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

**REA Board Meeting**

**March 7, 2017**

**4:30PM**

Attendees: Deborah Lemmer, Amy Stuart, Elise Bratz, Melissa England, Becca Koster, Rachel Peterson, Jen Mouttet, Allie Waltee,

- I. Welcome – Meeting called to order at 4:35 pm.
- II. Teacher/Staff Appreciation - Jen Mouttet and Rachel Peterson spoke about their vision for Staff Appreciation the event;/ the theme is Camping/ Outdoor Mountain. They are meeting this Saturday to work out details, determine what help they will need from crew parents and what they will need volunteers for. Tiffany DeYoung will provide listing of those parents who signed up to help with Teacher Appreciation. Amy mentioned to consider adding volunteer appreciation costs into their budget. It was agreed that the event will now be called Staff Appreciation to be inclusive. Melissa will be the board liaison. Jennifer Harding will talk to Robin to see if she has a process notebook from last year.
- III. Parent Open Forum – No parents in attendance.
- IV. Principal's Report – Nothing to report.
- V. Officer Reports
  - a. President – Nothing to report.
  - b. Vice President – Nothing to report.
  - c. Treasurer –Melissa presented the treasurers report. She will connect with Meghan Goutell regarding tax letters. Only those whose have live auction items whose price exceeds the listed value will receive tax letters from the 2017 LIA event and for future events. Melissa will ensure that we are moving the CRMA – Castle Rock Martial Arts – funds – to the associated Arts & PE account code beginning in August 2016.
  - d. Secretary
    - i. Approval of February minutes. Becca motioned that the February minutes are approved. Melissa seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed.

## VI. Old Business

- a. Life is Art Report – Jennifer Harding and Allie Waltee. Record registration at 242. They also reported an increase number of LIA attendees who won auction items. 2016 LIA 62 bidder numbers won auction items. This year only 13 or 14 bidder numbers didn't win an auction item. Jennifer and Allie discussed using an auction service like Hand Bid for LIA next year. LIA Collect-A-Thon is going through Friday. \$81K has been raised up to this point. Amy moves to allocate up to \$60K toward salaries for Educational Assistants for 2017-2018 school year. Deborah seconds. All in favor. None opposed.
- b. LIA Arts Festival Report – The LIA Arts Festival was very successful despite the unanticipated challenges of having IA crews out on voyage at different times due to integrating discovery students in with their grade level peers during IAs. All third graders were on voyage during the event. The board determined that LIA Arts Festival has been successful for many years, and it is now time to begin a new tradition to celebrate the arts at Renaissance. Ms. Deborah will brainstorm with Ms. Pam and Ms. Chelsea about how the event will transform next year. Elise and Ms. Deborah will schedule a meeting with the LIA chairs. Melissa suggested having a crew parent or two for Arts & PE teachers. The board discussed having a standard budget template for event chairs including a line item for volunteer appreciation.
- c. Crew Wear Drive – One more crew wear drive will take place before the end of the year. The goal is to have it open soon after returning from spring break and have the items available for pick-up in early May. Feedback on the winter offering was very positive.
- d. Community Survey – The board reviewed and finalized the survey; it will be included in the Thursday folder for this week.

## VII. New Business

- a. REA Board Elections – Nomination solicitation will begin in March. Votes will be counted by April 30. Melissa will include the nomination form in the newsletter this week with nominations due on April 7. Melissa and Amy's spots are up for election. Melissa's position will be open. The Volunteer Coordinator will be renamed REA Parent Liaison and will assist with new REMS families with questions, help on REMS traditions and provide insight on how REMS may work differently than other schools (i.e. Student Led Conferences, The Beat, etc.).

## VIII. Committee Reports

- a. OLE - The OLE Leads will be holding a meeting on Monday, March 13 from 6 to 7:30. They shared results of teacher survey with Amy. Amy will send the results to the other board members.
- b. Scrip Cards – Kristina will continue with her Scrip Card role next school year. She needs to have a letter stating she is the new Scrip Card coordinator so she can access the online items.
- c. Showcases – The Showcase Chair is being finalized.

- X. Adjournment - Deborah motioned to adjourn at 6:45 pm. Amy seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed.