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**Parent Council of River Heights Elementary School**  
**Meeting Minutes for Wednesday December 6th, 2017**

Attendance: Taneill Selinger, Katie Albers, Dave Ridgedale, Kathleen Longpre, Vanessa Bonneville, Larissa Kowalchuk, Kristin Cassell, Laura Undershute, KariAnn Wenzel, Alana Durbeniuk, Natosha Mastel

1. Call to Order: Vanessa Bonneville called the meeting to order at 7:33pm
2. Adopt Minutes of November meeting: Alana adopted the minutes and Kathleen seconded.
3. Reports from School and Council:
  - a. School Administration Team: Dave Ridgedale + Natosha Mastel
    - i. December Calendar:
      - a. 2nd - gr. 6 volleyball tournament
      - b. 5th - gr. 4 bake sale
      - c. 6th - Parent Council Meeting 7:30pm
      - d. 8th- PD Day
      - e. 12/13th - Kindergarten hearing screening
      - f. 14th - Winter Village 6-8pm
      - g. 18-22 - spirit week
      - h. 22nd - noon dismissal
      - i. 22nd - Jan. 7th - Christmas break
    - ii. January Calendar:
      - a. 8th - back to school
      - b. 15th - Explore session
      - c. 17th - gr. 5 immunizations
      - d. 22nd - create session #1
      - e. 23rd - Drew Barnes to visit gr. 6
      - f. 25th - gr. 4 to esplanade
      - g. 29th - create session #2
      - h. 30th - Bob Wanner to visit gr. 6
    - iii. December is very busy. On the 18th there is pictures with Santa + Mrs. Claus. \$2 each
  - b. Teacher Reps: ELP + Kindergarten Teachers - Laura Gale + Tiffany Arnold
    - i. Sound Thinking - Literacy
      - a. Use letters in groups as sounds - not letters singularly
      - b. Puts confidence in children
      - c. Symbolic (picture) representation

- d. Doesn't "dumb" it down
- e. First learn orally (use 3 place holder - red, blue + green)
  - i. ELP - hula hoops - jump into each sound as say them and change the sounds
  - ii. Kindergarten - use trays with magnetic letters and tape. Same concept as ELP, just progress the words and build them.
- c. Co-Chairs Report: Vanessa Bonneville and Katie Albers
  - i. Popcorn machine is cleaned
  - ii. Parents have asked what council spends its money on. There is a small write up on Facebook. Direct people to that.
- d. Treasurer Report: Kristen Cassell (see attached reports of the financial statements)

#### 4. Reports From Committees & Council Representatives:

- a. Hot Lunch: Tracy Herter/ Melanie Robinson/KariAnn Wenzel/ Alana Durbeniuk
  - i. Hot lunch. (December)
    - a. 1st - Dairy Queen
    - b. 7th - Hot Dog + Apple Slices
    - c. 15th - Pizza + Frozen Treat
  - ii. Hot Lunch (January)
    - a. 12th- Taco Time + Frozen Treat
    - b. 19th- Pizza + Frozen Treat
    - c. 26th - Hot cakes Happy Meal
  - iii. made \$1542.90 in November. Looking at apx. \$1000 in December. January - June schedule will be made and posted next week.
- c. Card Fundraiser: Vanessa (+ Denene Mastel)
  - i. Ordered. Bailey is chasing down missing boxes/money. Draws will be at end.
- d. Movie Night: Alana Durbeniuk
  - i. Profit was \$356.62
  - ii. Still have popcorn left over for next one
  - iii. Next one in March
  - iv. Need to test movie in advance next time.
- e. Fine Arts: Larissa Kowalchuk
  - i. Andre Genthon Soverign spoke. Staff + Students thought he was great!
- f. Winter Village: Taneill Selinger
  - i. Thursday December 14th 6-8pm
  - ii. A great team of volunteers. Lots of donations for the raffle. Need more volunteers the night of; but they are coming in. Getting excited for our big night. Some new Italian Soda flavours this year and some new really amazing decorations. Tara is helping get everything organized so will be less work in future years.

- g. Council of Councils - Alana Durbeniuk
  - i. Yearly report submitted (just shows that we are operating properly as a charity)
  - ii. SD76 is covering all parent councils under their insurance policy
  - iii. Superintendent report - society vs. Community association
  - iv. Alana will go to February meeting. Katie + Vanessa will go to May meeting

5. Old Business: none

6. New Business: none

7. Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm to eat snacks

Next Parent Council meeting is Wednesday February 7th @ 7:30pm. Grade 2 teachers sharing.

**THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN JANUARY!!!!**

**Note: we encourage every family to participate in our online QSP renewal program. All funds raised will support our school. Shop at [www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca) . This year we have opted out of the magazine fundraising campaign...but if you were to reorder, order, or shop the profits still come to our school. OUR GROUP ONLINE ID IS: 3696036**