**Ritchie Park Elementary PTA**

**Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2011**

Attendees: See sign in sheet attached……

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM

November 1, 2011 PTA meeting minutes approved.

**Membership report:**

Marquette was absent, no report at this time.

**ADVOCACY REPORT:**

Jennifer reported that the Board of Education is meeting in February; dates will be emailed to all of us to show up at this meeting. On January 4th there will be a MCPS forum regarding the MOE (maintenance of effort)

**PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:**

The Scholastic book fair brought in $4,100 cash to the PTA, there were total sales of $16,742 which was $700 more than last year. 25% of the sales took place during the story telling night. Erin thanked everyone who participated and staffed the book fair.

International night was a big success and lots of fun as reported by Rosi.

Holiday gift collection for teachers and staff is due by 12/14/11. All money will be pooled and split.

Community Service – Walk for Heroes turned out to be a very nice affair, the residents of Raphael House really enjoyed the students who came over to visit.

Variety show – Tonya updated that as of now everything was running smoothly.

Restaurant night – next event is 12/14/11 at Ledos, 20% of all in house dining and take out will go to RPES if we mention the school. The events brought in $559 form Mama Lucia, $175 from California Tortilla and $189 from elevation Burger.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Snacks in the cafeteria was discussed (quite heatedly). The matter is confusing and holds many firm opinions. The question brought to Ms. Long was ‘Why we offer unhealthy snacks when it is s not a MCPS requirement’. Ms. Long’s position was that it brought in revenue, the kids enjoyed it and it is completely by choice. If we do not want our children to partake, there are ways to monitor their purchases on line and is something to be discussed at home.

**ANNOUCEMENT:**

No PTA Meeting in January

Ledo pizza night (Travilah Square) is 12/14 5-9 PM

Winter Chorus concert, 12/14/11

Variety Show volunteer meeting, 12/19/11

Winter Break, school closed 12/26-1/2

Variety Show previews 1/3 & ¼

MLK Jr day, school closed 1/16

Variety Show @ RM, 1/20

Professional Day, School closed 1/23

Winter Instrumental music concert, 1/26

PTA meeting 2/7

Cluster con cert 2/8

Music and dance night – manna food drive, 2/24