

**RIVERDALE KINGSBRIDGE ACADEMY  
PARENTS ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MEETING MINUTES - 10/6/2014**

Room 103

Co-Presidents Taffy Dabby and Amy Carr presiding. List of participants available upon request.

Meeting called to order at 6:20 PM.

Co-Presidents Taffy Dabby and Amy Car welcomed the group to the second PA meeting of the school year. While attendance at PA meetings seems to have increased from prior years, the increase is slight and nowhere representative of the student population. There was a discussion on ways to encourage parent participation with an emphasis on new 6th grade/middle school parents and families. The idea of hosting more "targeted" meetings, covering topics that would appeal particularly to new middle school parents (ie; transition to middle school, encouraging organizational skills, ELA/math curriculum review etc) was discussed. The group also discussed the idea of sponsoring fundraisers to raise money for specific school "causes" - ie, the annual fall Car Wash to raise funds for school athletics, the winter arts festival to raise funds for music and arts programs etc. The group will also consider the possibility of hosting a small auction in conjunction with the winter arts festival.

In the absence of PA Treasurer, Taffy Dabby presented a brief overview of the budget. (Budget income-expense breakdown available upon request.) While monies earned to date don't seem to be too far off from expectations, there is a growing drop in income, most obvious at the car wash and merchandise sales at Back to School night. Executive Board members continue to seek out and encourage new ideas for fundraising.

Parent volunteers are needed for upcoming school photo day on 10/6 and 10/7.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnne Jurcic, Recording Secretary