

Ridgeview Elementary School

PTO Minutes

Thursday July 9th, 2020

Attendance: Katie Koors, Matt Jones, Sandy Gallant Jones, Ashley Hays, Ginger Cates, Vaibhav Shah, Jodi Serfling, Cara Davis

- I. President Matt Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
 - a. Meeting held outdoors to view current “Wetlands” adjacent to playground that we are discussing this evening
 - b. Mr. Jefferson, Kara Chambers and Sherri Eppel are staff members on a committee to support the wetlands revitalization project, and all in favor. The intent is for this space to be cleared out and ready/usable for the upcoming school year.
 - c. Members present viewed the well fenced-in area and President Jones detailed that today’s vote only addresses the overgrown areas that would be cleared for development (all areas south of the bridge, north of the bride to remain untouched as it is wetter there). The area is quite large and could easily accommodate several classes outside at the same time. Future additions to the space (gardens, stations, seating, etc) would be discussed/voted on at another time.
 - d. Dirt has been delivered from Dunlap district office construction to aid in creation of a “Berm” in the middle of the area that can be used to divide the area or sitting on for reading/etc. Matt and Vaibhav are investigating ideas to move this, likely a small machine rental.
 - e. Suggested we could coordinate with Scouts for the creation of raised garden beds for each grade or classroom, perhaps along the fence-line for easy viewing of their garden’s progress
 - f. Questions regarding if the students would have access to this area during recess (no), who would mow/maintain (school)
 - g. Abby Mahoney elicited 2 bids for work (two other requests from large nurseries were declined)
 - i. Anthony Jones who did our Fox Trail and a memory garden at DVMS for \$13,250
 - ii. Smith Rush Tree Removal for \$15,500
 - h. Vaibhav Shah moved to approve the spending of \$13,250 for Anthony Jones to proceed with the clearing of the space. Katie Koors seconded. Motion passed.
- II. Adjourned at 6:45

