

**RBHS PTO MEETING**  
**Held Monday, May 4, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President, Pam Powers

**OPENING CEREMONIES:** Pledge of Allegiance and introductions.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Kristin reported that RB was ranked tenth out of 72 Illinois Schools and 454<sup>th</sup> out of 2,332 schools nationally in the Washington Post's 2015 Most Challenging High Schools. The index score is a ratio: the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Advanced International Certificate of Education tests given at a school each year, divided by the number of seniors who graduated that year. A ratio of 1.000 means the school had as many tests as graduates. The PARCC testing was completed last week. Advancement placement tests started today and will go on for two weeks. RB had students compete in the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) state math competition at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign on May 2. Freshman, Jackson Hajer competed in the individual algebra competition, senior David Buksa competed in the individual pre-calculus competition, and senior David Buksa and junior Alec Frank competed in the orals team competition

On April 17, members of FCCLA traveled to Springfield to compete in the state competition.

Natalie Gutierrez- Cake Decorating- 1st Place

Isabella Martucci- Cookie Decorating- 2nd Place

Zoe Jacquat- Apparel Construction- 2nd Place

Mimi Pena and Chrissy Gruber- International Experience- 2nd Place

Anisa Selencia- Children's Literature- 3rd Place

Rachel Magee and McKenna Kunish- International Experience- 3rd Place

A Senior bulletin was emailed. Information about the senior picnic, cap and gown pick up and graduation was in the bulletin. The senior picnic will be held in the gym this year. There will be a dunk tank and photo booth. The newsletter will be coming out. We are busy with upcoming events: Senior Awards on Wednesday, 5/6, Spring choir on Thursday, 5/7, chamber orchestra concert 5/11, Apollo awards, 5/14. There is not much to report regarding the construction on the field. More information will be presented at the BOE meeting.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Minutes posted on the website before they are approved should have "Post as Draft" on them. Corrections to the minutes: Changed p.n. to p.m., changed days to match dates for residency, revised wording for the RB Boutique and changed teacher appreciation date to May 5<sup>th</sup> not 2<sup>nd</sup>.

A motion was made by Jeannine Glavas-Cowell to approve the minutes with said corrections, second by Doris Perry. Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Renee reported the financials for PTO. Music Sponsor's financial report is not complete. Our teacher/staff grant money has been expended. The staff luncheon came in under budget. Please get all receipts in to Renee by May 31<sup>st</sup>. A motion was made by Sue Huhndorf-Payne to accept the financial report presented. Second by Kathi Parisi. Renee presented the interim budget for 2015-2016. This will help the PTO operate during the summer. The budget will be worked on for September 2105.

A motion was made by Jeannine Glavas-Cowell to accept the interim budget. Second by Doris Perry. Motion passed. Music sponsors will be making a clean break from being a committee under the PTO. A new checking account will be opened and PTO will transfer their money to the new account.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:** The 2015-2016 RBHS PTO Executive Board Slate of Officers was presented by the Secretary. There were no nominations from the floor.

Jeannine Glavas-Cowell and Pam Powers – President

Liz Gomorczak – VP – Communications

Veronica Diaz – VP of Special Events

Kathi Parisi – VP of Philanthropy

Jane Wilhelm – Treasurer

Heather Elwart – Secretary

Melinda Brom – Parliamentarian

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A motion was made by Renee Buksa to accept the slate as presented. Second by Doris Perry. Motion passed.

**STAFF GRANTS:** A staff grant request for \$80 to help students with prom ticket purchase was received from Tammy Mollo and John Passarella. At our last PTO meeting we approved a higher amount up to \$700. We received three more grants, one from Mr. Gibbons for advanced placement training, second from Mr. Reingruber for \$500 for attendance to the National Assoc. of College Admissions counseling national conference and third one from Ms. Osburn in the amount of \$762.50 for the bus to for prom. We could not fulfill these requests since our budget for this item was expended. A motion was made by Jeannine Glavas-Cowell to decline these requests. Second by Doris Perry. Motion passed. This is what is currently in our Operations Manual: The PTO budget for grants has been expended so we could not assist with these requests. Funding assistance is made available to faculty and staff for various student related activities and projects that otherwise would not be available. Funding decisions are based on, but not limited to, those requests that benefit the greatest number of students and lack other sources of funds. It was decided that the PTO should send a letter to the faculty reiterating our policy for grants. The PTO will define the policy more over the summer.

**YEAT'S BRANNICK MEMORIAL:** The memorial for Yeat Brannick is a framed piece of art work that was completed by an RB student. A check will be sent to this student. Renee will need a check request. Pam will handle.

**DAY OF SERVICE:** Dina Sanchez reported that we had 180 students participate along with 50 adults/staff and Olmsted Society. We worked at 23 sites. We had 31 sponsors donate food and drinks. The event was a success! There was a gift card given to us as a food donation. This will be given to the Senior Awards' chairperson for the reception afterwards. Pam said that despite the cold and rain and mud, the kids did not complain! Thank you Dina for doing a great job with this event. Pam presented a thank you gift to Dina.

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY:** This event took place on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Irish Times. Thank you to Sue and Kathi for organizing this first time event. There were approx. 75-76 invites sent out. We had 25 in attendance. It was a great night!

**SENIOR AWARDS:** We still need volunteers to help with set up, clean up and food donations. We will put this out on Skyward again.

**STAFF APPRECIATION DAY:** Tomorrow the staff will received a small token of appreciation.

A motion was made by Sue Huhndorf-Payne to adjourn the meeting. Second by Jeannine Glavas-Cowell. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Kathy Barcal – PTO Secretary