

RBHS PTO Meeting

Held on Monday, September 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by our president, Mary Ellen Meindl.

OPENING CEREMONIES: We started with the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions were made.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATION: Dr. Skinkis spoke at the PTO meeting. He is in 6th year at RB as superintendent. He shared that construction projects are coming to an end. We will have a new gym floor and new bleachers. We will have \$4 million dollars in roof improvements and work has been done to the old main entrance. Hopefully, the work will be done by the end of October. Some roof work and minor flood control in the basement are still going to be done over the next couple years. Dr. Skinkis mentioned that teacher contract negotiations are moving in positive directions. Hopefully, it will be complete before the holidays. The budget passed last Tuesday, September 13, 2016. We have a surplus just over \$10,000. We have a total of 104 teachers, 4 are new this year. Dr. Skinkis gave an update on the tennis courts and the parking lot. The zoo owns the gated lot. RB rents the Rockefeller lot from the Village of Brookfield. RB pays \$35,000 a year in temporary parking. Dr. Skinkis went on to review the past history with the Village of Brookfield. RB in the beginning was looking to add 90 parking spots. It's plans passed the Village of Brookfield's zoning board, but did not pass the village board. RB is going through litigation with the Village of Brookfield over this. All parties met at the end of August. RB suggested 60 spots instead of 90. The Village of Brookfield said no. Dr. Skinkis asked everyone to please call your local officials to put pressure on them to settle this.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: RB is in the 2nd year in its 1 to 1 initiative with the Chromebooks. A student run help desk is available for students. RB is hosting a parent technology series. It is meeting on September 26 at 6:00 pm. RB is offering a free ACT prep course to seniors that were selected that didn't meet benchmarks. A letter is being sent to parents about standardized testing. It will be coming out in October. RB is paying for an ACT test for this year and next. Freshman will take PSAT 9 in April. Three dual credit courses this year. Two from Loyola and one from Triton. Senior and freshman parents should be receiving eblasts regarding immunizations. They must be done by October 15. On Wednesday, September 21, RB is hosting a community awareness night. Police from all areas coming to talk about hot topics. There will be an activity fair before and during lunch. New clubs are being formed by students. The fall play is practicing and preparing. The play is November 10-12. Homecoming week is going on. Pep rally is at 2:27 pm. on Friday. The football game is on Friday. Dance will be on Saturday night from 7-10 pm. It will be in the field house. Door A will be open from 7:00-30. Students will need to bring the ID. Kristin also gave a school board update. Reported on district goals. Attendance is up from 93.4% to 94.3%. The higher the attendance rate the more money we get from the state. HERO has helped with attendance. Students can earn positive points through HERO. Vice Principal, Mannon and the Deans will present on HERO at the next PTO meeting. Kristin reported that the 2016 graduation rate was 93.9% in 4 years and 94.2% in 5 years - adjusted. Kristin also mentioned that parent-teacher will be on October 27.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The minutes from the May meeting were presented. A motion by Sandy Briolat was made to approve the minutes. Second by Jane Wilhelm. Motion passes, minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made by Sondra Carlson to approve the financial actuals ending June 30, 2016..Second by Matia Marcucci. Motion passes and approved. Jane reported that the

financial review team signed off on the records. Sandy Briolat made a motion to accept the proposed budget with the open house change for 2016-2017. Second by Sondra Carlson. Motion passes and approved. A motion was made by Matia Marcucci to accept the performance to budget for July and August 2016. Second by Veronica Diaz. Motion passes and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

*Membership update. 311 families and 18 faculty have joined the PTO so far this year. Directories that were not picked up at open house are in the main office.

*Our freshman family welcome had 400 attendees. It went well. It was well organized and was a great event.

*The PTO hosted a staff welcome back breakfast. There was a great variety of food and was well received by all.

*At senior college night we sold senior lawn signs.

*At open house the PTO had a table. Everything went well.

*The PTO held the RB Boutique flash sale. The PTO had 400 dresses, 100 pairs of shoes and jewelry left over from the RB Boutique event that was held last spring. We had a 1 day sale before the homecoming dance. We sold 110 dresses, 30 pairs of shoes and 75 pieces of jewelry. The PTO made \$630.00. We kept some of the dresses and donated the rest. We may do it again in the spring. We will be in need of racks if we want to do it again.

NEW BUSINESS:

Staff Grants:

We received a staff grant for a periodic table. We approved it via email to get this to the teacher ASAP. We received a grant request from the wellness department. They requested 2 IPADS for a total of \$722.00. The app used for the Polar Gofit heart rate tracking system has to be used on the IPAD. A motion was made by Veronica Diaz to purchase 1 IPAD at this time. Second by Matia Marcucci. Motion passes and purchasing 1 IPAD at this time was approved.

The PTO will be offering student summer enrichment scholarships this year. \$1,000.00 is available. Students will request these scholarships. The PTO is still writing the parameters for these scholarships.

Vault Escape is an adventure place. They are offering a "coupon" to RB families. If families go there and use our "coupon", the PTO will receive 50% of the profit.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Community awareness night is on September 21, 2016

The next PTO meeting is on Monday, October 17, 2016

The Veteran's Day assembly breakfast is on November 11, 2016

Future bulldog night is on January 18, 2017

A motion was made by Sandy Briolat to adjourn the meeting, second by Matia Marcucci. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by,
Heather Elwart - Secretary