



## ROBIOUS MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA MINUTES

**October 15, 2018**

Call to Order 7:07 pm

Members present: Heather Craven, Alison MacPhail, Karen Zegarra, Charleen Huguet, TJ Ellis, Kathryn Haines, Jenny Olowiany

### Reports

- Administration – Dr. Wasnock
  - Many thanks to the PTA for coordinating the Goodwill Denim Drive. RMS earned second place at the middle school level and won \$750.00!
  - The sixth grade houses are going to be participating in team building exercises through Challenge Discovery on the 18th and 24th of October.
  - Please support our library through the Scholastic Book Fair. Family Night is Tuesday night from 5:00 - 7:00. There will be ice cream!
  - On Wednesday, October 17 we will be participating in The Great Southeast Shakeout and will be having an earthquake drill.
  - All of the high school specialty centers are having individual information nights within the next two weeks. Please check the school calendar for more details.
  - As always, thank you for your continued support.
- Teacher/Staff Report – no report
- President – Heather Craven
  - Working on filling open positions with parents that indicated interest in the various areas
  - PTA membership – if you haven't paid your PTA dues, please do so, our bylaws state that officers and chairmen need to be paid members of the PTA
  - Bylaws – need a quick committee to review our bylaws so we can put them out to the general membership for 30 days prior to a vote – Heather has taken the new template and updated it for our PTA – just need additional eyes to see if we need to make any other changes. We need update our bylaws every 5 years in accordance to Virginia PTA rules. Ours need to be to the Virginia PTA in December for renewal. Alison MacPhail, TJ Ellis & Kathryn Haines agreed to review the Bylaws.
  - We have been asked to support 27 6<sup>th</sup> grade students with the Challenge Discovery cost of \$15 per student – this covers the program and t-shirt. Total cost would be \$405. We have \$1400 budgeted for the counseling department to use for assistance with field trips, etc. Expenditure approved.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Steffanie Washo
  - Denim Drive – RMS placed 2<sup>nd</sup> for middle schools - \$750 – Dr. Wasnock will be using the funds in the faculty fund.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Karen Zegarra
  - Raider Funds - raised \$5535 so far – exceeded budget of \$5100!
  - First Kroger check – over \$930
- Communications –Lazira Rife
  - Website has been updated with new files
- Treasurer – Shanon Deyerle/Ruth Garrett
  - Checking account balance \$ 22,133.47
  - Raider Fund exceeded what we budgeted!

- At 83% of our expectations for membership
- Nice check for kroger funds this quarter: \$931.86
- Selling spirit wear with Square has made a huge difference.
- Transition from Shanon to Ruth will take place this week with changing signature cards
- Secretary –Karen Zegarra for Jennie Raugh
  - The minutes of the September virtual meeting were approved.

#### School Programs:

- Diversity/Inclusion – Sara Berger/TJ Ellis
  - Meeting Dates –11/29, 2/28, 5/30 – 6pm each night
  - Fourteen people were attendance at the 10/4 meeting
  - Dec 3-7 is Inclusive Schools Week. This year's theme is "Kaleidoscope of Friends", and it was suggested that the school Diversity club might help celebrate this
  - <https://inclusiveschools.org/>
- Library/ Reading Program – OPEN
  - Book Fair is wrapping up.
- REBO – Kathryn Haines
  - Recap of October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting – how can the two groups work closer together for all students.
- Raider Closet – Karen Zegarra
  - Thank you to everyone who has donated items – the closet is well stocked.
  - Karen spent time cleaning and organizing the closet to make it easier for the counseling department to find items for students.
  - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084da5ab2b0-robious1>
- Special Ed Liaisons – Laura Finch & Kristy Wilson
  - Recap of first meeting (**October 10<sup>th</sup>**) The notices about the group didn't get sent out in much advance of the meeting so... we only had about 5 people in attendance. Mrs. Ryan stopped by to introduce herself and answer any questions and then we went over basic parent rights and the process of the 504 Plan and the IEP....they think it went well and helped those that were in attendance!
- Welcome Desk – Jenny Olowiany
  - We are beginning to get more volunteers at the helpdesk. Jenny encourages all parents to complete the volunteer form as soon as possible. It takes between 4 to 6 weeks to get back. If you are unable to work the exact times listed on the sign up please just indicate what hours you are available. We will take whatever we can get!
  - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4baeae2e5-rmshelp>

#### PTA Programs:

- Box Tops –Gena Reeder
  - First submission for the year is November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- County Council – OPEN
- Landscaping – Steffanie Washo
- Membership – Charleen Huguet
  - Membership totals:
    - Individual 73
    - Family 199 (398 members)
    - Faculty 55

- Total 526
- Spiritwear – Kim Selvey
  - Have been filling staff orders and a few orders from the BTSN
  - Working with a new company this year – met with them today to have them take over the RMS block logo t-shirts and tie-dye t-shirts
  - Thoughts on sending an order form home in November – all grades or just 6<sup>th</sup> grade? - trying an on-line order form to send in the Raider Report was discussed.
- Teacher Appreciation – Alison MacPhail
  - Provided breakfast for bus drivers meeting
  - Soup/chili/salad luncheon to be held on student/teacher conference day – Nov 6<sup>th</sup>.

Student Programs:

- Teacher Support -OPEN
  - 6<sup>th</sup>
  - 7<sup>th</sup>
  - 8<sup>th</sup>
- Fall Dance – TJ Ellis
  - Date – November 9<sup>th</sup> – 7-9pm
  - Theme – Black & White
- Reflections – OPEN
  - Theme is Heroes Around Us
  - **Desperately need someone to take this on!**
  - **Submission date to the County is November 12<sup>th</sup>.**
- RSVP – Joan Nelson
  - First submission is 10/31
- Student Appreciation – Katherine Phillips
  - Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> - “Crazy Costume Day”
    - Calling all Robious students and staff! It’s time to get creative. October 31<sup>st</sup> is Crazy Costume Day! Those who participate will have a chance to have their picture taken and chosen for the yearbook. *\*No masks or weapons, and RMS dress code applies.*
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration – OPEN
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance – OPEN

Any other concerns or topics?

Adjourn – Next meeting is November 19<sup>th</sup>, 7pm in Library

Adjourn time 8:02pm

Additional Meeting Dates:

Monday December 17 (may not need this date since Dec is a crazy busy month for folks)

Tuesday January 22

Tuesday February 19

Monday March 18

Monday April 15

Monday May 20

Monday June 10 (fun social gathering)