**RMS PTA MEETING MINUTES**

*RMS Library*

March 13, 2017

**Attendees**: Dr. Derek Wasnock, Kim Miller, Marietta Goldman, Karen Simard, Judy McGarrity, Heather Craven, Emily Purdum, Liz B. Baker, Danielle Curran, Candace Haske

**Principal Report – Dr. Wasnock**

Testing season is upon us with the 8th grade writing SOL on Tuesday and Thursday. Dr. Wasnock thanked the PTA for the teacher / employee of the month gift cards plus the certificates, which he felt was a really nice touch. The 7th and 8th grade band / orchestra each came back with superior ratings from their assessments. The chorus will have the same assessment and are hoping for a blue ribbon as well.

3/31 is an early release day – there will be a celebration with central office and school board for the recognition of the Schools to Watch. They will receive a banner and he wanted to extend additional thanks to all the parents who helped out.

Pi Day is 3/14 – the Math Department is having a Papa John’s Fund Raiser.

5/1 is Teacher Appreciation week – Dr. Wasnock asked what the PTA typically does. Here is what we have done in the past:

Day #1 Kona Ice Truck parked outside of the school.

Day #2 Lunch from either Mo’s or Jimi John’s.

Day #3 – Breakfast planned from a sign up genius.

Day #4 – Treats left in the office for the teachers.

Day #5 – usually a cook out that is arranged by the school instead of the PTA.

Check with the cafeteria staff about storing food – may have to use the Home Ec. Rooms to store the food.

Dr. Wasnock asked us to pick the dates – Kim mentioned she would connect with Lisa Brooks to get a more precise schedule of the events planned.

Treasury Reports from Shanon will be attached.

**Teacher Rep. Report – Judy McGarrity**

Mentioned that food is always a fabulous option for teacher appreciation day – it means they do not have to pack a lunch. She also mentioned how well received the speaker for black history month was – the kids enjoyed the performance and were speaking very passionately about it.

**President’s Report** – **Kim Miller**

*Kim mentioned the members of this year’s Nominating Committee:*

**Marietta Goldman**

**Danielle Curran**

**Lisa Brooks**

Kim asked for a motion to accept these individuals as the Nominating Committee.

Motion to accept came from Candace Haske.

Second motion came from Karen Simard.

All in favor – yes

All opposed – no one responded

**Motion for Nominating Committee approved.**

Kim said we will post it on our website and on our Facebook page ASAP.

School wide Pep Rally on May 5th – There will be a sign up genius for parents to send stuff into the school – pom poms, noise makers, candy to toss and volunteers needed for the day. We can add an offer for parents to donate if they don’t want to purchase the items. We have about 1300 in the school so we will make sure to have enough for each student to get something. Candace suggested that we have a spirit wear give away as well.

The Library requested that combine the Reading Celebration and the Library Committee – we will combine these two positions going forward.

There was a request from a band teacher to pay for a field trip that a family cannot afford – we have the funds and are able to help but feel that we should have a procedure in place for this going forward.

Congratulations to the Reflections winners. Karen Simard let Kim know that there was also a recent French Competition Festival with many of the French students performing really well.

Dr. Wasnock added the Mary Grace went on to the 5th round of the Spelling Bee Competition.

**Fund Raising – Danielle Curran**

Raised an additional $200 from the Bell Greek Fund Raiser. Has also received request from Blaze Pizza to do another fundraiser. Danielle is hesitant since we told parents at the beginning of the year that the Raider Fund is a no fund, fundraiser.

Karen Simard offered another easy way to raise funds is to hold a pancake fundraiser at Applebee’s – the group she was with made $900 is just a few hours.

**Communications – Emily Purdum and Liz Baker**

Really quiet – only pending request is for the Help Desk.

**Box Tops – Kim Miller gave the report**

The spring submission was for $251.50 – the check should arrive in April. This will bring the total funds raised through box tops to $1,043.10. There will be a raffle drawing at the end of the 9 weeks to encourage additional box top participation. Donna and Leigh have 8th graders so will not be returning to the board next year.

**Spirit Wear – Candace Haske**

Also has an 8th grader will not be returning to the board next year.

**CBG Report** – **Kim Miller** - 8th grade field trip to the jail was this past week. Heather Craven spoke about this field trip being for the entire school.

**Reading Celebration – Kim Miller read report from Mel Brewer**

They have gotten the next round of gift cards for the winners and are working with the Librarians on the year-end celebration staring Jonathan Austin!

**RSVP – Karen Simard**

No report – however changing the color of the form has thrown some kids for a loop.

**Secretary – Marietta Goldman –** No Report

**Membership –**No Report

**Study Buddies**– No Report

**Teacher Support** – **Kim Miller**

Had some crossed wires but emails should be going out at this time.

**Welcome Desk** – **Karen Simard**

There are about 6 regulars who help out – it would be great if we could get 10 regulars. It really is a fun thing to do – especially listening to the kids try and use the phone.

**8th Grade Dance** –May 19th – the kids voted on the top three themes – Roaring 20’s, Hollywood and Rio Carnival. We need to remember to connect with the 6th and 7th grade parents for volunteers to help for the dance.

**Special Education PTA Committee –Kim read report from Cheryl Lafferty**

Met on 2/6 with parents, Dr. Wasnock, Mr. Hayes from RMS and Ms. Mollencamp from Chesterfield County Special Ed. We discussed ways that we could improve the process of transitioning students and families from elementary school to middle school. We are thrilled that Dr. Wasnock and Ms. Hayes are planning a specific open house for our families with IEP’s / 504s on April 19th. We appreciate the administration taking the time to listen and respond to our concerns, Please continue to let your friends and neighbors know about the group.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 24th from 7-8 PM in Room 350. The topic will be: Transitioning from middle school to high school with an IEP / 504. The speaker will be Kendra Belcher, Lead Transition Coordinator from Chesterfield County.

**The next PTA Board Meeting is Scheduled for Monday, April 17th in the Library.**