



**REA Board Meeting  
Minutes  
May 17, 2016  
6:00 p.m.**

In Attendance: Krista Zizzo, Amy Stuart, Melissa England, Cari Hinton, Deborah Lemmer, Elise Bratz, Becca Koster, Robin Zikmund, Jennifer Harding

1. Welcome

Krista called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

2. Parent Open Forum

3. Principal's Report

Deborah shared the MOU for the buses. Deborah is happy with the MOU and anticipates it answers questions from our April meeting. The MOU does not have a space for storage specified. The buses are insured by the school district in case of vandalism. The buses are at District Transportation now. Deborah has suggested that a Renaissance logo would be a good way to market our school. Elise suggested that she can ask a friend who has a car wrap. Deborah will ask District Transportation how to go about getting a logo on the buses.

The word has been put out to apply for scholarships. To date 5 families with multiple students have been awarded scholarships, 3 single families (14 students total), with a few more that may still apply. Currently for a total of \$5,000. The money will be transferred in the fall.

4. Event Updates

a. Life is Art 2017

Jennifer reported that March 4 is the date for 2017 Life is Art. She was advised to contact Andrea to get the date on the school calendar. Jennifer asked how to submit a budget in line with previous years. Krista recommended to bring that back in the fall as well as goal setting. At that time, Deborah will make recommendations on fundraising priorities. Jennifer reported that they sent out a survey regarding comments from the 2016 event. The biggest question that was brought up was, "where does the money go?" Jennifer has ideas to personalize the school needs to drive higher participation. Jennifer reported that she and Robin have reported that they would like to move the event to Plum Creek to keep the event new and fresh. The venue is available. There are several ways to offset the cost if there is an increase due to change in venue. There will be a push for more sponsorship. Krista cautioned that corporate sponsorships would need to be approved by the REA Board. Jennifer would like to create a Life is Art Facebook page. Krista suggested that Life is Art should work in coordination with Bootcamp as to not cross over on corporate sponsorships. Plum Creek will do passed hors d'oeuvres and dessert for \$25. Krista suggested to consider the layout of the Plum Creek venue in regards to the public restaurants open in the facility. Plum Creek facility fee is \$500. Ticket price would stay the same and ticket sales would cover the cost of the event. Plum Creek can do full bar for \$5-\$6. Elise suggested that sponsorships are a completely untapped aspect to the event. Krista will send Jennifer and Robin the operations guide in the next couple days. An REA Board liaison will be elected tonight and passed along to Jennifer and Robin. Deborah wanted everyone to know not to be afraid to strike out new ground! Krista motioned to

approve the \$500 deposit for 2017 Life is Art at Plum Creek. Amy seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed.

b. Bootcamp 2017

Britnee and Katie distributed a Bootcamp 2017 proposal. The proposal is to retire Bootcamp as we know it due to increased operating costs in addition to other challenges outlined in the attached proposal. Ideas were presented also on the attached proposal. Krista asked about the date. Deborah suggested that the day before Fall Break has worked out well. Voyages are not out that week. Lots of tips and feedback was shared regarding the logistics of how to manage a “fun” run. Krista shared the same sponsorship concerns that were shared with Life Is Art and to collaborate with them.

c. Spirit Gear for August, 2016

Debbie Duhon (Vandersnow) and Krista agreed to have a Crew Wear kickoff sale at the Carnival. The Spirit Gear will be “gear” oriented. Debbie asked about a backpack and Elise suggested a small daypack. Debbie is not sure if there is a minimum order per item. Melissa will liaise with Debbie over the summer.

5. Officer Reports

a. President

Krista will be working on the annual report to go out in an upcoming newsletter. Tiffany DeYoung is working on Volunteer Thank-You’s. The kindie parent training takes place on June 2, and the new President should plan to attend.

A Changing of the Board Celebratory Dinner will be held at 5:30pm on Monday, May 23 at Siena.

b. Vice President

c. Treasurer

Melissa distributed a Financial Update reflecting a transfer for the funds for the buses. The prepaid AmEx cards are still being processed. Melissa will update the Financial Update based on feedback from Krista. Krista motioned to transfer up \$6000 for Technology Rejuvenation when requested by the school. Deborah seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Amy suggested that any new school requests could be presented at the August meeting.

d. Secretary

A motion to approve the April 19, 2016 Board Meeting minutes was made by electronic vote via email on April 26, 2016 by Cari Hinton, Seconded by Krista Zizzo. Affirmative votes received by Amy Stuart and Melissa England with the motion passing on April 27, 2016.

