

## **River Oaks Elementary School Improvement Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** December 9, 2025

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

**Virtual Attendees:** Shannon Nininger, Jilian Sansbury

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### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the November 6, 2025, meeting were reviewed and approved.

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### **1. Principal's Report – Presented by Mrs. Cazier**

- **Enrollment:** 690 students currently enrolled
  - **School Rating:** River Oaks Elementary received an “Excellent” rating on the Horry County School District Report Card
  - **Upcoming Events:**
    - Otternatos Concert – Thursday, December 11
    - Spirit Night – Marco’s Pizza – Thursday, December 11
    - Christmas BINGO – Tuesday, December 16
    - Dress Up Days – The 12 Dress Up Days of Christmas
    - Winter Break – December 22 through January 2
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### **2. PTO Update – Presented by Kristin Green**

#### **Spirit Nights:**

- December 11: Marco’s Pizza (all day)
- **2026 Spirit Nights (dates TBD):**
  - January – Chick-fil-A
  - February – Broadway at the Beach Family Night
  - March – Crazy Mason
  - April – Sweet Frog
  - May – Red Robin & Baked Bear
  - June – Myrtle Waves

**Boosterthon 2025:**

- Fundraising Goal: \$40,000
- Total Raised: \$53,778
- ROE Administration will participate in a llama-kissing event on December 19
  - 3rd grade invited to attend as the top fundraising grade
  - Llama provided by Wild Wood Farm at no cost
- PTO is exploring campus improvement purchases, including outdoor trash cans, basketball netting, and other student-benefiting upgrades

**Upcoming PTO Events:**

- December 12: Christmas Cookie Exchange (Teacher Giveback)
- December 16: Christmas BINGO Night at 6:00 PM

**Additional Notes:**

- PTO will provide Christmas gifts for all staff
  - PTO Board will meet to review fundraising totals and plan spring initiatives, including Field Day support, Staff Appreciation Week, and year-end events
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**3. School Report Card Overview – Presented by Mrs. Cazier**

- River Oaks Elementary was one of five elementary schools recognized as “Excellent”
  - **Student Climate Survey Results:**
    - Teachers: 93 responses
    - Students: 682 responses
    - Parents: 59 responses
  - Discussion held regarding increasing parent survey participation, including printing QR codes on carline yard signs and offering incentives for completion
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**4. House Model – Presented by Shannon Nininger**

- The House Model (inspired by *The Ron Clark Story*) was discussed as a positive reinforcement system designed to build community, teamwork, and student motivation
- Implementation will include 4th and 5th grade students
- Four Houses will be established: Red, Green, Yellow, and Blue

- Students will be assigned to Houses randomly and will not know their House in advance
  - Students will work collaboratively within their House to earn points for positive behavior, effort, and teamwork
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### **5. Focus Areas / SIC Projects**

- Expansion of sensory paths
  - School garden initiative
    - Potential Girl Scout Bronze Award Project
  - Development of a school morning show
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### **6. Meeting Schedule**

SIC meetings will be held monthly on the second Tuesday at 3:05 PM, in person.

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

- January 13
- February 10
- March 10
- April 14
- May 12