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**Renaissance Education Alliance**  
**Parents • Crew • Teamwork**

**REA Board Meeting**  
**February 21, 2017**  
**4:30PM**

Attendees: Deborah Lemmer, Amy Stuart, Elise Bratz, Melissa England, Becca Koster, Allie Waltee, and Jennifer Harding

- I. Welcome - Meeting called to order by Amy at 4:25 PM.
- II. Parent Open Forum - No parents in attendance.
- III. Principal's Report - Deborah talked to Jennifer Harding about ways to involve parents who are unable to attend the Life is Art event on Saturday, March 4.
- III. Officer Reports
  - a. President – n/a
  - b. Vice President – n/a
  - c. Treasurer – Melissa reviewed the Finance Updates
    1. Tax Letter – REA may not need to do tax letters. Meghan Goutell is checking to see if there is a issue with not sending them out. Melissa will follow-up with Meghan on tax rules work for those items that have a variable valuable like the live auction items. It was determined that in 2017 and going forward only those individuals who bid on an item with a variable value will receive a tax letter if those individuals specifically request a letter. The 2016 LIA tax letters will go out shortly.
  - d. Secretary
    - i. Approval of January minutes. Deborah motioned to approve the January meeting minutes. Elise seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed.

V. Old Business

- a. Life is Art Update (Jennifer Harding) and School Funding Priorities (Elise, Deborah) 185 of 225 LIA tickets sold thus far. Goal is 200. 17 staff members will be in attendance. Jennifer will email Deborah with the list of teachers who have yet to communicate their teacher time offering. There is \$17K in sponsorships and ticket sales. LIA week will begin on February 28. This allows those who are unable to attend the LIA event an opportunity to donate to the school. There will be LIA donation boxes at the Arts Festival and at the front office. Jennifer will update paypal with more donation denominations. It was suggested that Deborah sends out a call to action after the event like she did last year. It was determined that decisions on how to communicate the needs of the school will be communicated to Jennifer and Allie after the SAC meeting.
- b. Crew Parent Communication Update (Melissa) – Melissa and Deborah met with Ule; she will be Crew Parent Lead for the next school year. It was suggested that parents opt-out (as opposed to opt-in) of Crew Parent emails next school year. Crew parent lead would ideally receive class lists as soon as they are available to begin working on getting commitments for Crew Parents for each Crew as soon as possible; perhaps teachers could provide suggestions for potential crew parents. It was suggested the Ule hold an in-person crew parent informational meeting after drop off or before pickup 30 or so minutes as well as quarterly check-ins to see how things are going with the Crew Parent Team. These quarterly check-ins could coincide with breaks (fall, winter, spring). Beginning next school year, crew parents will blind copy teachers on crew parent communications to ensure they are aware of what is being communicated.
- c. Crew Wear Update (Becca)  
Crew wear will be distributed at pick up on Friday, March 3. We are looking into offering another crew wear offering in time for summer.

VI. New Business

- a. Donors Choose Keystone Science School for Aurora School – Amy looked at the Donors Choose – it is fully funded. Consider looking at Arts Festival; we could add something for our school sometime.

VI. Committee Reports

- a. OLE (Liaison - Amy) – Note from Stacey. Stacey and Rachel on the only members of the committee. The Board would like to see the master plan before the Board determines funding for OLE.
- b. Scrip Cards (Liaison - Amy) – No update.
- c. Life is Art: Artist's Edition (Liaison- Elise) – “Reshaping the Box “ – artists build off of something that already exists – students have studied the artist and create the art piece. Deborah wanted to make sure that the event includes visual and performing arts. Rebranded by Deborah to be called “Arts Festival – Celebrating Visual and Performing Arts”. Elise will let the board know the service project that is associated with Arts Festival. Performing Arts include a sneak peek of the musical as well as improv.  
Elise inquired about Thank You gifts for chairs of the committees at the end of the year and the major fund raising events (Challenge Day and LIA) and artist edition. Elise inquired about Thank You cards for large donations.

- d. Teacher Appreciation (Liaison - Melissa) – Rachel Peterson & Jennifer Mouttet are the chairs. Melissa will get in touch before spring break.
- e. Meeting time – March meeting will be moved to March 7<sup>th</sup> at 430 pm.
- X. Adjournment  
Meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm. Amy motioned to adjourn. Becca seconded. All in favor. None opposed.