

Parents' Council Meeting Minutes  
November 11, 2009

Attendees: Kamala Reddy, Chae Hee Porubcin, Debra Ryan, Anne Goodman, Amy Lucas, Jayme Hansen, Carrie Bowman, Cindy Murray, Amy Telleen, Lori Moran, Vicki Wallace, Bindu Alla, Jennifer Fairchild, Cindy Mayfield, Gowri Purighalla, Beth Heaney. (apologies for any omissions!)

- Anne Goodman opened the meeting with approval of the October meeting minutes. Chae Hee Porubcin had a question regarding what the endowment is, and how we are building it, which was answered briefly by Anne. Additional questions regarding the endowment campaign are to be directed to Drew Boster, Director of Development.
- Anne discussed the financial report. Sandra Timmerman, treasurer, added revised numbers to show the decreased dollars in our fundraising. Once all of the bills have been posted from magazine drive and book fair, we will have a more accurate showing of current assets. The report was approved.
- Cindy Murray, Admissions Director, thanked Parents' Council members for their support during the unexpected loss of her life partner, Neal Christiansen, back in October. She stated that the Rivermont family and kids are giving her "wings for her broken heart" and have helped her get through some really hard days.
- Anne Goodman talked about the fall Bookfair, which raised \$5572 in sales, \$1095 of which was from the one-for-books program. Our school library and teachers were donated over \$4000 in books, and additional \$1095 was donated to the Toys for Tots program this year. A big thank you to the Bookfair chairs and to Happy Joes for all of the time, talent, and gifts given to make this fundraiser a success!
- Kathy Brindle spoke about Rivermont Wear. Parents' Council is in the process of securing a new vendor, which will need final approval from Rick St. Laurent. We are not completely cutting out the current vendor, Adcraft, and will continue to order Imp/Tiger shirts from them. Kathy reminded everyone that we currently have great inventory in the Grandparent sweatshirts and other items. Contact Kathy with questions or to place an order for Rivermont Wear.
- Kathy also discussed the Sally Foster gift wrap fundraiser. Lisa Panozzo is coordinating this event. Sally Foster is an online sale only, continuing until the end of November. This is a no pressure fundraiser—40% of the profits go to Parents' Council. As of November 10, \$360 in orders have been placed. Several families can pool their orders together to get free doorstep shipping.
- Beth Heaney spoke about Scrip—Dora Gullickson is the coordinator this year. She will put a reminder in Headlines with the final date to order Scrip for delivery before the holiday break—usually 10 days prior to the last day of school. It was discussed that Scrip purchases are not able to be processed with individual credit cards, as Parents' Council is set up to receive an invoice directly from GL Scrip. All purchases need to be paid for with cash or checks made out directly to Parents' Council.
- Carrie Bowman and Amy Telleen talked about the new Middle School cheerleading squad. This is not a Parents' Council activity, but they are doing a

- fundraiser (selling Thanksgiving desserts made by a few parents) in order to raise money for uniforms. This is great for school spirit, and the MS Cheerleaders would appreciate your support. As of today, about half of the monies needed have been raised—be sure to get the word out and order your Thanksgiving desserts from the Cheerleaders!
- Fall Funding was discussed by Kathy, Anne and Sandra. Last school year, a couple of large requests were approved by Parents' Council for funding. It was voted to give \$1500 for the visiting artists' series, and to pay \$2500 for the new Focus software-both requested by the Headmaster. Sandra suggested that Fall Funding requests be in the range of \$500-1000, due to bigger ticket help the school has already received from Parents' Council for the 2009-2010 school-year. A special meeting will be called to vote on Fall Funding requests received sometime the beginning of December.
  - Deb Ryan is looking for additional volunteers to bake 2-3 dozen treats to drop off in the morning of 11/25/09 for the Grandparents' Day reception. She passed around a volunteer sheet.
  - Other Business:
    - ⊖ Currently the Annual Fund parent participation is at 17%. It was discussed that donating to the Annual Fund is a great end-of-the-year tax break.
    - ⊖ Vicki Wallace spoke about the "Shoes that Fit" program and asked if this is something that Parents' Council or Rivermont would like to be involved with. It is a program sponsored by Mediacom, whereas less fortunate kids in the area are given a new pair of shoes based on need. Vickie stated that \$15 can buy a good pair of new shoes. There are 50 pairs of shoes still needed for the program, which is scheduled to end around Thanksgiving for deliver by the Holidays. The idea was discussed and passed. Vickie will coordinate the effort and get the ball rolling.
    - ⊖ Amy Lucas spoke briefly about the next fundraiser coming up—Red Wheel frozen foods. On February 25, we will have the kick off at assembly. On March 8, all orders are due. Clear out your freezers after the Holidays to make room for some Red Wheel Frozen foods!

***THERE WILL NOT BE REGULAR PARENTS'  
COUNCIL MEETING IN DECEMBER.***

***THE NEXT PARENTS' COUNCIL MEETING IS JANUARY 13 AT 5:00 p.m.***