

## RBHS PTO MEETING

Held on Monday, January 5, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by PTO President, Pam Powers.

### **OPENING CEREMONIES:** Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions were done at the beginning of the meeting for Beth Augustine, Director of Student Services.

**PRESENTATION:** Beth Augustine from Director of Student Services presented information of the student services department. Highlights: There are five counselors each has 315 students. Meetings: Freshman – 3 meetings, Sophomores – 3 meetings, Juniors – 4 meetings and Seniors – 2 meetings. Individual meetings are scheduled as needed. Reasons to have a counselor: Course selection, scheduling questions, summer school opportunities, concerns-such as emotional or social well-being, information about specific needs/family situations. Counselors can help with standardized tests, student's overall academic performance, tutoring from NHS or help coordinate meetings with teachers. Tools to use: Naviance, Schoology. Need to obtain information about logging in, then contact April Englehart. Social workers are also available to meet with students. Year at a glance: August-Senior Countdown to College Night, Sept.-Freshman, Nov.-Financial Aide Presentation, Dec.-College Night with Juniors and a panel, Jan.-Financial Planning Night, Feb.-FAFSA Night and April-What I Wish I Would Have Known.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Kristin reported that our Scholastic Team went undefeated. Our math team placed second in conference. ILMEA Statewide Jazz - Alex Tong placed third in the jazz instrumental category. Our boys' and girls' basketball teams won. The girls took first place and the boys took second. Computer Science Principals will be offered next year and the following year the students will take AP. Incoming Freshman Curriculum and Registration Night will be held on Wed., 1/15 at 7 p.m. Information about PAARC testing is in the district newsletter. PAARC testing will be taken by those students in Geometry/Honors Geometry, English 10/English 10 Honors in March and May. The real PAARC will be taken next year. Kristin informed us that the parent survey was completed by over 20% of families and 100% of faculty. Teams are currently reviewing the surveys. The demolition of the football field and stadium will begin Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>. We are currently meeting with Hollywood Principal. This presentation can be viewed at [www.rbhspto.org](http://www.rbhspto.org)

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Pam informed us that we are looking into the leadership project (prior one was the J. Kyle Braid program). We are working with Kim Hayes and John Passarella. The program being looked into is called, Iron Oaks. It would be a four hour program for 14 kids with the cost being \$275 per kid. An eight hour program would cost \$525. The PTO would raise funds to assist with this program. There would be transportation costs as well. Once the students have attended the program, they would come back to create a program for other kids. PTO has been sending out staff birthday e-cards. We have been receiving great responses from the faculty who are very appreciative of receiving the cards. We have had no sales of the sports decals. We will do another blitz to promote the sale of the decals. We will also ask the Booster Club to help us sell them.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** One correction: the spelling of Mr. Monti's name. A motion was made by Sue Huhndorf-Payne to approve the minutes with the correction. Second by Teresa Jimenez. Motion passed, minutes approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Renee presented the PTO financial report dated 12/31/14. There was not a lot of activity. We paid \$250 for the Veteran's Day program. Renee also presented the Music Sponsor's financial report dated 11/30/14. There were cheesecake sale expenses and income. There was income from the Holiday ads for the program book. They did a great job on their candy sale fundraiser. A motion was made by Kathy Barcal to approve both financial reports. Second by Jeannine Glavas-Cowell. Reports were approved.

**STAFF GRANTS:** Kathi Parisi presented a grant request from Kim Hayes and Lori Sullivan. The PBS Acknowledgement Committee and the Continuous School Improvement Team are in need of additional funding to support the new and exciting initiatives planned for the remainder of the school year. The funds will also be used to support the Bulldog Buck prizes. The request for \$300 - \$450. A motion was made by Sue Huhndorf-Payne to give \$300 for this staff grant. Second by Kathy Barcal. Motion approved.

The second grant request from Gary Prokes is in the amount of \$752.35 to apply to updating the studio's equipment. Mr. Prokes is doing an improvement of the studio over time. After much discussion, it was decided to table this request until our February meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: We Are RB:** Thank you to Liz for coordinating our booth at We Are RB. It was the best turn out that have had! The groups present were PTO, Boosters and Music Sponsors. We gave a way t-shirts.

**Staff Appreciation Lunch:** Laura Surprenant and Teresa Jimenez are the co-chairs for this event. The theme this year is Chinese New Year. The luncheon will be held on 2/10. The food will be from Golden Wok. Maura Kennedy will get out the invitations. An email will be sent out to recruit volunteers and solicit donations. Laura needs a staff count. **RB Boutique:** Kathi informed us that a press release went out about the event. All five drop off locations have bins and tax identification certificates. We have had a great response from the community and the RBHS community! We are aiming to have this be a community event. The next committee meeting is on 1/15 at 7 p.m. **Day of Service:** The event will take place on 4/25 and is chaired by Dina Sanchez. There will be a meeting on 1/14 in the Teacher's Lounge. We need assistance working with the villages.

The next PTO meeting will be held on Monday, 2/2 at 7 p.m.

A motion was made at 8:57 p.m. by Jeannine Glavas-Cowell to adjourn the meeting. Second by Sue Huhndorf-Payne. Motion passed, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Kathy Barcal  
RBHS PTO Secretary