial edits to the minutes. Slivik made a motion to approve the minutes with edits. All in favor. Minutes approved.
- 4.0 Community Comment
 - 4.1 PTO Report: Nic Ondracek
 - The PTO has used funds to provide the new PE teacher with a stipend and kids with snacks for the Harvest event. Volunteers have been helping to move and set up the library and staff the lunchroom.
 - Raised \$2200 at the LiftBridge Community event in October. \$275 raised at Chipotle event. A Victorianos event is planned for December 5. There will also be a field day on Dec. 19.
 - Subcommittees have been formed to work on the I Love to Read month and Spring Fling events.
 - The library is all set up now, thanks to support from the PTO and volunteers, including Elizabeth Knapmiller and Julie Broberg. April Martell and husband built brand new shelves. THANK YOU!
 - The PTO is planning many other events between now and June.
 - 4.2 River Grove Community Updates:
 - River Grove will participate in Marine's Enchanted Forest. The kids are making ornaments to decorate the tree. The decorating day is Nov. 30. Godsave will post a notice to the parent page to let people know. There will be hot cocoa for the kids while they decorate.
 - 4.3 Citizen Comments: None.
- 5.0 Authorizer Comments: There was no one from the MN Guild in attendance.
- 6.0 Reports and Discussion
 - 6.1 Financial Reports
 - Review and Approve September Financial Report
 - The board will need to revise the budget to avoid a cash flow issue in the spring.
 - Godsave motioned to approve the September financial report. Boesel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
 - 6.2 Director's Report
 - Enrollment
 - Hansen - River Grove has been receiving numerous requests for tours and will likely be scheduling an open house soon.
 - For the 2025-26 school year, prospective students may submit kindergarten through fifth-grade Pre-Enrollment Applications

beginning on Monday, December 9, 2024. Those who apply during the December 9–January 24, 2025, Open Enrollment period will be placed in a Lottery, which will be held on Friday, February 7, 2025, at 9:30am. Applications received on or after January 25, 2025 are added to the list for an enrollment invitation or the waiting list in the order they are received.

- Olsen complimented the teaching team and said there has been a lot of positivity among River Grove staff and parents and good word of mouth in the community.

- Staffing

- A new bus driver is scheduled to start next week.

- Testing

- NWEA Round 1 testing has been completed.
- READ ACT - staff participated in the first training session and everyone went through three modules. This is required training for all teachers in Minnesota.

- Campus events

- There will be a River Grove musical showcase event at the Manitou Arts & Education Center on Dec. 11.

- Website - brand new website will launch very soon. Parent Emma Walker helped to set-up and design the new site. Hong also posted the most recent board agendas and minutes to the current website.

6.3 Board Member Reports / Updates

- Development Committee: Godsave, Hong, Hansen and Drew Goodson met on Oct. 25.

- Give to the Max Day is Nov. 21. Godsave will register River Grove and Hong will make a flyer to let people know.
- Tony Manzara donated \$2000 to River Grove.
- The development committee also discussed marketing underway and planned for open enrollment.

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Wellness Policy Review: Goodson is leading this process.

7.2 June 2024 Financial Report

7.3 Adopt-Highway Update:

- River Grove has volunteered to adopt a highway. Volunteers will be doing their first clean-up on Sunday, Nov. 17.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Enrollment Timeline: See 6.2 above.

8.2 Weapons Policy: Goodson was not in attendance to discuss this agenda item. The board may need to review the existing policy to ensure it is up to date.

- The board also discussed upcoming trainings being offered by MN Association of Charter Schools and MN School Boards Association.

9.0 Next Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 12, 5:30pm.

10.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:38pm.