



## ROBIOUS MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA MINUTES

November 19, 2018

Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm; Members present: Heather Craven, Dr. Wasnock, Charleen Huguet, Kathryn Haines, Steffanie Washo, T.J. Ellis

### Reports

- Administration – Dr. Wasnock: Many thanks to T.J. Ellis and volunteers for a great fall dance! Career day took place on Friday and had around 60 adults present to share with students. There a nice variety of professions represented. Thanks to the counseling office for their efforts to make that day happen. RMS drama is back! CARE assemblies will take place next week- Ms. Oyler from JRHS is volunteering her time to put on a show, and a full cast and crew is set. Visual Arts Ornament night will take place on Thursday, 11/29 from 5:30-7:30 and will serve as a fundraiser for the department. Ginger Bread night will take place on Mon., 12/17. RMS Band concert is set for 12/10 and Chorus concert is set for 12/12, both happening at JRHS. Finally, RMS social studies teacher, Mrs. Zaval has been named national teacher of the year and will be honored at a ceremony in Chicago. RMS PTA will pay for her plane ticket.
- President – Heather Craven : The by-laws have been revised and will be submitted.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Steffanie Washo
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Karen Zegarra
  - Raider Fund - We are on track to exceed budget goals. Tax Receipt/Thank you letters are currently being mailed to donors and will be complete by mid-December.
- Communications –Lariza Rife
- Treasurer – Ruth Garrett
  - Checking account balance \$18,657.36
- Secretary – Jennie Raugh
  - October meeting minutes were approved

### School Programs:

- Diversity/Inclusion – Sara Berger/TJ Ellis
  - Meeting Dates –11/29, 2/28, 5/30 – 6pm each night. Inclusive Schools week will take place from 12/3 through 12-7. This year’s theme is “I’m Determined!” and students will meet during round table to discuss topics designed by our SPED dept and the VA Dept. of Ed.
- Library/ Reading Program – OPEN
- REBO – Kathryn Haines
  - Recap of November meeting- a workshop on anxiety. – no updates at this time. Next meeting is December 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Raider Closet – Karen Zegarra
  - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084da5ab2b0-robious1>
  - We continue to receive very generous supply donations from our families. The closet is fully stocked and the feedback from guidance department and teacher is the best ever.
- Special Ed Liaisons – Laura Finch: Inclusive Schools Week theme is “I’m Determined!”
- Welcome Desk – Jenny Olowiany: PLEASE SIGN UP!
  - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4baeae2e5-rmshelp!>

### PTA Programs:

- Box Tops –Gena Reeder: submission was sent on November 1!

- County Council – OPEN
- Landscaping – Steffanie Washo: updates to the pots will be coming! Maybe something Christmas themed?
- Membership – Charleen Huguet
  - Membership totals: dues for 508 members have been paid to Virginia PTA – still collecting memberships. \$5,190.00 has been collected so far, and volunteers are being assigned as we speak. Additional dues will be sent to Virginia PTA.
- Spiritwear – Kim Selvey: New stock is in!
- Teacher Appreciation – Alison MacPhail: A soup/chili/salad luncheon was held on conference day. Dr. Wasnock says that a holiday luncheon for teachers would be greatly appreciated. Heather and Dr. W. will chat about specifics.

#### Student Programs:

- Teacher Support -OPEN – Dr Wasnock will talk with grade level leaders to see what support is needed from the PTA and if these positions are needed.
- Fall Dance – TJ Ellis: RMS sold about 180 tickets and we made \$1,500.00, mostly from concessions. T.J. suggests that next year, the date of the dance be moved to a new week and not be the week of the election day holidays for students and possibly a new time (right after school?). The price of the DJ increased by \$100.00 from last year. Also suggested- ask DJ for more musical variety next year? There are extra drinks and chips in the PTA closet- please use for PTA events.
- Reflections – OPEN
- RSVP – Joan Nelson: Next submission is January 24!
  - Next submission is 1/24
- Student Appreciation – Katherine Phillips
  - Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> - “Winter Holiday Hat Day”
  - Students and staff, get your fuzzy & fun holiday hats ready! On Winter Holiday Hat Day, you get to wear your super awesome hat throughout the school day!
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration – OPEN: Heather will contact parents and form committees to plan both 8<sup>th</sup> grade end of year events.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance – OPEN
- Other items
  - Discussion was held regarding PTA Social to try and get more parents engaged.
  - PTA welcome packet to new families to RMS
  - Create a FAQ sheet regarding RMS to give to rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade families and new families as they come during the year. If each board member could submit a “Wish I knew when we first started at RMS” statement, we will be well on our way.

Next meeting is December 17, 7pm in Library we will skip December and resume in January. RMS Family night is that night from 6-8 in the cafeteria decorating gingerbread houses.: NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY JANUARY 22!

Adjourn 8:02

Additional Meeting Dates:

Tuesday January 22

Tuesday February 19

Monday March 18

Monday April 15

Monday May 20 Monday June 10 (fun social gathering)