



## 1. Welcome & Introductions

- Because Adrienne is out of town, VP Katelyn Darling is presiding over the meeting tonight. Katelyn called the meeting to order at 6:33.
- Katelyn welcomed everyone to the meeting. She introduced PTA Board Members and She specifically welcome guests Mr. Hiatt, Mrs. Kenyon & current PV School Board President, Dr. Wagle.
- Staff in attendance introduced themselves: Coon, Andrews, Stevenson, Skillin, Pennekamp, Merrill, Schell, Worrall & Rokusek
- Katelyn drew attention to the ongoing PTA projects that have recently been updated or completed. The walls in the front of the building and the playground painting projects have been completed. Mrs. Richardson shared her heartfelt gratitude to the PTA for all of the work that's been done to beautify the building.

## 2. Guest Speakers:

- **Tony Hiatt (Director of Elementary Education)**

- Mr. Hiatt celebrated the amount of parents in attendance & participation of our PTA. He reminded those in attendance that our students are at the center of our partnership.
- He shared some highlights from the recent [PV Annual Report](#). Highlights include:
  - We are growing approximately 100-150 students per year in PV
  - We continue to increase in diversity across the district
  - He highlighted the importance of attendance and celebrated the strength of attendance across the district.
  - Our district remains committed to Character Counts & finding ways to integrate the pillars into instruction.
  - Related to student data, Mr. Hiatt highlighted our commitment to growth for ALL students.
  - He also highlighted that our principal, Mrs. Richardson was a finalist for the Iowa Elementary Principal of the Year!
- A parent asked the question of whether field trips will be returning at the elementary level. Mr. Hiatt shared that field trips are back and that the district continues to explore options and opportunities for a district of our size. There is currently a goal of 2 high quality field trip experiences per grade level.
- Dr. Wagle (PV School Board President) explained the Board's excitement for closing the learning loss experienced due to the Pandemic. He thanked teachers, administrators & parents for their tireless work.

- **Jill Kenyon (Director of Student Services)**

- Mrs. Kenyon introduced herself to those in attendance and described her role in the district.
- She oversees our Special Education, English Language Learners, Extended Learning, 504s, & Preschool Programming.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

### 4. Principally Speaking

- Mrs. Richardson thanked district personnel in attendance for all the work done for our students.
- **Fall Parties & Halloween**
  - She reminded parents that our building has a costume parade out behind the building in the field.
  - Students do NOT come to school for the entire day in their costumes, they change into their costumes here at school at the end of the day. Please make sure your student knows how to put their costume on - there will be adults available to assist them, but their ability to be semi-independent is so helpful.
  - She reminded parents that costumes need to be school appropriate and absolutely NO WEAPONS that are part of a costume are allowed at school.
  - In addition, snacks will be provided at each party from the Safe Snack List - no additional snacks will be allowed.
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences:**
  - Sometime in the next couple weeks a link will be coming out to sign up for parent/teacher conferences. We believe strongly in the partnership between home & school and would love to sit down with each family to celebrate student growth and set goals for the remainder of the year.
- **Upcoming School Board Elections** ([Districts & Polling Places](#))
  - The QC Times will be running an article on upcoming elections and each candidate will be answering a couple of questions to gather information.
  - We encourage all residents to vote in this important election.
- **Veteran's Day Assembly**
  - We have school on Veterans Day and invite family members that are in the military to come to the assembly so we can celebrate our Veterans!

### 5. Current News/Committee Reports

- **Walk-a-Thon wrap up** (Alissa Worrall & Kaity Krebs)
  - Kaity shared that our final numbers are looking like we raised approximately \$19,000! Way to go, Riverdale Heights!
  - 280 students donated! 1st Grade won the coin drive!
  - She gave a shout out to community sponsors that donated prizes to make this event the success it was!
- **Trunk or Treat** (Emily Pierson & Becca Poirer)
  - This is NOT a fundraising event - more of a community fun event.

- Emily shared that this Friday is Trunk or Treat and so far we have 19 trunks signed up.
- The trunk or treat event is only one hour and is NOT a drop-off event.
- Each trunk needs to bring their own candy - the PTA will have some candy to supplement, but not enough for the entire event.
- **Teacher Appreciation**
  - Katelyn reported for Jess Fah. On our website ([www.riverdaleheightspta.com](http://www.riverdaleheightspta.com)) there is a tab called STAFF APPRECIATION. There is an on-going sign-up genius for every month's appreciation event.
  - PTA provides the teachers with a dinner on the long night of conferences and Jess will be asking for side dishes for that meal.
- **Yearbook**
  - If you want a yearbook, you need to purchase it now. We do NOT order many extras, so please purchase them!
  - Please email us pictures - [yearbook@riverdaleheightspta.com](mailto:yearbook@riverdaleheightspta.com)!
- **Scholastic Book Fair** (Trista Peterson)
  - The Book Fair begins Monday November 6 and will be open during conferences
  - Students will be viewing the preview trailers next week during their scheduled library time.
  - eWallets are a really convenient way to allow your child to shop using digital money so you don't have to send them with cash to school! If you go to [www.riverdaleheightspta.com](http://www.riverdaleheightspta.com) and find the Scholastic link, you can begin loading those eWallets today.
- **BINGO** (Natalie Maas & Alei Schel)
  - Rock 'n Roll BINGO will be taking place on November 17! We will have a DJ come and play music, each family has a BINGO card - prizes will be awarded for BINGOs.
  - There will be pizza, drinks, candy & Cookies & Dreams cookies for sale.
  - As with all PTA events, this is NOT a drop-off event - parents will have a great time!

## 6. Old Business

- None

## 7. New Business

- None

## 8. Announcements/Upcoming Events

- October 20 = Trunk or Treat
- October 26 = Cynthia Lord - Author Visit
- October 27 = Record's Day: No School
- October 30 = No School
- October 31 = Fall Parties & Halloween Parade
- November 6-9 = Scholastic Book Fair
- November 10 = Veterans Day Assembly
- November 17= BINGO

**Katelyn adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.**