

Riverside Brookfield High School PTO Meeting

October 1, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by PTO President, Julie Laube.

OPENING CEREMONIES: The Pledge of Allegiance was said. President Julie Laube welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. She also encouraged everyone to attend the screening of "Screenagers" on October 16th at RBHS and mentioned that Costco will donate water and popcorn.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Skinkis thanked everyone for volunteering and supporting District 208. He reported that RBHS is moving in a great direction and that all students now have 1 to 1 chromebooks. Dr. Sinkis announced that the pool will receive a new ventilation system in the summer and that he is working on developing a deal with the Brookfield Zoo and Forest Preserve to allow RB to use the field adjoining the school for Varsity Baseball and Softball games.

Dr. Skinkis also stated that RB is exploring a program that would provide dual enrollment and dual credit with Triton College in courses such as Culinary Arts, Automotive and Nursing. More information will be provided soon.

Lastly, Dr. Skinkis mentioned that the District 208 Board will have 4 openings for the election on April 2, 2019. Petitions are due in December. Anyone interested in running can contact Dr. Skinkis for more information.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Principal Smetana reported that the PSAT/NMSQT test will be held on October 10th at 7:45 a.m. She also mentioned that all Freshman and Sophomore students need to have all immunizations and paperwork completed by October 12, 2019.

On October 25th, Parent/Teacher conferences will take place in the Field House from 12:00 - 4:00 and 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please print your student's report card beforehand.

Additionally, Principal Smetana stated that course selection meetings have begun with guidance counselors for Freshman, Sophomore and Junior students.

The Veteran's Day Program will be held on November 9th this year with a new guest speaker who is a West Point Graduate. The breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes from the September 10, 2018 meeting were presented. Sondie Krumm-Carlson made a motion to approve the minutes and Heather DiForti seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Paula Fritsch reported that the budget will be posted online. PTO membership is down, but membership will be promoted at the Parent/Teacher Conferences. Heather Elwart made a motion to approve the budget and Sondie Krumm-Carlson seconded the motion. The budget was approved.

V.P. OF COMMUNICATIONS: Heather DiForti stated that all communications are running well.

V.P. OF MEMBERSHIP: Sandy Briolat was not in attendance, but Julie Laube reported that checks continue to come in from Miller's Ale House and Chick-Fil-A fundraisers. We will also have a PTO table set up at conferences to sell memberships, hand out directories and provide a Giving Tree.

V.P. OF PHILANTHROPY: Sondie Krumm-Carlson reported that there are not any updates at this time.

V.P. OF SPECIAL EVENTS: Cindy Vitek stated that the Tupperware fundraiser will be coming soon and she will host an event at her home. Sales will begin in October and will be available online or on paper at the event. LaBarra Restaurant will also be hosting 2 nights as a PTO fundraiser in November.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Michelle Marconi informed everyone that this year the PTO by-laws need to be reviewed and are due in April. A committee of 3 will be formed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: A Giving Tree will be set up at the Parent/Teacher Conferences. Also, the RB Boutique was a fun and successful event raising \$355.00. Thank you to all who donated and all volunteers!

UPCOMING EVENTS: The Veteran's Day Assembly will take place on November 9th at 8:30.

The next PTO meeting will be held November 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Julie Laube adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Holman Van Nice, Secretary