

PTO General Meeting Minutes September 18, 2012

Meeting called to order by president Cathy Louthen at 7:01 p.m.

Reports from the Administration:

Pam Bylsma:

- Thanks to PTO for running Freshman Open House and providing pizza
- Thanks for supplying teachers with t-shirts for Positive Behavior Intervention
- Mr. Passerella and Ms. Bylsma met with each class level about having a successful school year and have posted all the research that they shared with the students on the website
- Compared statistics between last year and this year for the first 20 days of school in categories such as tardiness, detentions and in school suspensions. Percentages are down from last year and those were down from the year before.
- Calendar of events was passed out. It is on the website and you can sync with a phone app to the calendar on the website.
- Homecoming is soon, many events planned. They include pep rally, powder puff football game and 5K run the morning of the dance.

Guest Speaker:

- Beth Augustine was present to talk about college admission preparation and registration for next year which starts in November.
- Slides will be posted on the website.

Meeting minutes from May 7 read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Budget for 2012-2013 school year was distributed.
- We are spending down our surplus budget – to continue to support a budget this size we need to embark on a fundraising effort.
- Motion was made to accept the 2012-2013 budget – motion was approved
- Treasurer's Report will be posted on the website monthly.

Correspondence:

- Received a thank you card from Pam Bylsma for t-shirts for teachers.
- Mr. McOlgan thanked us for supporting Music Sponsors last year.

Grant Applications

- 5 grant applications were presented
- Motion was passed to only spend up to \$2000 of the \$4000 budget allotted for grants at this time to allow for future grant consideration in the second semester.
- A motion was passed to give \$300 to the Positive Behavior Initiative to spend at their discretion on gift cards and/or window stickers.
- Request that came from Madrigals for a bus for a field trip to Peoria is being sent back with questions.

- Request that came in for computer chips is being sent back with questions.
- Request that came in for the garden for a fence is being sent back with questions.
- Based on the answers a motion was passed to allow the board to approve the grant up to \$1000.

General Announcements:

- Two different service projects for fall were presented for interested students. Flyers were distributed. RB is considering a “Day of Service” in the spring.
 1. Feed Our Community Day 10/20 contacts Jim O'Toole at jaotooe@yahoo.com 708 785-1179 or Jeanine Buttimer at buttimer270@aol.com 708447-1589
 2. Project N.I.C.E. 10/20 contact Brookfield Village 708 485-1167
brookfieldbeautification@brookfieldil.gov
- If an email was not received from the PTO with a meeting reminder please include your email on the sign-up sheet so it can be added.
- Directories are now available in the RB Office for pick up by members that have not yet received one.
- Thanks to all that brought used books for the RBHS library collection. Books can still be dropped off at the school.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Michele Kmet