



**REA Board Minutes  
October 21, 2014  
6:30 p.m.**

In Attendance: Deborah Lemmer, Amy Stuart, Cari Hinton, Lihn Barger and Jill Cook.

**Welcome / Open Forum**

Amy called the meeting to order at 7:13pm

**Principal's Report**

**Officer Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Brian submitted the following report via email:

"I don't have much of an update because I haven't seen the final numbers from boot camp and so far I only know about the \$1,500.00 expense for Train OC. If I had to guess, I would think our total expenses will be around 5-6 thousand which would leave a net of around 38k. I have some transfers that I need to make but am waiting to hear from Krys about the account numbers I should be using. Also, I know that we will need to be transferring some money to cover the equipment Cody bought. I guess I need to know how we will handle that given that I am sure there are no receipts. One option is for the board to decide on the amount and vote. I could use the meeting minutes as backup for the transfer."

**[Action Items:]** Deborah will follow up with Brian with receipts from the equipment Cody bought using the school credit card. Amy will follow up with Rita regarding Bootcamp expenses.

**Secretary:** September minutes were presented for approval. Deborah moved to approve the September minutes. Amy seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed.

**Old Business:**

**BOOTCAMP SUMMARY:**

A total of \$44,531 was pledged to the Bootcamp fund raiser. About \$25,098 was collected by the Bootcamp website and will be transferred from the DCEF to our REA account. The rest (\$19,109) was received by check or cash. Delia Hardy will make this deposit this week.

Rita has not finished compiling the Bootcamp expenses.

**[Action Items:]** Amy will follow up with Rita regarding Bootcamp expenses.

At our September meeting we agreed to support the following items with funds raised by Bootcamp:

**1) Fall expenditures for the Adventure Education program - no estimate of costs**

We need Krys Priebe to tell us how much Cody spent on items this fall. Krista asked her in early October and she said she needed to wait one more credit card cycle.

**[Action Items:]** Deborah will follow up with Brian with receipts from the equipment Cody bought using the school credit card.

**2) Safety improvements to the climbing program and new targets for archery.**

**Estimate: \$8,636.**

Doug was making these purchases in October. Krista told him he could use his own credit card, the school credit card, or submit a company's PO to REA for payment. Krista also gave him a

copy of the check request form to use for a personal reimbursement.

**[Action Items:]** Brian, can you follow up with Doug?

**3) We traditionally save money from Bootcamp to fund the following two items:**

- a. Funding \$8,000 for the 2015-16 school scholarships.
- b. Funding \$6,000 for technology rejuvenation fund.

**TOTAL: \$34,000**

Krista estimates that we will need about \$4,500 for REA Operations between now and Life is Art: (OLE fall work day, Book Fair, REA Board meetings, volunteer appreciation, etc.)

**New Business:**

**NEW FUNDING REQUESTS:**

**1) School Hallway Improvement**

Pam Cogburn approached Krista in late September about a new school need. Krista told her that we would consider the request after we determined how much was raised by Bootcamp. **The request is for \$2,100 to fund the purchase and installation of a metal wall covering for the main school hallway.** (Where there is currently black foam core board and the words "Expeditionary Learning.") This is where our crews display their learning expedition work. Replacing the foam core with a metal surface would allow for easier display of student and crew work using magnets. Krista believes the foam core is in need of replacement anyway. While this request is coming from Pam, it is on behalf of the school's Leadership Team.

Without Brian in attendance it was decided to table this until November.

**2) Book Fair**

Debbie Vandersnow (new head of Book Fair) would like to request up to \$500 for donuts, muffins, coffee, etc. for the community events held during Book Fair Week. (November 17-21). Cari moved to fund \$500 for the Book Fair. Amy seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed.

**Announcements / Event and Committee Updates:**

**OLE Work Day**

Is this Saturday, 10/25 from 9am - 4pm. We approved approximately \$3,000 for general maintenance and improvements at our last meeting.

