



Rainbow Riders at the CRC Parent – Teacher Association

April 3, 2012 5:45 pm

1. Welcome and Introductions by Justin.
2. Laura read the Minutes from the previous meeting. A motion was made by Heather to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Renee. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer's Report was read by Renee. The current balance in the account is \$3,124.87. Expenditures since the last report were \$25 paid to Rainbow Riders for the Kindergarten readiness program and \$150 reimbursement paid to Justin for purchasing Kroger cards. Payment has been received for 32 Kroger cards. The first deposit from the Kroger cards was \$462.00. The total fundraising profit from fall fundraisers is \$1,888.92. A motion was made by Matt to approve the Treasurer's Report. It was seconded by Laura. Motion carried.
4. Brief Brainstorm: How can the PTA help the Rainbow Riders Community come together following the Department of Labor issue?
 - a. Concern was expressed by parents about morale. Focus on Provider Recognition Week might be a good way to boost morale. Focus on Gala is also important. If there is an increase in tuition, TSP will be important. It is unknown at this point what level the staff will be able to be involved in working on the Gala. Administrative team might also have limited involvement in working on the Gala. Kristi will ask Christina Petersson-Wolfe to act as a liaison to gala chairs. Some class parents are purchasing Gala tickets for teachers.
5. Gala Update was given by Justin. (April 28, 6 pm, VCOM)
 - a. Ticket sales end April 13 – there will be ticket sales in lobby the last few days.
 - b. Room Baskets – there will be posters on door of each room, with a list of themes for each room. Parents are not limited to donate only to their child's room if they have an item that would be better suited to another room's theme.
 - c. Solicitations – we are a little behind on solicitations at this point.
 - d. Volunteer Needs – we might need additional help bundling on April 22 at 2:30 pm.
6. "Grant" Proposal update was given by Matt. It might be Fall when the grant proposal program is started. The form will be in PDF format with instructions, to be filled out, and emailed or submitted in paper form in a box in the lobby. The pool of money is \$500-1,000. The Kroger card money has not been allocated to anything yet.
7. New Business:
 - a. 2012-2013 Officer Nominations – at the next meeting we will need to vote on officers for next year. The May meeting is the last scheduled meeting for this school year.
 - i. President
 - ii. Vice President
 - iii. President Elect

- iv. Treasurer – Renee volunteered
- v. Secretary – Tabitha volunteered

We need to put together a nominating committee. The committee can email families to let them know that positions are open and that we are actively look for nominations. The current president will serve as the chair of the nominating committee. Heather Evans would like to serve on the committee to follow up when someone expresses interest.

- b. Week of the Young Child, April 23-27 update given by Laura. We are currently looking for people who might have contacts for events for the week such as: bringing farm animals, musicians/bands, student performance groups.

For the Read to Virginia program, at 9:00 am centers across the state will read the same book. We need volunteers to read to the classrooms. We are looking for 7-14 volunteers to read each day. We might also need parent volunteers to show readers to the classrooms.

- i. Monday - Good Night Moon
- ii. Tuesday - The Kissing Hand
- iii. Wednesday - Anansi the Spider: A Tale from the Anshanti
- iv. Thursday - Brown Bear, Brown Bear
- v. Friday - The Very Hungry Caterpillar

There will also be activities each day:

- i. Monday is inside out and backwards day
- ii. Tuesday - crazy clash day
- iii. Wednesday - pajama day
- iv. Thursday - crazy hat or hair day
- v. Friday – rainbow day

We will have different activities on playground, make cupcakes, etc. Classrooms have the option to sign up for recitals with mini concerts with students that are taking music lessons.

- c. Provider Recognition Week, May 7-11 update given by Justin. A decision was made on activities for the week [redacted from the minutes so teachers will be surprised!]. Room Reps will be reaching out to their rooms to coordinate this as we get closer to this week.
- d. Sal's Restaurant is willing to do a Rainbow Riders night so that a percentage of purchase will go to Rainbow Riders.
- e. March of Dimes Wonder Walk – will be sometime after RR graduation, which is in early June)

8. Announcements

9. Next meeting is Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 12:30 pm.

10. A motion was made to adjourn by Renee. It was seconded by Kim.