

RBHS PTO MEETING
Held Monday, April 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Pam Powers.

OPENING CEREMONIES: Pledge of Allegiance and introductions.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Kristin reported that PARCC testing will take place later this month and will have a different format. The testing will take place in the afternoon with classes in the morning. This will take two half days to test. The overall scores will be received late May/early June. Scores will be based on common core standards per grade. As part of the Positive Behavioral Support, those that attend school on a regular basis will enjoy their lunch on the lawn. PBS is a researched-based, school-wide system that applies validated behavioral principles that focus on building a positive social environment. Those who have good attendance in April will eat their lunch on the lawn in May. The Academic and Athletic Summer Catalog is now on line. There are new feeder courses and a new creative writing course. There are new schedules available for Prep AP courses. These are now three days. Parking permits for students have not been forwarded yet due to the construction. We will have approx. 50 available at the start of the school year. Construction completion date is Oct. 1. We currently have 85 – 100. The constructions should resume around May 1st. The marquee will go back up when the lights go back up. The construction will start tentatively on Oct. 1st with the field first and then the track. Our sporting events for the beginning of the year have been relocated. This has been communicated to parents. "What I Wish I Had Known" for Sophomores and Juniors will take place on Wednesday, 4/15 at 7 p.m. There will be a day of silence on Friday, 4/7. FCCLA is going to State. There are participants in cake decorating and fashion design. Residency will be three days with all of them being held from 12 p.m. – 8 p.m. The dates for residency are Thursday, 7/16, Wednesday, 7/22 and Tuesday, 7/28. Freshman will receive Chrome Books.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by Sue Huhndorf-Payne to accept the minutes from the PTO meeting held on Monday, March 9, 2015, second by Kathi Parisi. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The financial report for the PTO dated 3/31/15 was presented. Renee reported that we received donations from the Olmsted Society in the amount of \$500, First National Bank \$500, \$50 Riverside and \$50 from Sanctuary. RB Boutique: We sold \$1,247.00. The net income will be \$150 higher once we receive our deposit back from the Hollywood House. We have paid out the staff grants and have \$700 remaining. Receipts are still coming in for the staff lunch. Music Sponsor's financial report dated 3/31/15 was presented. Music Sponsors are still collecting money for their chocolate bar sale. There was a teacher wish list item that as given in the amount of \$415. Apollo Awards are coming up.

A motion was made by Kathy Barcal to approve both the PTO and the Music Sponsor's financial reports. Second by Kathi Parisi. Motion passed.

BUSINESS ITEMS: Kathy Barcal presented the RBHS PTO proposed slate for 2015-2016.

Co-Presidents: Pam Powers & Jeannine Glavas, VP Communications: Liz Gomorzak, VP Membership: Sue Huhndorf-Payne, VP Philanthropy: Kathi Parisi, VP Special Events: Veronica Diaz, Treasurer: Jane Wilhelm, Secretary: Heather Elwart and Parliamentarian: Melinda Brom.

Staff Grant Request: Mr. Passarella is requesting \$320 for the purchase of four prom tickets for students that have indicated they cannot afford the prom ticket. Much discussion ensued about students who have hardships and cannot afford prom tickets, dresses, etc. We also discussed the cost of prom, the venues and transportation. What is the process for choosing who gets the Prom tickets? If the Prom ticket(s) go to any girls, the PTO would like to give them a prom dress for FREE from the RB Boutique. Questions that were raised: Are there enough tickets sold? How many?

A motion was made by Liz Gomorzak to give up to \$700 towards Prom tickets for students with hardships. Second by Jeannine Glavas. Motion passed. Pam will write up the details on Mr. Passarella's request. An idea for next year: raffle Prom tickets at the RB Boutique and give discounted Prom tickets.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: RB Boutique: Pam thanked Kathi Parisi for all of her hard work and time in making our first boutique a success! The venue was beautiful. Pam presented a small token of appreciation. Kathi reported that the event has received fantastic feedback. We had many volunteers who worked many hours before, during and after the event. We received great community support. We should hold this event next year and maybe have it two days. We received 387 dresses, 135 accessory items, 17 shoes, 10 purses and much more. Kathi reported that we did cover our startup cost. We had a nice article in the Landmark! Kathi was contacted by Addison Trail. They would like to do this type of event. For next year: possibly a Riverside venue. Next year, it will be our own pop up boutique available to all girls. This will be our own event. We could have the dresses be modeled during lunch in the cafeteria. Push advertising more with posters and the newspapers. The dresses are currently in the PTO closet.

Day of Service: The event will take place on Saturday, April 25th. We currently have 315 kids registered with 31 team leaders and 13 teachers/coaches. Veronica Diaz, Sue Payne and Diane Hettasch are coordinating the food. We have Chik-fil-A is donating food. The t-shirts have been ordered. At the after party, we would like to have a special presentation for Mr. Passarella. A video was put together by faculty and students. This will be shown at the event.

Volunteer Appreciation Day: This event will be held on Saturday, May 2nd at Irish Times from 7:00 – 10:00.

Senior Awards: This event will take place on Wednesday, May 6th at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Jill Rock and Karen Dziagwa are co-chairing. The invites will be sent out to all the students. There will be refreshments and snacks after the ceremony. Jill passed around the volunteer sheet and it will also be sent out via email.

Teacher Appreciation Day: Tuesday, May 5th. We will give the teachers and staff small tokens of appreciation. We will give them their gifts during lunch from 10:30 – 12:30 in the teachers' lounge. There are 152 staff.

A motion was made by Liz Gomorzczak to adjourn the meeting. Second my Jeannine Glavas. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,
Kathy Barcal – PTO Secretary