

PTO General Meeting Minutes January 15, 2013

Meeting called to order by vice-president Tari Marshall at 7:01 p.m.

Hospitality: Thanks to Sharon Vassos for bringing snacks.

Report from the Administration

Pam Bylsma:

- Thanked the PTO for the \$300 for Positive Behavior incentives donation.
- Talked about potential to partner on a Day of Service. The date would be 4/27. A PTO committee was set up to talk about this and meet with Pam to talk about what the school's involvement would be. We would need committees to organize the entire day. An email will be sent requesting volunteers.
- Provided a handout with State of Illinois changes. All schools in Illinois will be taking a mandated 5Essentials Survey. 5Essential elements of a strong school have been identified. The handout will be posted on the PTO web page. Every student and teacher at RB will take the survey. Parents will also be asked to participate. The State is trying to improve on "no child left behind" by getting a more comprehensive view of the school.
- Discussed the lockdown drill on January 11. Ten police force representatives were present. The school got a lot of good information and identified some gaps and strengths.

Guest Speaker

Alicia Duell – The RBHS Library: What Parents Should Know (And Might be Surprised to Find Out!)

- Talked about the library website, email and google docs that are available to all students.
- All freshmen do two major comprehensive research projects in the library.
- Slides from the presentation can be found on the PTO website.
- Library hours are 7 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting minutes from September 18 read and approved.

By-Laws

By-law changes were presented, primarily related to new requirements from the Board of Education. A few clerical issues were pointed out. By-laws passed with changes noted. New by-laws will be posted online.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was distributed and approved. It will be posted online.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch

- Luncheon will be Tuesday, February 12, 2013, during lunch hour in the faculty lounge.
- Invitations have been sent. Lunch will be catered by Village Pub.
- Asked Mr. Baum for students to provide entertainment.
- Email will be sent looking for volunteers for set up, clean up and for salad or dessert donations.

Correspondence

Three thank you notes were passed around related to the Positive Behavior Grant, Kentucky Mountain kids donations and Veteran's Day support.

Grant Applications

The grant request from Gary Prokes for 15 used core processing chips for \$2100 was discussed. There was some discussion that the PTO membership felt that this type of need should be met by the school board. Concerns will be passed on to Mr. Prokes along with grant approval notice. Motion approved.

Nominating Committee

One board member and general members are required to present a slate of candidates. There were no volunteers from the floor, so an email will be sent to see if anyone is interested in being on the nominating committee or on the board. The slate must be presented at the March meeting.

General Announcements

The PTO is sponsoring a speaker on 2/27 about drug prevention. Flyers were handed out and emailed to the membership.

The Illinois PTA has education scholarship is posted on the PTA website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Michele Kmet