



1. Welcome & Introductions

- Adrienne called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting
- RVDH won the Bettendorf Public Library Summer Reading program for the first time ever! Congratulations, RVDH! 😊
- She congratulated the entire RVDH community on a successful walk-a-thon and shared some other fun things going on at our school

2. From the Teachers

- Teachers in attendance introduced themselves (Allie Thiessen, Erin Merrill, Courtney Stecklein, Derek Stecklein, Brett Chiles)
- Mr. Chiles, our Counselor, was here to discuss his role at Riverdale Heights and discussed that October is Bully Prevention Month. He also shared with parents our Character Curriculum called Character Strong which is taught weekly in classrooms covering topics ranging from respect, responsibility, gratitude, empathy, perseverance, honesty, cooperation, courage, and creativity. Mr. Chiles also comes into each classroom each month to support these ideas. He reminded parents that you can contact him at any time with questions or concerns.
- Mr. Chiles shared The Tree of Choices as a tool we use to help kids think about, talk about and solve their problems. The components of the Tree of Choices are:
 - the root of the problem = is the problem big or small?
 - heart of the problem = how do we name our emotions about the problem?
 - branches of the problem = make a choice: do we need to talk it out, breathe it out, or move it out?
- He shared that when talking about the steps when we see bullying at school are Stop, Support, Report. He reminded parents that on our District website is our [Bullying & Harassment Reporting Form](#). When this form is filled out, it goes directly to Mrs. Richardson's email so school personnel can respond promptly.
- Lastly, he thanked the PTA for their generous support in providing clothes, food and other resources for students in our school who are experiencing hardships.

3. [Treasurer's Report](#)

4. Principally Speaking

- Mrs. Richardson shared with those in attendance that there are an abundance of exciting things going on at RVDH! Our first trimester is ending soon so conferences will be scheduled in the next couple weeks. Our building's set night will be November 7th,

but the conference window will be open over two weeks in case that night doesn't work for families. We strive for 100% participation at our conferences.

- The Student Hunger Drive is currently underway and RVDH is working hard to earn the chance to put some pies in Mrs. Richardson & Mrs. Bornhoeft's faces in good fun to help support our community! 😊
- Fall Parties & Halloween are coming up and we will be celebrating here at Riverdale Heights on October 31st. Students will be allowed to put on their costumes around 2:00. At 2:15, we will begin our parade around the field behind our school - parents are welcome and encouraged to join us for the parade. Once the parade is over, students will go back into their classrooms for a small party - there will be 2 parents allowed inside the classroom for the party.
 - Mrs. Richardson asked that costumes are school appropriate (no weapons, blood, scary things, etc.)
- Our Veteran's Day Assembly will occur on November 11th at 9:30 AM. We invite anyone who has a veteran in their family to join us at the assembly to be honored by our school community. If you have a veteran who would like to join us, please watch the enews for an RSVP coming up so we know how many guests to prepare for.

5. Old Business/Wrap Ups

- **Walk-a-Thon wrap up** (Alissa Worrall & Kaity Krebs)
 - Kaity Krebs shared that we made over \$19,000! Prizes went home with students today! If there is a discrepancy, please email the walk-a-thon committee and we will get that fixed ASAP!
 - School prizes for top earners and classes will be distributed and enjoyed this week.
 - Adrienne thanked the committee for their work on this huge event!
- **Donuts with Grown-Ups wrap up** (Adrienne Wheeler)
 - Adrienne shared that we will need to regroup on whether we need to continue with that event. It wasn't really well attended and didn't raise much money for our 6th grade class. We only had 35 families participate out of the 650+ families at our school.
 - If you have feedback or suggestions, please reach out to a member of the PTA board.

6. Current News/Committee Reports

- **Trunk or Treat** (Emily Pierson & Becca Poirer)
 - Emily & Becca sent Adrienne a report because they were unable to attend.
 - The event will be Friday. There are still some spots available - sign up is on the PTA website. There has been some candy donated, but people are encouraged to bring candy.
 - We are still in need of a couple volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Emily, Becca, or Adrienne.
 - You do NOT have to have a trunk to participate. You can absolutely come and just trick or treat - you will just need to park in one of the neighborhoods as the lot will obviously be full.
- **Dine & Donate:** Jersey Mikes (Sarah Savoie)

- This will be at the Jersey Mike's near TBK and is next Monday!
- 50% of sales that mention RVDH PTA will come back to the PTA!
- Adrienne encouraged everyone to share with family and neighbors because ANYONE who uses our code will earn us money!!
- **Teacher Appreciation** (Jess Fah)
 - Big next project will be Conference dinner on 11/7
 - 11/21 will be Nacho Average Staff appreciation event.
- **Reflections** (Jess Klementson)
 - Submissions are due next week! Send all submissions to the office.
- **Yearbook** (Katie Rokusek)
 - If you have pictures that you would like to be considered, email them to the yearbook committee!
 - If you haven't ordered your yearbook, you need to go to Infinite Campus under the extra optional fees to place your order.
- **Scholastic Book Fair** (Trista Peterson)
 - Book fair is coming up! Student and parent shopping will occur again around conferences! Watch Facebook and your email for upcoming details.

7. New Business

- Mrs. Richardson motioned to approve the Sept minutes, Alissa Worrall seconded, motion approved.

8. Announcements/Upcoming Events

- 10/18 = Trunk or Treat
- 10/21 = Jersey Mike's (Near TBK)
- 10/31 = Fall Parties
- 11/5-7 = Scholastic Book Fair
- 11/11 = Veterans Day Assembly

Adrienne adjourned the meeting at 7:14 PM