**RMS PTA MEETING MINUTES**

*RMS Library*

November 14, 2016

**Attendees**: Derek Wasnock, Kim Miller, Danielle Curran, Marietta Goldman, Jone Luizza, Karen Simard, Katherine Philips, Donna Wilson and Lisa Brooks

**Principal – Derek Wasnock**

Dr. Wasnock started out with a great big thank you to the PTA. In the almost two months that he has been here he has been incredibly impressed with parental support. The dance was a huge success and he thinks the kids had a really great time. Thanks also for the staff lunch on conference day.

Coming up is a fundraiser for the Art Department. They will be making ornaments on Wednesday Night November 16th at 6:30 pm. There will also be a Spirit Night at Chipotle (Tuesday, November 15th) for the Social Studies department. This Thursday will be the Fall Sports banquet (November 17th). Report card will be issued on Friday, November 18th and sent out with the kids.

Dr. Wasnock asked about getting some help from the PTA with $10 gift cards for the teachers that he would like to use for teacher of the month. Kim mentioned that the budget should be able to support this.

**Teacher Rep. Report – Donna Wilson**

A big thank you for the teacher lunch with the soup and chili. The teachers look forward to this day and talk about it for the entire year. Food makes everyone just a little happier.

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

Red Robin has started a school funding program – Dr. Wasnock can mention this in the Raider Report. Just tell them at Red Robin that you are with Robious Middle School.

Kim initiated the National School of Excellence Survey on her own and got the first round of feedback from the committee. There responses indicated that there were a high percentage of unknown responses but also a high # of always responses. There were 79 families that responded to the survey. Kim will figure out what the next steps to take are and let everyone know.

**1st Vice President** – No report this week

**VP Fund Raising -Danielle Curran**

Gave a reminder to sign up for the Kroger Fund with Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner. RMS continues to get a substantial amount of financial support from this program. Danielle also brought up a possible fund raising effort from Belle Greek ( a local restaurant) to do a Spirit Night with 15% going directly to the school. Dr. Wasnock thought this was a good idea but suggested that we have someone monitor or keep a calendar so we are aware of the fund raising efforts that may be going on at the same time. In the past Mrs. Burkette has organized the fund raisers. This also might be something that the builders club could take on. The consensus was to wait until January for a spirit night with Belle Greek.

**3rd Vice President –** No report this week

**Secretary – Marietta Goldman**

Denim Drive came in second place and was awarded a check for $750. Bailey Bridge came in first place this year.

**Treasurer Report –** Kim Miller gave the report that Shanon Deyerle sent in. The budget looks good overall (*copies of the full budget are attached*). Below are the amounts the PTA took in:

Raider Fund: $500

PTA Memberships: $3,700

Kroger Funds: $1,800

Spirit Wear: $970

Fall Dance: $910.19 ($1,588.10 brought in with tickets and concessions and $617.91 spent on supplies, security, etc.)

**Reflections –** Kim Miller gave the report that Jamie Camp and Lariza Rife sent in

Below are the total number of entries for reflections:

133 Literature

47 Visual Arts

22 Photography

1 Music

3 Dance Choreography

7 Film Products

2 Students with missing submission (application only)

Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. McGarrity were the leading faculty members with submissions. The winning teacher is STANLEY (108 entries) with McGarrity having 71 entries. A gift card will be given to Mrs. Stanley and there will be a celebration party in December.

**Box Tops –** Kim Miller gave the report that Donna Jamison and Leigh Deignan sent in

The box tops have been counted and sent in since the last submission in June. The total so far is 401.80 – a check should be received in the coming weeks. A huge thanks to all the volunteers who work at the front desk and cut and counted the box tops for us.

**Spirit Wear –** Kim Miller gave the report that Candace Haske sent in

No report for Spirit Wear but Candace is working with Christmas Mother and is responsible for the Christmas tree that was put up in the front lobby. She will be collecting new toys through December 9th. All are welcome to donate new toys and stuffed animals as well as other items that will be mentioned on the tags on the tree. Thanks for your support.

**County Council** – No report this week

**CBG – No report this week**

**Library – No report this week**

**Fall Dance – Jone Liuzza**

The DJ rocked and the kids had a great time. Plenty of donations came from parents (lots of candy and other chocolates as well as some small gifts). The selfie station was a huge hit. She has some notes that she will pass on to the committee for next year with some additional guidance.

**Reading Celebration – Kim read report from Mel Brewer and Joan Nelson**

Ticket giveaways are rolling along in the library.

**RSVP – Karen Simard**

1st turn in under way and they are busy counting up total hours.

**Staff Appreciation – Lisa Brooks**

For Christmas teachers will get $5 gift cards – they will be sure to have the teachers sign for the gift cards.

**Student Spirit – Katherine Phillips**

Costume day went really great. Many of the kids had terrific costumes and all were appropriate for dress code. The three days of Thanksgiving collection will start. Martha Turner has families in our district that could really use to get the meals we collect for. The kids will collect the funds during round table and then Kroger gift cards will be purchased.

**Teacher Support** – Kim mentioned this committee was still getting up and running but the teachers know it is here when they need something.

**Welcome Desk – Karen Simard**

A lot of cancellations for the new year but will wait until we are closer through Christmas break before putting out another request for help.

**Special Education PTA Committee –** Kim Miller read the report from Cheryl Lafferty and Laura Finch**– Special Meeting was Held tonight at the same time as the PTA meeting so many PTA members were absent tonight.**

So far there are 41 families that have signed up to be part of this group. The plan is to see how we can better support families, students and teachers involved with IEPs and 504s. Anyone with a child attending RMS or from any of the feeder elementary schools may request to be part of this group by emailing cheryllafferty@msn.com or finch1@vcu.org. The next meeting will be January 23rd.

**Next PTA Board Meeting Scheduled for Monday, December 12th – Location TBD**