**RMS PTA MEETING MINUTES**

*RMS Library*

April 17, 2017

**Attendees**: Arianne Hayes, Kim Miller, Marietta Goldman, Karen Simard, Danielle Curran, Lisa Brooks, Cheryl Lafferty, Shanon Deyerle, Leign Deignan, Judy McGarrity and Donna Jamison

**Guests:** Ms. Wright (Science Department from RMS) and Robert (from the James River High School Leadership program) joining the PTA with a proposal for a zen garden.

Robert presented plans to build 4 garden boxes in the zen garden area – he included a single drawing to show the dimensions of each box. He is working on his capstone project for leadership and is hoping that the PTA will approve some funds to help him get started. He has already done an Eagle Scout project at RMS several years ago and is a former RMS student.

He does not feel there will be any maintenance for the PTA to maintain these boxes. He would make the boxes 24 inches high so they are handicap accessible.

Kim asked about the costs involved:

One box $185

Four boxes $750

Plus dirt would be $1,000

There are already rain barrels on the school property that can be used.

Ms. Wright thought the Art department could use the garden to sketch the flowers. She would use the boxes as variables for plantings for different science experiments in the science department. She also thought different classes could adopt different boxes for different projects.

Shanon asked about how we maintain the boxes. Robert mentioned that there would be fabric on the bottom to help with weeds and that the science classes would maintain the plants. Kim asked if Dr. Wasnock has approved the project– he suggested Robert try to raise funds and then come to the PTA to see if we could help out.

Kim suggested we take a look at what we have in the program budget and get back to Robert and Ms. Wright – they then left the meeting.

Judy thought it would be nice to look at something growing in that area while the teachers are eating lunch.

The concern by the board was who would take care of the garden.

Kim proposed paying $500 to help out with the total costs but suggested that final approval come directly from the school.

**Kim asked for a motion to pass and give $500 to Robert for the zen garden boxes.**

Shanon made the first motion to pass.

Danielle seconded the motion.

All in favor – everyone

All opposed – no one

**Motion to give Robert $500 passed**

Still need final approval from the school.

**Principal Report – Arianne Hayes (for Dr. Wasnock)**

No formal report with Dr. Wasnock out.

**Teacher Rep. Report – Judy McGarrity**

No report this month.

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

Kim attended the county awards dinner where RMS received an award for having the highest % of participants in reflections in the county. RMS also received an Applause Award – it was a very nice evening.

Pep Rally – sign up genius is full – a good thing.

Kroger – we received a check for $1,467 for participation in the Kroger Rewards Program. We currently have less than 100 families participating and are receiving a nice size check. Add this to the newsletter and remind the families who have not signed up to please sign up now.

**Fund Raising – Danielle Curran**

Also mentioned the success of the Kroger program and the check for $1,467.

**Communications – Emily Purdum and Liz Baker**

Reminder to get information to Emily and Liz to communicate to the school.

**Secretary – Marietta Goldman**

Currentlyworking on the slate for the Nominating Committee for the next school year. We have some slots open but some interest and hope to have the positions filled soon.

**Treasurer – Shanon Deyerle**

Treasurer reports are attached. Shanon mentioned Kroger check and membership catching up. She also made reference to the fact that we help Mr. Barry support some basketball camps

**Box Tops – Donna Jamison and Leigh Deignan**

One more drawing is available this year for box tops.

**Staff Appreciation – Lisa Brooks**

The RMS PTA will support 4 days of treats for teacher appreciation week.

Monday – a small treat will be supplied.

Tuesday – a breakfast will be served for the teachers.

Wednesday – Lunch will be served by Mo’s for the teachers.

Thursday – The Kona Ice Truck will be available for the teachers.

Friday – the pep rally.

**RSVP – Karen Simard**

No report – waiting for the next deadline.

**Welcome Desk** – **Karen Simard**

Please volunteer.

**8th Grade Dance** –May 19th – the theme selected is Hollywood and there will be a sign up genius going around to ask for some help.

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

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, May 8th in the Library.**