**RMS PTA MINUTES**

JANUARY 2017

ONLINE REPORTS – SNOW DAY

Hi Everyone,

Below are the reports that I received. If there are any corrections or anything you would like to add, please email me.

**President’s Report:**

· As most of you are aware, Dr. Held suffered from a stroke right after Christmas. He is currently undergoing physical rehabilitation and will be out of work for several months. We are collecting cards (thru 1/13) that I will send to him in one packet.

· We received several thank yous from teachers for the gift cards the PTA gave each of them for the holidays (Ms. Davidson, Ms. Couillard, Ms. McGarrity and Ms. Bartle).

· The PTA closet is in need of some TLC. If you can help me out with it, please email me and we will set up a time to work on it.

· Bella, a group for girls at RMS, is in need of some funding (probably more money than the PTA can provide). They would like to set up something like a Go Fund Me page, however, county regulations prevent them from doing this (apparently some parents have expressed an interest in funding this way). They are wondering if there is anyway the PTA can help them out in some way with this type of account. I told them that we would have to discuss and see if there is a way to handle this.

· Some dates to know…RSVP hours are due 1/24, 8th grade dance is tentatively set for 5/19.

· “Screenagers” will be shown at RMS on 1/18. You can still register for a free ticket, but there are only a few left.

· Several years ago we decided to do away with the student directory, feeling that it was slightly obsolete in the age of cell phones and so many people not having home phones anymore. This year I have had a couple of requests to start the directory again. I have indicated that at this point in the year, it is really too late and that it would be something to be addressed by next year’s board, but that I would pass this along to the current board.

**1st VP: No Report**

**2nd VP**: Working with Bell Greek to get a date to hold an RMS PTA fundraiser. Once we have the date we will publicize it to the school.

**Communications:** This is from Kim—Communications cannot communicate what they are not aware of! Please send anything you want on Facebook or the website to our communications chairs. Also, remember to send anything you need communicated in the Wednesday emails to Emily Purdum by Tuesday at noon.

**Secretary**: No Report

**Treasure**r: See Attached Reports

**County Council**: No December meeting

**Box Tops**: Our next count is due in March so we'll be hyping up BT collection over the next 2.5 months … probably some requests for FB posts and as part of the Raider Notes. As the date approaches, we'll also make sure it's repeated on the announcements and share what type of gift card we have for the drawing.

**Spiritwear:** No Report

**CBG**: No Report

**Landscaping**: No Report

**Library**: No Report

**Membership**: No Report

**Reading Celebration**: Melanie just dropped off some more gift cards for the librarians for the most recent monthly drawings. We need to get together with them to plan the February event. Just to change it up a little, we are planning for February to be a class-wide competition with some sort of party or celebration in early March for the class that reads the most.

**Reflections**: The county awards ceremony is next month. There is a reception luncheon for all of the 1st-3rd place winners in each category. That will take place on 1/17. All certificates are being distributed to the students.

**RSVP**: No Report—1/24 turn in date for 2nd quarter.

**Study Buddies**: There is one volunteer working with Ms. Dorsch. There are no other requests for volunteers at this time.

**Staff Appreciation**: Starbucks gift cards were given to all staff members for the holidays.

**Student Spirit**: No Report

**Teacher Support**: No Report

**Welcome Desk**: We would really welcome some people to sign up on the Sign-up Genius to help out at the welcome desk. Hopefully, when the Raider Report goes out and the weekly PTA e-mail go out with the reminder to sign-up for the Welcome Desk it will get people to remember to volunteer for this really fun and rewarding activity. The front office and all of the staff benefit greatly from having an extra person during the very busy times of the school day, the first part of the day when all of the forgotten items from the morning rush are dropped off and bus notes are dropped off and the end of the day when the rush to check out early to get to afternoon appointments hits. http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044ca5ac2ca31-rmswelcome

**8th Grade Celebration**: No Report

**8th Grade Dance**: Tentatively set for 5/19 and working with the 8th grade Math Department for the theme and other ideas.

**Special Ed Liaisons**: On November 14th, we had our first meeting to discuss ways that this group can support families, students, and teachers. There were approx. 20 in attendance. Next meeting is Monday, January 23rd; we hope to have a representative from Robious Middle School Special Ed at the meeting.

We have 47 families that have opted into our emailing list. We will also be establishing a private Facebook page to allow parents to post questions and get resources more easily.

Our meetings are scheduled for every other month. The upcoming meeting in March will focus on information about transitioning from middle school to high school with a 504/IEP.

These are the reports I have as of right now. Our next meeting is February 13 at 7pm in the school library.

Thanks!

Kim