

**SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**September 25, 2017**  
**5:30-6:30 pm**  
**Riley Library**

In attendance: Marcela Castillo, Sonia Gonzalez, Christi Paulson, Edward Khattar, Suzan Boserso, Chris Mitchener, Evangelina V., Jose R. Garcia, Nadia Rockwood, Julia Waldroup, Heather Bennett, Sara Farah, Jim Martin, Ronald Urbin.

The meeting started at 5:30pm.

Everyone was welcomed.

Representatives form transportation were not able to make it to the meeting and sent their regrets. They will try to attend the next meeting.

There was quite a lot of discussion about fundraising including whether there should be a December art night. It was decided that December is too soon and that an art night maybe could be scheduled in January. There were other ideas shared like shoveling people's walks in the winter time. Our Lego League, which is a groups of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders that study engineering concepts, is already raising money through box tops (so please continue sending those to school). Ms. Waldroup suggested Snackin' In the USA which was done at Riley a few years ago. There was also some discussion about what a fundraiser should raise money for. The teachers talked about field trips. One parents expressed a desire to see more rewards for positive behavior. People should bring their ideas to the next meeting and we will make some final plans then.

The PTO is in process of getting formed. Ms. Mendoza was excused form the meeting but asked that families look for information about PTO elections that will be coming our soon.

Principal Martin shared the new Riley vision created by the faculty last summer. It is "Riley Scholars: Dream, Create, and Achieve Together," There was discussion about how we as a school can work with families to realize this vision. SCC felt that the school does a good job of keeping them informed of school events and happenings. Members felt that maybe having East or Highland graduates who attended Riley come through the halls in May or June. SCC members also stressed the importance of communicating to students that it is okay to make mistakes and that mistakes actually help us learn. They suggested that we study one word or phrase a week to help students understand that success takes time and persistence. It was suggested that we have student work displayed so students can take pride in what they have created. The SCC thought it would be a good idea to have students design an image to go with the new vision that

could be reproduced on t-shirts and posters. SCC members felt that the vision can be realized through kids feeling happy and successful and knowing they are cared about (and the SCC feels this is currently happening). The SCC would like to see large versions of the poster hung around the school, with opportunities to change out the pictures.

Principal Martin shared the budget with the SCC. Mostly, we spend our discretionary dollars on personnel allowing us to have smaller classes and more paraprofessional and non-instructional assistant support.

There was a question about the charitable fundraiser that was approved by SCC last month. The hope was to raise money and supplies for a needy district in Texas that was impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Principal Martin will check on the status of this.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be held Monday, November 27 at 5:30 pm. Minutes by Jim Martin.