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Renaissance Education Alliance
Parents • Crew • Teamwork

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REA Board Meeting
December 20, 2018
4:30pm REMS

I. Welcome

II. In attendance:

Tiffany DeYoung (President)

Elise Bratz (Vice-President)

Brittnee Pierce (Treasurer)

Jaclyn Bradley (Secretary)

Deborah Lemmer (Principal)

Gina Taylor (Teacher)

III. Open Forum

A. Message from Deborah regarding concerns from the district about our transportation purchases.

a. The district has the following three concerns about the purchase of a large bus(es):

- If leadership at the school changes and the leadership doesn't want to keep up the vehicles;
- If there are changes in REA leadership and REA is not willing to keep up with the transportation needs;
- If there are changes in district leadership that doesn't support the vehicles and/or takes them back because of the increased needs in the district.

b. Additional information regarding district policies that could impact a vehicle purchase:

- Drivers will have to meet additional requirements (ex: 6 weeks of training each summer)
- The district is requiring all schools to now charter busses to meet their needs. \$1300 per trip. The district will pay the difference between the chartered bus and the cost that a yellow district bus would cost.

c. Some options to explore: (under the umbrella of transportation)

- Use the money to pay for the charters, continue to use the white busses for field work and other smaller trips. Doing this would not necessarily be sustainable long term.
 - To off-set the cost of the charters, raise school fees. The fees raised would be paid directly to fund the charters and meet the transportation needs of the adventure ed program.
 - **Important to note:** Fees have not been increased in the last eleven years, but the cost of adventure education has increased over the years. *This year was the first year where the cost of the adventure ed program was more than the funds taken in through student fees.*
 - There may be additional options that Deborah and REA will continue to explore.
 - Every effort will be made to communicate with parents about the situation
- d. The decision will be tabled for a vote in January to welcome additional comments.

IV. Officer Reports

A. President

- We caught Deborah up from the last meeting with feedback about Challenge Day as well as holiday giving.

B. Vice-President

- Life is Art update:
 - Still in need of more volunteers;
 - The fundraiser will continue to maintain what we have (Educational Assistants)

C. Treasurer

- Our immediate need is to pass this year's (2018-2019) budget. Our goal is to pass the budget for the 2019-2020 school year in April. (See below for important dates).
- Our expenses (Life is Art, fall carnival, all the events that we do, etc.) is approximately \$50,000.
- Money needs to be transferred to Deborah to cover the expenses she has been spending from last year's REA budget.

- Money from RAD will be put aside as questions are answered regarding the district transportation issues.
- Brittnee motions to approve a budget of \$84,000 for the 18-19 school year that includes the following:
 - \$5,000 for teacher appreciation and gifts
 - \$5,000 for staff development
 - \$60,000 for staff salaries
 - \$2,000 for volunteer gifts
 - \$1,200 for enrichments scholarships
 - \$2,800 for FFE (building expenses, furniture, etc.)
 - \$500 for transportation expenses (refill Deborah's transportation expenses budget from last year so that she has \$8,000 for use on maintenance for the small white vehicles)
 - \$7,500 for scholarship for use on school fees
 - Total of \$84,000
- We voted to hold a restricted reserve for transportation of \$40k
- Leaving a current unrestricted reserve of \$26k

D. Secretary

King Soopers Cards:

- Megan was able to sell additional King Soopers cards at the book fair.
- How can we increase knowledge about the cards?
 - Talk to Jen about getting the KS cards in the newsletter consistently
 - Can Megan create a video announcement about how the KS card program works?

Crew Wear:

- Many families participated in ordering crew wear in the fall
- Eva will be looking at other vendors to shop around for crew wear

Other Secretary news:

- Jackie will touch base with Jen and Andrea about updating the volunteer log tabs throughout the website
- Update all REA meeting minutes

V. Old Business

A. Holiday Giving

- We discussed how it was going so far and what Deborah has done for support staff. We will continue the conversation about making possible changes next year regarding an all-school holiday giving scenario such as the “red envelope.” Of course, all giving is optional.

VI. New Business

- March 7th meeting we'll draft next years school budget
- April will be public comment and a vote to pass the budget
- Meetings set for second semester:
 - Thursday, January 17th at 4:30pm
 - Thursday, February 21st at 4:30pm
 - Thursday, March 7th at 4:30pm
 - Thursday, April 11th at 4:30pm
 - Thursday, May 16th at 5:00pm at Vista Vino (with new REA members)

VII. Open Forum

VIII. Adjournment