

**RBHS PTO MEETING**  
**Held on Monday, March 9, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by PTO President, Pam Powers.

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

**PRESENTATION – Finding Summer Enrichment Opportunities to Match Your Child’s Interests**

Ms. Smetana reported on the opportunities offered at RBHS. The Summer School program offers academic courses, academic workshops, academic camps, credit recovery on-line program and athletic camps.

Mr. Rolando Martinez, M.Ed., Triton College Relations Associate shared information from Triton Community College. There are a variety of workshops and summer camps offered to students. He also informed the participants of Triton’s Scholar’s Program. The college offers a 2 year program for academically talented in-district residents, if the prospective student meets the eligibility criteria, the student could receive full academic scholarships and/or waiver of in-district tuition.

Ms. Smetana introduced RB students who shared their summer experiences:

Ms. Hannah Ranft shared her experience from Brown University in Cultural Anthropology. Her course lasted 3 weeks. Hannah did submit a letter and essay with her application. There were students from China and Brazil who also attended this program. She also applied for assistance from RBEF.

Ms. Molly Cunningham shared her experience from Indiana University Journalism Camp. Her camp was 10 days in length. They worked on feature writing and spent time also on yearbook production. She also shared that some schools sent their entire yearbook staff and school newspapers. Molly also applied for a RBEF grant.

Mr. Alex Tong shared his experience from IIT. Alex explained that he has interest in Engineering and Architecture. His architecture interest encompassed studio experience in which they were able to design their own space. The engineering experience offered him an opportunity for the design process and building a bridge. He also stated that other attendees shared the type of engineering classes their high schools offer the students. Alex also applied for a grant from RBEF.

Ms. McKenna Powers shared her experience at Camp Miniwanca/Odyssey. Her program offered a variety of experiences for attendees to develop their skills in leadership and how to be more self-sufficient.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:** Kristin reported that PARCC testing will take place March 16 – 20 in English and Geometry. RB is anticipating to receive results from the testing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of April. Students are being encouraged to exceed attendance standards so they can have “Lunch on the Lawn” during the months of April/May. The goal is to have attendance exceed 95%. She provided a Technology update and 1:1 initiative for the incoming freshman class. The School Board will hear the presentation at the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Upcoming events include Tolerance Week/Activities March 16-March 20; College Planning Tips 3/17; Local Scholarships are due 3/13; Chamber Orchestra 3/16; RBHS Boys Basketball team won Regionals. The students honored Chris Ellis, a 5 year old area resident. His was made an honorary Bulldog. All school organizations, bands and choir participated in the day. Chris was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma Stage IV. Students and staff participated in the Polar Plunge which raised \$2000 for Special Olympics. The Chess Team placed 76<sup>th</sup>, Scholar Bowl placed 17<sup>th</sup> and wrestling also placed students in competitions.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:** A correction to the February 9, 2015 minutes to strike “practice” ACT. A motion was made by Jeannine Glavas-Cowell to approve the corrected minutes from the February 9, 2015 PTO meeting. Second by Sue Huhndorf-Payne. Motion passed, minutes approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** The PTO financial report dated 2/28/15 was presented. **Music Sponsors:** The financial report dated 2/28/14 was presented. They are still collecting money from the candy sale. A motion was made by Liz Gomorzak to approve both financial reports presented. Second by Carol

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Barlow. Motion passed, financial reports approved. **Proposed Budget Amendment:** Add additional funding for RB Boutique. Budget an additional \$250 for items to be purchased for staging/supplies for the event. A motion was made by Jeannine Glavas-Cowell to accept the proposed amendments to the budget. Second by Sue Huhndorf-Payne. Motion passed.

**PROPOSED BY-LAWS AMENDEMENT:** Jeannine presented the bylaws amendment at the February 2015 meeting. The proposed amendment to the by-laws as it relates to the term of offices. The amendment is in Section 3: Term, last sentence being added. No member shall hold more than one (1) office at a time, and no member shall be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office, **except that an officer may serve a third year as co-officer in the same office for transition purposes.** A motion was made by Sue Huhndorf-Payne to accept the proposed bylaws amendment. Second by Renee Buksa. Motion passed.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Jeannine introduced the members of the committee, Laura Suprenant, Teresa Speziale, and Jeannine representing the PTO Board. Alternates Renee Buksa, Heather Elwart. A motion was made by Sue Huhndorf-Payne to accept the committee members. Second by Pam Powers. Motion passed. Slate to be presented in April and May is the election of officers.

**STAFF GRANT REQUEST** – Mr. Dan O'Rourke requested assistance in paying for professional development in which he was accepted to participate in a Marine Education Fellowship. The experience would provide a bridge for AP Language/Comp and APES. Mr. O'Rourke has paid for \$250 for the registration process and flight \$853. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Jeannine Glavas-Cowell to pay for the \$250 registration fee. Second by Sue Huhndorf-Payne. Motion passed.

**STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON** – Ms. Smetana expressed to the PTO a Thank You for the lunch. Staff was extremely appreciative of the support and recognition of the PTO. A Thank You card was presented to the members.

**RB BOUTIQUE:** Kathi reported that the Boutique will be held on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Hollywood Community House. At this time we have over 300 dresses, 50 pairs of shoes and various styles of jewelry.

**DAY OF SERVICE:** The event will take place on April 25<sup>th</sup>. A variety of projects are available for various groups to work on, student registration will be held during lunch from 3.16 to 3.20.15, teacher sign-up ends 3.13.15. A logo contest was held and Remy Doornobos was the selected the winner.

The next PTO meeting will be held on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

A motion was made by Sue Huhndorf-Payne to adjourn the meeting. Second by Renee Buksa. Motion passed, meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Doris Perry – VP Music Sponsors