

THE RIVERVIEW SCHOOL (p277q)
PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING
September 20, 2023 at 5:00 PM

1. **ATTENDEES** - We had ~55 parents and school faculty attend the meeting
2. **WELCOME** - Ivery Taylor (PTA President)
3. **MEETING MINUTES** - Rebecca Moran (Recording Secretary)
 - a. June 2023 general monthly meeting minutes was presented for approval by Rebecca Moran.
 - b. Ivery Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes.
 - c. Heather Sciacca second the motion.
 - d. The June 2023 minutes were approved
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT** - Amanda Civello (Treasurer)
 - a. Financial Report was presented by the PTA treasurer
 - b. An investigation was started for the missing funds,
 - c. Currently have 105.00
 - d. Planning on opening a bank account.
 - e. April Lawrence made a motion approve the financial report
 - f. Brian Augustine seconded the motion.
 - g. The financial report were approved.
5. **SLT MEETING REPORT** - Ivery Taylor (President)
 - a. Meet & Greet are happening this week
 - b. This week is also Spirit week.
 - c. Student of the month will be held Oct thru May rotating all the sites. First one will be held on 10/19 at the 404 site. Concerns were brought up from the previous meetings on accessibility, and Ivery Taylor will bring up the concerns with the appropriate admins to raise safety protocols.
 - d. After school report:
 - i. SEED program will resume. Students will need an OT mandate to participate in the SEED program. Due to decreased funding, the days were reduced. Wed sessions will be held at the 419 site and Thurs

sessions will be held at the 322 site. Session 1 will be 10 weeks, session 2 will be 10 weeks and the 3rd and final session will be 12 weeks.

- ii. Champs program will start end of October at sites 777 and 419
- iii. Arts & Enrichment will also begin at 777.
- iv. Enrichment Program will also begin at all sites
- v. All programs will end at 5pm. Busing is not included, all children will need to be picked up by parents at 5pm.

6. PTA COMMITTEE - Ivery Taylor (President)

- a. Parent Site Leaders : Asked for volunteers to commit to one of the 11 sites to help UC's and the site on behalf of the PTA. Will be working as a liaison between sites, school and parents for that particular site.
- b. Fundraising : Help come up with ideas and set up fundraising ideas, and to work with the PTA Executive Board.
- c. Events : Supporting school events and PTA events
- d. Special Olympics Committee
- e. Welcoming Committee
- f. Social Media + Digital Committee

7. UPCOMING EVENTS - Ivery Taylor (President)

- a. Trunk or Treat will be on October 30, 2023.
- b. Next PTA meeting will be on October 18, 2023

8. PARENT COORDINATOR REPORT

- a. Contact Rachel and explain that parents need to get into their parent portal, NYCSA account to see your child's transportation information, IEP, and report cards. They will need a code to be able to open an account, to contact Rachel Beadle and give her a couple days to respond.
- b. Sept 20, there will be a workshop at 10am. INCLUDE NYC was invited and a parent guest speaker who as a child with disabilities will share what it is to raise a child with disabilities. Interpretation will be provided in Spanish and Chinese.

9. GUEST SPEAKER : Special Olympics

- a. Special Olympics. Coach Kevin McElroy, second year as Athletic Director
- b. Looking to engage more with Special Olympics and have more students involved
- c. 5 different tiers/levels in the Special Olympics that gives everyone opportunities to be a part.
 - i. Unified Sports

- ii. Traditional Sports
 - 1. primarily for middle and high school students.
 - 2. For students who have the ability to play team sports can play independently.
 - 3. After School practices are offered for traditional team sports.
 - 4. There are school day trips and weekend tournaments.
 - 5. Uniforms, transportation and food are provided.
 - 6. Divided in 4 seasons
 - a. Soccer, Bocce for the fall season
 - b. Floor Hockey for the Winter season
 - c. Basketball for late winter and early spring
 - d. Track & Field and Flag Football for the spring season,
- iii. Skills Challenges
 - 1. Most of our students will participate
 - 2. For students ages 9 and above, even past 21yo
 - 3. For students who can do independently at the day of the events
 - 4. Matches with the traditional sport team seasons.
 - 5. There are school day trips and weekend tournaments.
- iv. Developmental Sports
 - 1. For students ages 9 and above
 - 2. For students who may not be able to do skills independently, may need verbal, visual prompts or even hand over hand. Parents will be helping with the student
 - 3. There are school day trips and some weekend tournaments.
- v. Young Athletes
 - 1. This is a new tier and was introduced last year.
 - 2. For students under the age of 9
 - 3. Focus is introducing students to come out and be involved in a circuit like setting, station to station, learning basic sport skills
- vi. You can contact the Phys Ed teachers and they can help you identify where your child will fit in.
- d. Currently, there are more opportunities for middle and high school students, but there are opportunities for the elementary and even for 3-5 year olds over the course of the year.
- e. Phys Ed curriculum are based on Special Olympics seasons and skills
- f. Only requirement is to fill out paperwork that is required.
 - i. You can download from PTA website
 - ii. Email Coach McElroy

10. Physicals are required for weekend tournaments

- a. Under 9 is not required
- b. How week-end sports work is that everyone meets at a central location at one of the sites. Students and coaches meet there, go to the event site and then get dropped off at the same location.

11. PRINCIPAL Message

- a. Ms. Annette Beale

12. Q & A

- a. Was the Enrichment Program After School mentioned?
 - i. Ivery: All sites will be held on all sites on Wed and Thurs, busing will not be included.
- b. Is there a parent support group for the school?
 - i. Rachel: Last year, there was a support group by the PTA, but currently there is none. There are community parent support group. There are links on the newsletter and there were support groups by the school counselors and possibly bring it up this year.
 - ii. Ivery: Ms. Camacho offered to help, maybe possibly create something
 - iii. Ms. Camacho: will be happy to reach out to admin and the counseling team and see how the team can help
- c. I am a new AIMS program parent at 322 specifically interested in getting involved with the program at the site. Is this an option or is this for the whole Riverview site?
 - i. Ms. Beale: AIMS is only for the 322 site in Elmhurst. Jenna is the AP and Tchousky is the Unit Coordinator. She can come to the Meet & Greet tomorrow and see how she can be involved in the program.
- d. When will the Enrichment program start?
 - i. Ms. Beale: Some will start tomorrow in LIC and others will start 10/3
 - ii. Ms. Jenna: Depending on parents' needs, but it will be the first Wed in Oct.
- e. If my child has a 1 to 1 para, can the para be there for the Enrichment program.
 - i. Ms. Jenna: Depending on the para, and the programs are staffed depending on the students needs.
- f. Are the meetings recorded and will recordings be sent out?
 - i. We are trying to send out a newsletter with key points.
 - ii. Or we can email it out.
- g. I would like to volunteer to help out at my son's site. Is it only 1 committee?

- i. Ivery: You can join as many committees

13. RAFFLE

- a. Winners for the raffles was conducted by Amanda Civello
 - i. 62 responses from the parent survey
 - ii. Spa basket: Olamora from site 78
 - iii. Custom Cookie basket: April Lawrence from site 78

14. MEETING ADJOURNED

- a. Our next meeting will be October 18, 2023 at 6PM via ZOOM.
- b. Ivery Taylor called for a motion to adjourn.
- c. A motion was made by xxxx and
- d. Rebecca Moran second the motion.
- e. Meeting was adjourned

Spanish Translation by Rachel Beadle, Parent Coordinator
Meeting recorded via ZOOM