

RBHS PTO Meeting

Held on Monday, September 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by our president, Mary Ellen Meindl.

OPENING CEREMONIES: We started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATION:

Dr. Kevin Skinkis reported on what is happening at RB the 2017-2018 school year. Dr. Skinkis shared that at the Board of Education meeting, the Board will be voting to refinance some bonds from 2006. Our school is funded 93-95% by real estate taxes. The Board will be voting on borrowing 2-3 million in working cash bonds to bridge the gap we will have until we have some retirees and some other changes. RB is also looking into a long term lease option with the zoo and the county for the fields next to RB. This would allow RB to move some games and practices back to the school. The Board will approve the budget tomorrow. We will run at a slight deficit this year. We have had a balanced budget for the last 5 years. We have 4-5 months in reserves. We are financially sound. This year RB has 103 teachers. We will be looking for a full time athletic director next year. The past 3 years the position has been held by 2 part time retired athletic directors.

Principal Kristin Smetana gave her report. We are in the third year of the 1:1 initiative. Freshman received training on how to use the Chromebooks. Kristin shared that the dual credit with Loyola for some AP classes is happening again this year. This year Juniors will be the last group taking both SAT and ACT at school. After this year students will only take the SAT. This is the test the state offers. RB is looking to host a night in November for parents about testing. This year the Principal and SA president are hosting a monthly PODcast. Homecoming events start Sunday, September 16. There will be daily happenings during the week. That week there will also be an activity fair. We have a new robotics club. The fall play will be held November 9-11. Kristin thanked the PTO for the welcome back breakfast and for the grant that we are supporting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The minutes from the May meeting were presented. A motion by Matia Marcucci was made to approve the minutes. Second by Sondie Krumm-Carlson. Motion passes, minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Paula reported that in the summer a review committee checked over the financial documents and that everything checked out. We ended the school year with approximately \$7700.00. In the proposed budget we have increased the summer enrichment grant by \$1000.00. We also lowered the budgeted amount for membership. A motion was made by Sandy Briolat to approve the proposed 2017-2018 budget. Second by Lisa Gaynor. Motion passes and budget is approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Membership update: 306 members, 10 staff members
- B. Freshman family welcome night was a success. We had over 400 people there.
- C. Staff welcome back breakfast was well received. We went with a fall theme and had some healthy options.
- D. At the "countdown to college" night, the PTO sold Senior lawn signs.
- E. At open house we had 25 families join and we passed out the directories.

- F. RB Boutique was held on September 9. We made \$286.00. We need more inventory. Looking into ways to collect more dress donations. We will host the boutique again on March 3.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Staff grants. There is a request for \$380.00 for novels for the Spanish classes. A motion was made to grant \$380.00 for novels for the Spanish classes by Sandy Briolat. Second by Michelle Marconi. Motion passes and is approved.
- B. Parent teacher conferences are on October 26.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- A. Veteran's assembly breakfast will be on November 10. The PTO donated money for this.
- B. Future Bulldog night will be on January 17, 2018. The PTO will have a table there.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next PTO meeting is on Monday, October 2, 2017.

A motion was made by Sondie Krumm-Carlson to adjourn the meeting, second by Paula Fritsch. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by,
Heather Elwart - Secretary