

PARA Minutes  
May 31, 2017

Board Members in Attendance

Maryann Vene - President

Maggie Dufour - VP

Kimberly Reichenbach - Treasurer

Gwendolyn Levesque - Recording Secretary

Leslie Kwasna - Correspondence Secretary

Administration

Mrs. Grim in Attendance

Parents/ New Board Members

**Old Business/Discussions:**

- Spring Book Fair was successful.
- Teacher Appreciation Week went well.
- Fun Run - Profit was roughly \$15,000 - will plan to participate again next year
- Mother's Day Plants went well.
- Tower garden - Still waiting on Buildings and grounds to install lights. Hope to purchase a second tower garden in the fall.

**New Business/Discussions:**

**Science Center** Program Activities will be brought into each grade level this June.

**Kindergarten Playground** -Originally, PARA approved \$15,000 to RCSD, but tonight asked to increase donation amount. Motion to increase by \$5000 approved. PARA will donate \$20,000 to improve Kindergarten Playground. It is our hope that the district will be able to purchase and install some equipment on the playground that is safe, appropriate and exciting. We hope that this will be in place for the new school year. Additionally, if monies are still available, PARA would like the district to install a box ball court/ basketball court by the Grades 1-4 playground.

**Santa Gifts** - Bracelets for Santa to distribute in December - Motion for \$600 approved.

**Riley Fall Festival** - PARA is looking to hold a festival in Fall at Riley. The Student Council will be working on creating games to be played. Finks Farm has offered to donate games, hay mazes and pumpkins. There will be face painting and inflatable obstacle courses. Additionally, PARA is looking into having Mr. Softee and a food Truck on site. PARA would like to charge \$5 per family to offset some of the cost. Motion for \$2000 budget approved.

### REQUESTS FROM RILEY TEACHERS- FOR STUDENTS

Coach would like PARA to purchase a new **sound system** for the Gym. Motion for \$250 approved.

Mrs. Menis has asked PARA to purchase 6 **Break Out Boxes**. She will pilot this program and it will be available for ALL classrooms to use throughout the school year, Motion for \$750 approved.

Ms. Romano has asked PARA to purchase books and student incentives for a "**Bucket Filling**" character education initiative. Each classroom will receive a copy of How to Fill a Bucket and students will be recognized weekly for being Bucket Fillers at Riley Avenue. Motion for \$675 approved.

PARA donated **Scholastic Dollars** to the Librarian. Mrs. Creedon was able to purchase many new books for the Riley Library.

Mrs. Creedon is interested in creating a **Maker Space** in the library. She is also looking to add more titles to the library. Donations of Legos and hard covered books are needed.