



**REA Board Meeting  
Minutes  
September 13, 2016  
6:30PM**

**In Attendance:**

Deborah Lemmer, Amy Stuart, Elise Bratz, Melissa England, Becca Koster, Emily Overman, Becca Espinoza, Becky Whetten

- I. Welcome  
Amy called meeting to order at 6:52 p.m.
- II. Parent Open Forum
- III. Gear Swap Update: Becky Whetten  
Becky started the REMS Buy Sell Trade Facebook page a few years ago and has been approached by parents asking when the next in-person gear swap will take place. As a result, Becky is proposing bringing back the live gear swap. Gear from the previous gear swap is housed in boxes under the care of Karen Bruce. An REA member will reach out to Karen Bruce letting her know that Becky will pick up the gear from her. Becky plans to have the gear laundered; it has been housed in boxes for over a year. The tentative plan is for two in-person gear swaps to take place this academic year at REMS on Wednesday afternoons at end of October and in January. The in-person gear swap will be on-going and will be a true swap where parents bring in gear that no longer need and take gear that they now need. The REMS Buy Sell Trade FB page will remain active.
- IV. Scrip Cards Update: Kristina Bird  
Order forms for scrip gift cards will be available in time for the holiday season. King Soopers scrip cards will still be available.
- V. Principal's Report
- VI. Officer Reports
  - a. President  
Family Fun Nights, Fall Fundraiser, Liaison Responsibilities were divided up.
  - b. Vice President  
LIA Meeting – parents have been asking about crew parents. Melissa will coordinate with the Crew Parent Lead to find out when parents should be receiving communication from the crew parent.
  - c. Treasurer  
Crew Parents – still working on getting lists of parents who agreed to be contacted and ensuring the lists are correct. As a work around, teachers will be sending out messaging directly.

Melissa presented her Financial Update as of 9/12/16. The Back to School Carnival expenses have been paid. Tiffany DeYoung has been reimbursed for the Track-It-Forward subscription. A deposit check has been cut to reserve Plum Creek for Life is Art. Funds were transferred to pay for the student art exhibit. The Annual Quickbooks subscription was paid. DCEF Chapter Dues are due October 15.

d. Secretary

Amy recommend an amendment to the Minutes from 8/16/16. Amy motioned that the minutes be amended. Melissa seconded the motion. The minutes were amended. Elise motioned to approve the amended minutes. Melissa seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. The 8/16/16 minutes were approved.

IX. Committee Updates

a. Fall Fundraiser

On track. Currently: 2 monetary sponsors.

b. Family Fun Nights

Chipotle's is completed. Freddy's is 9/14. October 25 at Applebee's. Chair is exploring new ideas as well as the traditional ones.

c. Life is Art – March 4, 2017

Elise attended the first planning meeting. Theme: Planting the Seeds of Our Future. There will be a tree with dollar amounts in addition to cash call. LIA chairs would like to get specific costs for certain items – ropes and harnesses, bus costs, OLE upgrades and teacher training costs. Feedback is that parents would like to have a more tangible/concrete idea where the funds raised would go.

Shannon Andrus would like to have a video/slideshow to show parents where the funds raised at last year's LIA event has been spent. Melissa will connect Shannon with a parent who does video production. The current concept is to have a place on the REMS website for parents to see how the REA funds are spent.

LIA is scheduled to take place at Plum Creek. We have a contract for the event. The venue is for sale. As a backup, Kirk Hall is secured for LIA event (same date).

The LIA Chairs would like to have a "Rent a Stone". A large stone would be placed prominently at the school, and parents would be able to rent it via Sign-Up Genius. Payment details are TBD. The cost of the stone and getting it to the school are currently not known. The board agreed that it would be good to get more details on the idea and how it would work for fundraising.

VII. Old Business

a. Parent Survey

Survey Focus 1) Communication from REA and 2) Fundraising Priorities

Amy will bring a draft for review to the next meeting.

b. School Funding Needs and Priorities for Fall Fundraiser

Deborah – Buses

Bid for REA Signage for the Buses \$413.10 for both buses. Cost Breakdown is \$173.10 (Materials) and \$240 (Labor)

The Board reviewed some options for a bear graphic as a tribute to the Casebier's for their matching Cash Call donation the LIA event. It was decided that Amy will send out options for bears via email. Board will respond. \$10K bus fund will cover the decals.

OLE – Music area and digging area will need to be moved with the build of Renaissance Secondary School. The OLE committee's plans to have 6 evergreen trees (6 to 7 foot) placed around the outdoor classroom. It is believed that we can use a portion of the RSS drip system to irrigate that small portion of the OLE area.

The trees need to be planted soon due to planting season. The cost of the trees, transportation, planting, and irrigation system modification is not known.

Several teachers requested unique learning experiences, classroom tools, support and enrichment including: a new library rug, a visiting author event, handwriting books for D2/3, novel sets for 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Melissa stated that iPad management has changed from localized control to district level control thus the first grade iPads were all erased at the behest of the district. As a result, all of the previously loaded apps used by first grade were lost and must be repurchased under the district level licensing agreement.

Elise motioned to approve \$80 for 6<sup>th</sup> grade chess pieces which are being created for the OLE area. Melissa seconds the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passes.

Deborah requested that we allocate up to \$6K for classroom tools, support and enrichment for the first half of the year. Amy motioned to approve up to \$6K for classroom tools, support and enrichment such as apps for first grade, guest speakers, booksets, etc. Elise seconds. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passes.

Deborah motioned for \$25K for EL Conference, GT Conference, Mindfulness Course, Leadership Conference. Amy seconded. Amy stated that the teachers are the lifeblood of the school, and that a previous survey showed parents strongly support professional development. Deborah stated how important it is that teachers feel supported and honored by their community. Amy noted that teachers donate their time to attend these conferences.

Vote by Name:

Elise - Yes

Melissa - Yes

Becca: Yes

Deborah - Yes

Amy - Yes.

All were in favor. The motion passes.

#### IX. New Business

- a. REA Meeting time change from 6:30 pm to 4:30 pm was discussed. Thus, the SAC meeting would take place at 6:30 p.m.

Deborah motioned that we change the meeting time from 6:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

Amy seconds. All in favor. None opposed.

Melissa will make changes to the website, weekly Thursday newsletters and the outside sign. Melissa will follow-up with Tiffany on the SAC time change.

- b. Staff Development - includes EL conference, GT Conference, Mindfulness Course and Leadership Conference.

#### X. Adjournment

Amy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Elise seconds.

All in favor.

None opposed.