

Rieke PTA Meeting  
January 12, 2012

### Meeting Attendance (28)

Jamie Repasky, Jen Martin, Anne Eddy, Dick Hausken, Melissa Sanders, Shannon Pullen, Andrea Porter, Katie Unflat, Curtis Roth, Natisha Doherty, Ruth White, Erica Wells, Charli Nesbitt, Tania Geiger, Jeni Sellers, Jennifer Merrill, Robin Way, Annette Dietz, Susan Jewell, Skye Leybold, Kelly Laboe, Patti Mapes, Katie Sengstake, Nellie McCarthy, Scott Eddy, Sharon Scheurer, Sharon Meieran, Mrs. C.

#### 1) Membership Update

Ruth White reported we currently have 176 members; down from last year 212. Our goal is 233 (57 to go!) It cost only \$15 for an individual to join. Membership is important so that we can have strong representation for advocating at local, state and national levels for our children.

#### 2) Unit in Good Standing status

Ruth White reported we have completed all our activities, except the financial audit, to be a Unit in Good Standing. Ruth asked for volunteers to be part of the audit team.

#### 3) Finance and Budget Report

Ruth gave a financial update. She reported income of \$8,900 YTD (\$27,000 budgeted). A lot of our fundraising efforts happen in the spring such as the art fair, carnival and book fair. Income/fundraising is tracking as expected. YTD expenses are \$15,200 (\$22,080 budgeted). September P/L <\$6,300>. More information can be found in the meeting PowerPoint which is posted to the PTA web page.

#### 4) Auction Report

Kelly Laboe reported this auction was the largest grossing year in Rieke history. Income to date is \$75,772, which is up from \$60,376 last year. Income is still coming in. There are open slot parties valued at \$20,000, although Kelly estimated additional income of \$3,000 - \$6,000 is more likely. The auction team is looking for someone to take on the auction for next year. Contact Skye Leybold, Charli Nesbitt or Kelley Laboe with any questions.

#### 5) Chinook book update

Jen Martin reported she took a softer approach to selling Chinook books as it was very time consuming last year. This year, using only the Rieke Rapper as marketing, we sold 29 books and 10 icards with \$350 in profits. Jen logged 10 hours of work. Last year was more time consuming but brought in \$680 in profits. This required having parent volunteers at tables before and after school. Jen is looking for someone to take on Chinook book sales next year.

6) SCRIP update

Katie Sengstake reported \$1,841 in income YTD as compared to \$2,258 last year. We are on track to exceed last year's amount very soon and it's only January. So far, 74 families have participated. Katie is now providing InstaSCRIP so that people can buy certain vendor cards directly from Katie instead of having to order. Katie said her presence helps to increase the #s. There is also a lot of record keeping and fiscal responsibility so it is hard to share the job with more than one parent. At a previous school, there was a safe, which facilitated ease of scrip distribution. Kelly suggested using our Tofino website for ordering scrip.

ACTION ITEM: Investigate the price and feasibility of purchasing a small safe.

7) Officer slate

The PTA needs three volunteers to put together the officer slate for next year. These volunteers need to be in place by the February meeting. In March, the slate will be presented. In April, the slate will be voted on and new officers elected. In May, the board will hold a joint meeting of outgoing and incoming officers. We would like to add a new VP role: VP President-Elect. We also need volunteers to complete Audit of 2010-2011 financials as well as 2011-2012.

8) Parent Education Series

Stop Bullying presentation by author Trudy Ludwig is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM. Join us in the Rieke library. Next up: February 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM Kathy Massarie on "Compassionate Communication."

9) Technology Support

Mrs. C. gave an update on the Rieke Computer Lab. To support standards of state and school district, divided class into 3 different areas:

- a. K – 1<sup>st</sup> grade is an introduction
- b. 2nd grade is learning to type without looking at keyboard;
- c. 3rd – 5<sup>th</sup> grade is more advanced work related to the classroom work.

Usually start with portaportal.com—which is a web-based book mark. It provides a cooperative computer world with other teachers. It is accessible at home. Mrs. C directs them to the Rieke home page, teacher page, direct link. She encourages students to work with a parent to access site. Mrs. C talked about the technology curriculum at each grade level.

10) Principal's Report

RAT Race \$ and Safety Drills and Math

- a. RAT Race raised \$22K last year, which we used to provide a Performing Arts Residency for 16 weeks (\$4K). \$10,500 is earmarked for upcoming events such as school residencies and assemblies. Each class will have 6 – 8 sessions before the March 2<sup>nd</sup> First Friday Assembly.
- b. Technology \$9,400

- i. 4 digital cameras with SD cards: \$400
- ii. Cables and cords for sound system: \$100
- iii. 8 CD players with noise block headphones: \$500
- iv. 2 lab computers (TBD): \$2,000

c. Emergency Procedures

Andrea reviewed the emergency procedures used when there was a robbery at Subway. The police contacted her and she used the intercom system to alert teachers that the school was in a lock-out status. The VOIPS intercom system overrides phones and directs teachers what to do. They have all been trained in these emergency procedures:

- i. Lock-in – gunman in the building – need to lock people in.
- ii. Lock-out – keep people out so school can go on inside; principal unlocks doors
- iii. Andrea passed out list of Non-Emergency and Emergency Procedures as well as Drills at Rieke.
- iv. John Romero is our Portland Police school resource officer. He has a key to all the rooms as does Andrea Porter, Rachell Spink, and Marabel, the head custodian.

d. Statewide Match/Gap Committee Results

- i. New Math curriculum skills are taught in clusters to mastery and then subject is left and a new skill is introduced. The new math curriculum goes deeper with a few concepts instead of doing a lot of things only briefly.
- ii. There will be a lot of empty boxes on the upcoming report cards because of the new math curriculum because the students have not yet worked on those subjects.

11) New Business

Next PTA meeting is on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.