**Renaissance Running Club**

The RRC has around 30 kids and 7-8 parent coaches this fall. Jacob Vargish is very pleased that even though he is only there on Wednesday the other coaches have stepped up and kept the program going strong and making it more successful than it has ever been. They are having their final fun run on Saturday, Nov 1, 9am at Festival Park, downtown Castle Rock. Running at 9:30ish, marked course, water, food, music, fun, awards, done by 10:30am.

**Girls on the Run**

The program has around 45 girls and 4 coaches this fall. Janell was hoping for more coaches and will need more coaches for the Spring program, which will also feature "Boys with Core." The practice 5k is October 30 starting at REMS. She is encouraging everyone to come cheer for girls! The final 5K is on Saturday, Nov 9 at the "Great Candy Run" in Washington Park (Denver). Their celebration event is on Thursday, November 13, at school (6:30-8pm).

For the 2015-16 school year, Janell suggests having the two programs run in the Spring only. This keeps coaches fresh, girls motivated, and families focused! Also, voyages are almost over in spring so girls can participate more frequently without having to miss sessions.

**Community Nights**

Linh Barger along with Jill Cook, co-chair came to discuss upcoming Community Nights, which include:

**1) Thursday, 11/13 4:00-8:00pm -- Freddy's(15%)**

Fliers will be going out in Thursday folders. Fliers are now being printed external due to the print shop being closed. Amy explained to Lihn on how to get reimbursed for the expenses of printing the fliers.

- 2) **Friday, 12/12 7:30-10:30pm-- Kids' Nite Out (at the Castle Rock Rec Center)**
- 3) **Tuesday, 12/16 -- Smart Cow**
- 4) **Date TBD -- Athleta** or one of the stores like that wants to do a Renaissance discount night/weekend (shopping at their store, with a percentage (15 or 20%) given back to our school up to a max of \$1000.00). They are specifically interested in Renaissance, due to the nature of our school community. Linh would like our feedback on this. The funds are required to be spent on Adventure/Outdoor Ed. Athleta needs to speak directly to Krista as the REA President. Jill will email Krista contact information for the Athleta rep.
- 5) Linh suggested pursuing an **Arts & Spirits "Moms Night Out"** in January.
- 6) Also thinking **Chick-Fil-A** in January as well.
- 7) Working on Noodles and Chipotle for future dates.
- 8) Thinking to end it with **Baskin Robins** in May.

### **Crew Wear**

Kelli Clay has been working with the company "Spirit Wear Direct" to create a crew wear sales program. This company creates a sales flyer that allows you to sell six products in multiple sizes and colors. You take orders for two weeks, collect money and order sheets, then they print the items. They also prepare a bag for each order that has the student's name and crew on it. This makes product delivery much easier, but **does rely on the teacher to pass the items out**. Kelli has been working on designs with the company and hopes to launch the program in November, for completion by the December break. Krista asked her to get the Board a copy of the flyer so we can see the designs and pricing. It will not be as inexpensive as our past crew wear items, which (as you know) were produced by parent-owned Airship Printing. The Spirit Wear Direct company also allows a school to set pricing to provide for a "rebate" to the school. Kelli selected 10%. (So, 10% of the sales price will come back to Renaissance).

Items have been chosen, they have our logo that Krista sent to them and now they are working on getting our flier made for distribution. As soon as they send a proof, it will be forwarded it to the board.

Just to give you an idea of what will be available to choose from....a regular, cotton tee, a performance tee (good for voyages), long sleeve performance tee, pull over hoodie, women's v-neck tee (more fitted, with shape), and a fleece vest. Krista chose Navy, Charcoal and White for the options.

The gear drive will be Nov 3-17 and items will be delivered to the school after Thanksgiving Break (in time for Christmas gifts). Upon delivery, all items will be separately bagged by student name and then all items will be grouped together by class (no grunt work on our part). There is a range of price points from \$12-\$38 and 10% of the sales will be donated to REMS.

Deborah suggested having kids design t-shirts in future years.

### **Adjournment**

Cari moved to adjourn the meeting. Amy seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.