

RBHS PTO Meeting  
Held on Monday, September 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order at approx. 7:02 p.m. by our co-president, Pam Powers. **OPENING CEREMONIES:** We started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

**CO-PRESIDENTS REMARKS:** Jeannine reported on what the PTO has been working on for the past two years. The PTO has developed a website, eblasts, Day of Service, RB Boutique, Iron Oaks leadership program, sport/activity decals and senior lawn signs. The PTO hosted staff and volunteer appreciation days. The name changed to RBHS PTO and some new executive board positions were added. The PTO sent out a survey and we have received 200 responses so far. Survey deadline is September 30, 2015. At our monthly PTO meetings we will be hosting some forums. Everyone was encouraged to share topic ideas. Academic enrichment is the topic of the October meeting. Music Sponsors is no longer under the PTO. They now have their own 501C3.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Dr. Kevin Skinkis thanked the PTO for all they have done in his 5 years. He acknowledged that parent involvement is harder as children get older. He shared that the Board passed a balanced budget for the 2015-2016 school year with a surplus of \$35,000. There was a 2.9 increase in teachers and lower class sizes in core classes. Dr. Skinkis reminded everyone that the Board meetings are televised on RBTV. He reported how RB has a 96.6% student attendance rate for 2-4 year universities. That percentage has been on an incline since the 4 years they have been tracking this information. RB had a 92.8% graduation rate last year. This includes all students in those 4 years. The next Board meeting is September 22. ACT/SAT data will be presented. Dr. Skinkis reminded everyone that RB was approved for a 6.7 million dollar life safety capital bond. RB has 5 years (from 2013) to finish the concerns. RB received a AA+ bond rating so a lower interest rate was received. The Board plans to refinance this fall to lower the rates. **FIELD/STADIUM UPDATE:** The field project is now 60% complete. The first football game will be October 2, 2015. The project will be 85% completed by then. October 3, 2015 will be first soccer game. The track will be poured in October. The bleachers are 75% complete, turf is being installed. He emphasized it will be ready for homecoming. No update on the tennis courts and parking lots. First court date is at the end of September. The Board is trying to work with the Village of Brookfield to settle before the court date. He stressed they are hoping to resolve, to spend the money on better things.

**PRINCIPAL REPORT:** Kristin thanked the PTO for the welcome back breakfast. She mentioned that staff was very grateful. She shared that all freshman have chrome books. They had a two day training on the 1:1 initiative. There are other technology resources for the other grade levels. There are classrooms with chrome books that classes can go to use. Kristin mentioned there are great research opportunities online and so many positive things going on with technology. A student run help desk is starting next week. A parent technology series is being offered for freshman parents. The next one is October 5. RB is offering an ACT prep class to seniors that didn't perform as well as they had hoped. It is to prepare them for the ACT national test on October 24, 2015. RB is encouraging "Bulldog Pride". They are focusing on positive behavior, character counts and on attendance. ID's are being scanned in the mornings if a student is late. This is to help hold students accountable if they are tardy. Kristin shared there is a new ski and snowboard club and the art club is back. On Thursday, September 18, 2015 44 students will be going to Iron Oaks. Teachers recommended students to attend this leadership training opportunity. To increase communication 3 twitter accounts have been created. The feeds are available on the website. Kristin reported that 500 students joined fall sports. The fall play will be The Great Gatsby. RB had 3 Senior National Merit Scholars. Friday is the deadline for sophomores to take the PSAT. Last year 533 students took an AP class and 1,249 exams were given. Of those, 55.7% passed the exam with a score of 3 or better.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The May minutes had 2 corrections. A motion was made by Kathi Parisi to approve the May minutes, second by Jeannine Glavas-Cowell. Motion passes, minutes were approved. Membership report: Membership total is 344 of which 323 are families and 21 are staff. Membership is down some. It was mentioned that the first day of residency was confusing.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jane Wilhelm presented the report that ended on June 30, 2015. It showed a \$7372.67 ending balance. A motion was made by Sue Huhndorf-Payne to approve the June 30, 2015 financial reports presented, second by Kathi Parisi. Motion passed, financial reports were approved. The music sponsors report was presented from June 15, 2015. It showed an ending balance of \$4612.16. A motion was made by Heather Elwart to approve the June 15, 2015 music sponsors financial reports presented, second by Sue Huhndorf-Payne. Motion passed, financial reports were approved. Jane presented the financial review committee; Raul Sanchez, Sandy Bakalich and Ann Kodama. A motion was made by Kathi Parisi to approve the members of the financial review committee, second by Veronica Diaz. Motion passed, committee was approved. Jane presented the 2015-2016 proposed budget. It shows an ending balance of \$6598.00. The motion was made by Veronica Diaz to approve the 2015-2016 proposed PTO budget, second by Jeannine Glavas-Cowell. Motion passed, proposed budget approved. Jane presented the performance to budget for 7/1/15-

8/31/15. A motion was made by Sue Huhndorf-Payne to accept the performance to budget for 7/1/15-8/31/15, second by Kathi Parisi. Motion passed and approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FRESHMAN FAMILY WELCOME:** It was a successful night and well-attended by students, staff and parents. This year a number of informational tables were added as a resource for parents and students. A few freshman parents at tonight's meeting found the event informative, felt that the student volunteers at the event were welcoming and they were pleased to meet other freshman parents.

**STAFF WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST:** It was well attended and staff seemed very grateful.

**OPEN HOUSE:** The evening was well attended. The directories were passed out to PTO members. If members did not pick up their directory at open house, students will be able to pick up directories at the welcome center (security station)

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Students attending a new leadership program at Iron Oaks on September 18, 2015. New program for teachers to nominate students that may not always get recognized. Students will learn team building and leadership skills. They will bring these skills back to RB. Veterans assembly and breakfast will be on November 11, 2015. "We are RB", an event for 8th grade students and their parents, will be on December 2, 2015. The next PTO meeting will be on October 5, 2015. There will be a presentation on academic enrichment.

A motion was made by Melinda Brom to adjourn the meeting, second by Sue Huhndorf-Payne. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Heather Elwart - Secretary