**Mary Rieke Elementary Meeting Agenda**

**General PTA Business Meeting**

**May 19, 2015; 6:30 – 7:30**

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** The Rieke PTA General meeting was called to order at Rieke Elementary at 6:45 PM, May 19, 2015 by Huntley Morrison. Notice was given to all PTA members through an email. A quorum of Board members as stated in the standing rules (majority) was present (7 of 12 Board members present).
2. **Approval of the Minutes:** Nate Wood, Secretary, presented the minutes of the Board Meeting held on 4/17/15. Jim Meurer introduced the motion to approve as written. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved as written by the Board. An addendum to the Minutes to add incoming board members, co-presidents Huntley Morrison and Kelli Walker, and Treasurer Justin Norman and assistant Amy Michaud to Bank of America checking account 0021 1410 6024 and CD 4077 was made, seconded, and passed by membership.
3. **Reports of Officers**

* President’s Report:Huntley introduced former and new members of the board.
* Treasurer’s Report:Huntley explained to the group that the Rieke PTA has been spending more money than it has been bringing in for the last three years. That was possible because there were funds remaining in the Foundation account that the PTA had been slowly drawing down. The Rieke PTA current budget and next year’s projection were then discussed. A budget could not be introduced because the end-of-the-year financial report was not available and it is unclear what PPS may be able to offer with helping the third grade classroom size issues.
* Principal’s Report: Principal Torres thanked the parent volunteers and several teachers. She let members know that this is the time to share confidential issues with the office related to placement for next year. Parents cannot request specific teachers but can share other placement issues. Class lists are developed by teachers, reviewed by the Principal’s Office, and then discussions are held to come to consensus. She recognized Dr. Jamie for her recent award.

**VI. Committee Report**

* Playground Re-Development –Jim Meurer discussed playground re-development options, in terms of resurfacing ground work and structure installation. Rieke is on the PPS schedule for re-doing the surface, so that would not need to be paid for by PTA. PTA could pay for individual recreation pieces. There was discussion of moving forward on purchasing a few pieces if we are told that PPS moves forward on resurfacing the ground cover.

**V. Unfinished Business**

**VI. New Business**

* Transition for banking access: Motion to add incoming board members, co-presidents Huntley Morrison and Kelli Walker, and Treasurer Justin Norman and assistant Amy Michaud to Bank of America checking account 0021 1410 6024 and CD 4077 was made, seconded, and passed by membership.
* Budget Discussion – Motion to approve the final budget pending final word from PPS on the 3rd grade class. Jim Meurer introduced the motion, it was seconded, and approved. Motion to approve discretion up to $7,500 on playground equipment when weighing needs of the 3rd grade class and opportunities for re-development of the playground. The motion was introduced by Dana Grigsby, seconded, and approved.
* Lawn Mower for outdoor classroom: Motion to purchase a lawn mower for a reasonable amount was made by Erin Barnett, seconded, and approved. The lawn mower would be used by a set of parents that are currently mowing the Outdoor classroom and areas around it, which became our responsibility once we built the outdoor classroom. They have been using a private mower and needs to be replaced. The mower will be stored on Rieke property.
* Homework Survey – The Site Council is seeking PTA input on homework philosophies and perspectives because some believe there is disparity in how homework is approached in classrooms in the same grade. Another issue raised with this disparity is equity, in terms of access to resources. Conversely, it also provides other parents an opportunity to express satisfaction in the assigned homework. The plan is to use elements of the teachers’ homework survey that they recently completed. The goal is to disseminate the survey in early June.
* Recognition of PTA support – Erin Barnett recognized several members of the Rieke community for their help. She gave gifts of a print of the Rieke banner, signed by PTA Board members. She also asked members to let her know if someone else should be recognized for their help.
* Site Council – Principal Torres let the PTA members know that there are two vacancies in the Rieke Site Council. The PTA Board discussed having one of the two Site Council positions be on the PTA Board.

**VII. Announcements -** None

**Adjournment:** Presidents Huntley Morrison called the meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Minutes compiled by Nate Wood, Secretary