

RBHS PTO MEETING
Held on Monday, May 5, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President, Pam Powers.

OPENING CEREMONIES: Pledge of Allegiance and introductions.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Principal Bylsma reported that it is National PTA Teacher Appreciation week. She has encouraged the kids to thank the teachers. Thank you PTO for the flowers for her mom. Day of Service and Senior Awards were phenomenal! Please send any pictures from Day of Service to Principal Bylsma. It would be nice to post these pictures on our website. Pam will be here through 6/11/14. Kristin Smetana will be the interim principal. Kim Hayes will be Kristin's interim replacement. A new full time dean has been hired. Dave Sibley will remain as Dean of students and John Passarella will remain as assistant principal for student affairs. Neil Dughetti and Lori Sullivan will be part time deans. We will have fewer instructional coaches next year as some departments have been combined. Changes: All freshman classes will be capped at 25 starting next year. There will be two reading teachers as they will be splitting their time as literacy coaches. Bridget Wilmot (Library & Instructional Technology you click on the subject, all pages will look the same. We will be piloting Chrome books next year for two courses. This week at RB: local scholarship night is Wednesday, Choir Concert is Thursday and the Senior picnic will be on Friday, May 16th. Pam Powers thanked Principal Bylsma for all her time and hard work with the students.

MINUTES: The minutes were posted on the RBHS PTO website. A motion was made by Jeannine Glavas to approve the minutes, second by Susan Huhndorf. The minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Renee reported the April 2014 financial report. We had expenses for the staff luncheon and the Day of Service. A few more expenses are to come. Renee also presented the Music Sponsors financial report dated 3/31//14. The Apollo Awards have only one expense left. A motion was made by Susan Huhndorf to approve both financial reports. Second by Jeannine Glavas. The financials were approved.

STAFF GRANTS: The Executive Board is approved to have electronic meetings. The board met this way to approve a grant in the amount of \$320 for Prom for four students in financial need. Pam suggested starting a fundraiser/community support with prom dresses. The PTO could sell used dresses for those who have financial hardships. Renee Thomas, a guidance counselor sent a staff request for \$300 for PBS for next year. A motion was made by Laura Surprenant to approve the request. Second by Kathy Barcal. Motion passed.

Fritsch Memorial: The Fritsch family would like the \$100 memorial for their daughter, Cassidy to be used for the World Language Dept. –dictionaries. A Motion was made by Doris Perry to approve this request. Second by Renee Buksa. Motion passed with two opposed. There was much discussion about how to handle memorials from the PTO in the future. A motion was made by Laura Surprenant to have a memorial for Patrick Gurschke for \$100, second by Jeannine Glavas. Motion passed. Laura will contact John Passarella to inquire about contacting the family to see where they would like the \$100 memorial. **Summer Interim Budget:** Renee reported that we have expenses that come up in the months of July and August and the board would like to get approval from the membership to use the interim budget presented. A 2014-2015 budget will be presented in the fall. Music Sponsors will not be participating at the IMEAs next year. A motion was made by Liz Gomorzczak to approve the interim budget. Second by Susan Huhndorf. Motion passed.

BUSINESS ITEMS: The **By-Laws** have been posted on the website. Jeannine reported that the by-laws have been changed from Patron's Council to PTO. The By-Laws now state that the executive board is approved to hold electronic meetings. Job descriptions will be in the standard operating procedures. A motion was made by Renee Buksa to approve the revised by-laws. Second by Pam Powers. Motion passed.

Election of Officers for 2014-2015: The following slate was presented from the Nominating Committee: Pam Powers – President, Renee Buksa-Treasurer, Kathy Barcal-Secretary, Jeannine Glavas-Parliamentarian, Liz Gomorzczak-VP-Communications, Susan Huhndorf-VP-Membership, VP-Philanthropy-Kathi Parisi and Doris Perry-VP-Music Sponsors. A motion was made by Heather Elwart to approve the slate presented. Second by Gayle Cisar. Motion passed.

Day of Service: Thank you to Dina Sanchez and her committee of volunteers for a great day! We had 255 students and 54 adults participate at the day of service. We had 31 sites/projects. The Olmsted Society and Brookfield Chamber of Commerce were sponsors. We had 26 community businesses donate items. Some of the left over

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items will be used at Senior Awards night. We also have supplies left over for next year. There was a nice article in the Landmark. We need to submit a press release to Nancy Hopkins for the website.

Senior Awards Reception: Thank you to Michele Kmet and Nancy Fucinato for a great evening! Michele said they had a great team! Next year we will need volunteers to pass out the certificates. Since Michele and Nancy will have seniors next year we will need new chair people.

Music Sponsors: Doris Perry reported that they are underway already for next year! The band members will be getting fitted for their new band uniforms! A rundown of the rest of the year: April: Jazzapalooza; May: Choir concert (British Invasion) on Thursday at 7, Apollo Awards on Thursday, May 15th. New drum majors and officers will be selected. June: Freshman orientation and marching, August: Marching band camp 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Uniform fitting will be held. There will be a choir trip. Fundraisers: candy sale, cheese cake sale before Thanksgiving and the ad book before Christmas. Candy Longo will be joining music sponsors. Olga Andrulis will be leaving since she has a senior graduating.

Thank you to our outgoing PTO Board members: Laura Surprenant, Janell Divittorio and Teresa Jimenez. Flowers were presented to each.

A motion was made by Susan Huhndorf to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Second by Doris Perry. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,
Kathy Barcal – PTO Secretary