

River Oaks Elementary School Improvement Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 10, 2026

Attendees: Rene Cazier, Megan McCrary, Heather Boykin, Karen Bason, Barbie Earnest, Vinny Napolitano, Kristin Green

Virtual Attendees: Jillian Sansbury

Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the February 10, 2026, meeting were reviewed and approved.

Principal's Report

- Current student enrollment: 687 students
 - Staffing: No staffing updates at this time.
 - Teacher Professional Development:
 - Grade-level planning sessions held for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade teachers
 - 4th and 5th grade teachers participated in OGAP Math training, focusing on strategies that help students build a stronger mathematical foundation.
 - Teachers recently completed a Literacy professional development course.
 - Student Council:
 - The school is currently a Grand Prize finalist.
 - Students won the Talking Trash competition twice this year.
 - The grand prize would be a trip to SkyZone.
 - Clubs: After-school clubs began on Thursday and students are excited about participating.
 - Kids Heart Challenge: The school raised over \$8,000.
 - Afterschool Tutoring: Began today for 1st and 3rd grade students.
 - MAP Testing: Begins next Tuesday.
 - Upcoming Events:
 - March 19: 2nd Grade Music Performance
 - April 16: Literacy Night – Wicked themed event featuring Ed Piotrowski as the Tin Man
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PTO Report

Silent Auction (March 6 – March 13)

- The auction is off to a strong start with 123 items currently listed for bidding.
- The link in Ms. Judie's email did not work for iPhone users. A corrected email will be sent.
- Teachers are encouraged to continue sharing the auction link with families to increase participation.

Boosterthon

- Follow-up will be done with Boosterthon regarding prizes that are still pending.

Upcoming Spirit Nights

- March 12 – Crazy Mason (3:00 PM – 9:00 PM)
Volunteers are needed to staff the PTO table and help promote the Parent Survey.
(76➤ .donation)
- March 24 – Tavern in the Forest (3:00 PM – 9:00 PM) (71➤ .donation)
- April 14 – Sweet Frog (3:00 PM – 8:30 PM)
The Sweet Frog mascot will visit the school.
- April 21 – Fullybelly BBQ (3:00 PM – 8:00 PM) (70➤ .donation)
- May 14 – Red Robin (11:00 AM – 10:00 PM)
- June 5 – Baked Bear (1:00 PM – 9:30 PM)

School Climate Survey for Parents

The council discussed strategies to increase participation in the Parent School Climate Survey.

Action items include:

- Promoting the survey at Spirit Nights through the PTO table.
- Encouraging the Front Office and teachers to continue sharing the survey with families.

House Model – Continued Discussion for Next Year

The council continued planning for the implementation of a House Model system.

Discussion points included:

- Identifying incentives students would be excited to earn.

- Creating ways for students to earn house points, potentially building off the current Otter Bucks system.
 - Considering a shift where Otter Bucks contributes toward house rewards instead of individual prizes.
 - Providing certificates for positive behavior referrals.
 - During quarterly award ceremonies recognize house achievements.
 - Involving Student Council to help identify incentives students would enjoy.
 - Assigning siblings to the same house to encourage family involvement.
 - Potential rewards discussed included school experiences such as hula/fire performances, pirate events, water slides, and other special activities.
 - Conduct surveys of students and teachers to gather feedback on incentives.
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PTO Funding Questions

Heather shared that some parents have asked how PTO funds are being spent.

Discussion included:

- Parents are interested in understanding what items or improvements the funds will support, not just the total amount raised.
 - Vinny requested that all questions regarding PTO spending be directed to the PTO email.
 - The PTO is currently gathering information and quotes for several outdoor improvements requested by the school, and decisions will be finalized soon.
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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 PM.