

River Oaks Elementary School Improvement Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 6, 2025

Attendees: Rene Cazier, Heather Boykin, Shannon Nininger, Karen Bason, Megan McCrary, Michelle Fultz, Andrew Slawson, Barbie Earnest, Vinny Napolitano, and Kristin Green

1. Meeting Overview

- Meetings will typically be held in person.
 - Ms. Rene Cazier facilitated this meeting.
 - Committee members Megan McCrary, Barbie Earnest, and Andrew Slawson serve as teacher representatives.
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2. Principal's Report – Ms. Rene Cazier

- **PTO Appreciation:** Thanked the PTO for their continued support and involvement.
- **Enrollment:** Currently **688 students** enrolled — less than half of previous years.
- **Start of Year:** Great start to the school year. Having all teachers inside the building has been a positive change and has created a stronger sense of community.
- **Field Trips:** Many grade levels have participated in field trips this fall.
- **Red Ribbon Week:** Ms. Francis presented lessons to each class. There is a zero-tolerance policy for bullying, with serious consequences per district guidelines (first occurrence results in suspension).
- **Food Drive:** Currently in progress; includes food, diapers, and other necessities. Great participation with Coastal Carolina currently in the lead.
- **Recycling Recognition:** ROE was recognized as “**Talking Trash Winners**” for October for outstanding recycling efforts.
 - 4th Grade will attend an assembly with **Ed Piotrowski** and **Kona Ice** will be coming out for a surprise treat for the students.
 - The school also received a **\$300 donation** for this achievement.
 - Student Council will help with future recycling initiatives.
- **School Rating:** River Oaks Elementary was rated “**Excellent**” on the Horry County School District Report Card—one of only a few schools in the district and **the only school in our cluster** to receive this ranking.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - **Honoring Veterans Assembly** featuring the Otter Choir – Open to the community – Tuesday, November 11
 - **Boosterthon Fun Run** – Friday, November 14

- **PJ Day** – Friday, November 7 (for students who register for Boosterthon)
 - **STEAM Night** – Tuesday, November 18
 - **Thanksgiving Lunch** – Thursday, November 20
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3. PTO Update – Presented by Kristin Green

Recent Events & Fundraisers

Spirit Nights:

- August 13 – Ocean Bay Creamery
- September 19 – Stars and Strikes
- September 24 – Stella’s Ice Cream (*Battle of the Schools*)
- October 3 – Sky Zone
- November 5 – Bojangles

Boosterthon 2025:

- **Decorating Day:** November 5
- **Kickoff:** November 6
- **Fun Run:** November 14
- **Goal:** \$40,000

Upcoming Events

November

- November 20 – Thanksgiving Lunch (PTO covering cost for teachers and staff)

December

- December 2 – Christmas Movie Night (CD–2nd Grade) at 6:00 PM
- December 4 – Christmas Movie Night (3rd–5th Grade) at 6:00 PM
- December Spirit Night – Marcos Pizza – Thursday, December 11th

Additional Highlights

- Continued teacher appreciation efforts, including the Apple Buffet in September.
- Increased parent involvement through Open House, Trunk-or-Treat, and Boosterthon events.
- Spirit Rock will be painted before Thanksgiving break with a thankful message for teachers and staff.

- PTO leadership will meet in early January to review fundraising totals and plan spring initiatives, including Field Day support, Staff Appreciation Week, and year-end events.
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4. SIC Leadership and Meeting Schedule

Nominations:

- **Chair:** Megan McCrary
- **Co-Chair:** Heather Boykin
- **Secretary:** Kristin Green

Meeting Schedule:

- Meetings will be held monthly on the second Tuesday at 3:05 PM in the ROE Library.
 - December 9
 - January 13
 - February 10
 - March 10
 - April 14
 - May 12
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5. Committee Purpose and Next Steps

- The SIC reviews the School Improvement Plan and school goals to enhance the school climate and support overall success.
- The plan is renewed every five years and updated annually.
- Members are encouraged to bring ideas to the next meeting to help improve River Oaks Elementary.