6. Old Business

a. Innovative Classroom grants to teachers

Motion approved by electronic vote, May 12, 2016:

Moved by Melissa England. Seconded by Krista Zizzo. Unanimous votes of approval received via email on 5/12/16 from: Deborah Lemmer, Cari Hinton, Amy Stuart.

In recognition of the challenges that some teachers are facing when trying to access their \$1,000 “Innovative Learning Spaces” grant, I move that the REA Board distribute the remaining grant funds from the \$25,000 “Innovative Learning Spaces” grant that was originally approved on April 21, 2015 to individual teachers, in pre-paid American Express cards issued in the amounts as follows. (Amounts in parenthesis are because cards must be issued in whole dollar amounts).

Kathy Carter - \$1000	Hanni Gilbert - \$841.96 (\$842)
Pam Cogburn - \$1000	Lisa Johnson - \$700
Kenny Harris - \$1000	Dana Diedrich - \$669.80 (\$670)
Brooks Letchworth - \$1000	Kim Beal - \$474.42 (\$475)
Michelle Oslick - \$1000	Diana Hyland - \$292.29 (\$293)
Tyler Stroh - \$1000	Jennifer Freedman - \$84.04 (\$85)
Brittany Sundgren - \$1000	Jill Fisch - \$10.46 (\$11)
Samantha Burns - \$1000	Mary Beth Henze - \$55.52 (\$56)
Teresa Littrell - \$1000	Chelsea Johnson - \$23.74 (\$24)
New teacher to be hired for 2016/17 - \$1000	Lauren Gunn - \$16.73 (\$18)

The total amount of the grants is \$13,174 for the cards + approximately \$40 in fees = \$13,214

Note: The actual purchase total was \$13,211.95.

- b. Polar Bottle Order  
Cari distributed a draft mockup for discussion noting the cost per bottle will be \$8.50 with no shipping fees as Steve Zizzo will be picking the order up in Bolder while he is in town on business.
- c. Teacher Workspace "Refresh" project  
Due to a district allotment for paint, none of the \$2000 has been spent. Hopefully some forward progress will be made before school starts in August.

#### 7. New Business

- a. Back to School Carnival - Request for Funding: up to \$3000 (to be repaid from Carnival proceeds)  
Krista motioned to allocate up to \$3000 in funding for the Back-to-School Carnival. Deborah seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed.
- b. Technology Rejuvenation Fund - Request for Funding: \$6,000
- c. Staff Development - Request for funding for October 2016 National Expeditionary Learning Conference  
To be made in the fall.
- d. Girls on the Run - Request for Funding:  
Deborah motioned to approve \$126 for appreciation gifts for 14 coaches. Elise seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed.
- e. Election of REA Officers for 2016-17  
With only two nominations received, a motion to elect by acclamation Becca Koster and Elise Bratz to the REA Board of Directors, each for a two year term beginning with the 2016-17 school year was made by electronic vote via email on May 4, 2016 by Krista Zizzo, Seconded by Deborah Lemmer, Affirmative votes received by Cari Hinton, Melissa England and Amy Stuart with the motion passing on May 5, 2016.  
Elise motioned to nominate Amy for President. Becca seconded the motion. Amy accepted a nomination to be President. All in favor. None opposed. Amy motioned to nominate Melissa for Treasurer. Becca seconded the motion. Melissa accepted a nomination to be Treasurer. All in favor. None opposed. Krista motioned to nominate Elise for Vice President. Becca seconded the motion. Elise accepted a nomination to be Vice President. All in favor. None opposed. Cari motioned to nominate Becca for Secretary. Amy seconded the motion. Becca accepted a nomination to be Secretary. All in favor. None opposed.
- f. Playground Equipment  
Melissa explained that there are no balls on the playground. Krista motioned to approve up to \$500 (with the option to request additional funding going forward) for playground equipment. Amy seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed.

#### 8. Committee Updates

- a. Vacant Chair positions for 2016-17  
Community Service, Family Fun Nights, Staff Appreciation, and Portfolio Showcase  
Krista will distribute an updated list.
- b. Family Fun Night - last event is Wednesday, May 25 at Baskin Robbins (1:30-6pm)
- c. Showcase Celebration - tomorrow and May 25
- d. Volunteer Appreciation Event - Next Wednesday, May 25 (8:30am)
- e. Teacher/Staff Appreciation Month
- f. OLE Spring Work Day - was held on Saturday. They are hosting a Master Plan brainstorming session on Thursday at 6pm in the library
- g. Final run for Renaissance Running Club is next Wednesday
- h. Girls on the Run is the Saturday.

#### 9. Adjournment

Krista motioned to adjourn at 9:10pm. Elise seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed.