



ROBIOUS MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA MINUTES

September 17, 2018

Call to Order - virtual meeting due to buildings being closed due to tornado activity

Reports

- Administration – Dr. Wasnock
 - Many thanks to the PTA for help in supporting teachers during work week in the form of breakfast and lunch. This was greatly appreciated.
 - Thank you all for volunteering and helping with Chromebook distribution.
 - Thank you for providing the bus drivers with gift cards thanking them for their help in going above and beyond during the storm on Monday (9/17).
 - The storm that occurred on Monday (9/17) forced us into a situation that was new for all of us. The students that were with us into the evening did an exceptional job in terms of their behavior and appropriateness. Thank you all for your patience as safety was the priority and the majority of our staff stayed to ensure that all of our students were safe until conditions allowed for dismissal.
 - One of our goals this year as a school is service learning. This is an approach in which students use information they have been taught to address a community need. Each teacher will be incorporating at least one service learning project this year, so expect to see your student actively involved in projects such as these.
 - Please help spread the word about the PTA Diversity Committee meetings. The first meeting has been rescheduled for October 4 at 6:00 pm.
- Teacher/Staff Report –
- President – Heather Craven
 - Thank you to Lee’s friends who helped assemble the 1400 PTA flyers for distribution the first week of school. Having 8 8th grade boys assemble the packets was an interesting morning!
 - Working on filling open holes in chairmen positions. Added to the membership form this year a listing of possible volunteer areas to hopefully gain some additional help that way.
 - Dr. Wasnock is continuing his teacher reward program this year - Wasmart is up and running for the school year. Teachers earn Wasbucks and will be able to use them to shop at Wasmart. The “store” is in need of donated items. Candy bars, sodas, and other fun items. The PTA will be donating some items from our spirit wear inventory and items in the PTA closet. If anyone would like to donate items to the Wasmart, please let me know.
 - As Dr. Wasnock noted above, we provided \$5 Chick fil a gift cards to the 31 RMS bus drivers as a thanks for all they did in helping with the tornado lock-down.
- 1st Vice President – Steffanie Washo
 - Denim Drive is in progress! My current deadline for denim collection is 9/21. They have extended collection another week due to poor weather. So, I may also extend the deadline one week to 9/28. I first need to confirm that my schedule will allow for drop off on that second drop-off weekend (9/29 and 9/30) at LC Bird. Currently my plan is to drop our denim off at the Technical Center the weekend of 9/22 & 9/23.
 - The Denim drop box is just inside the entrance of the school on the right.
- 2nd Vice President – Karen Zegarra
 - Raider Funds are continuing to come in and totals are looking consistent with last years.
 - As of 9/18, donations total \$4,820. Thank you notes will be going out once the PTA membership listing is updated

- Communications – OPEN
 - Working on finding someone to get the website updated. Heather has been posting to the Facebook account and keeping that current.
- Treasurer – Shanon Deyerle
 - Checking account balance \$18,700.25
 - Budget – approved at the Back to School Nights
 - Audit – completed 8/10/2018 by committee – swapped books with Bon Air Elementary. No unusual findings in the audit.
 - Term is over and we have found someone to replace Shanon. Ruth Garrett, a 6th grade grandmother and CPA is willing to fulfill the role.
- Secretary – Jennie Raugh
 - Minutes for each meeting will follow about a week after the meeting.
 - Minutes will be approved at the following meeting.

School Programs:

- Diversity/Inclusion – Sara Berger/TJ Ellis
 - Meeting Dates – 9/27 (**being rescheduled** to 10/4), 11/29, 2/28, 5/30 – 6pm each night
 - Anyone interested in receiving minutes/recap of the meeting, please email Sara Berger – bodhisara@gmail.com Anyone is welcome to attend!
 - The counselors/Special Ed gym class are trying a new thing this year with some 8th graders who are in the elective “Office Aide”, where they have the kids spend their office aide time assisting and interacting with the Mighty Knights (Spec Ed students). So far, the counselor (Mrs. Lynne) and P.E. Teacher Ms. Moran report that it is going really well and they are excited about the opportunity for all the students who are having the experience of inclusion in this way.
- Library/ Reading Program – OPEN
 - PTA will be supplying from the reading budget 5 \$5 Brusters and 5 \$10 Barnes & Noble gift cards for the summer reading drawing. The library is not doing an ice cream reading celebration this year – just doing a drawing.
 - Librarians are organizing a storyteller for students in October – those funds will come out of the PTA library budget.
- REBO – Kathryn Haines
 - First meeting was 9/11/18
 - The majority of the REBO budget is fundraising to support teacher requests for materials needed for projects. Brianne Gunn is the gifted coordinator but could be a resource to any parent regarding gifted identification. They are working hard to identify kids that have historically not been identified. Her email is brianne_gunn@ccpsnet.net.
 - We also talked about the importance of joining the PTA and donating to the raider fund so that non CBG teachers can have the same support that CBG teacher have.
 - We discussed the equity report as well.
 - Next REBO meeting will be October 11th in the library
- Raider Closet – Karen Zegarra
 - Raider Relief Closet is up and running. We are accepting donated items this week in the front office.
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084da5ab2b0-robious1>

- Special Ed Liaisons – Laura Finch
 - As a PTA committee, we meet to discuss issues, promote solutions and work toward goals that allow our students to get what they need to be successful.
 - Parents of students with IEPs or 504s are invited to our first meeting of the school year: **Wednesday, October 10th, 7-8:30PM in Room 350**. The topic is: *Working Toward the IEP/504 Your Child Needs*. Join us to discuss the law, the process, and how to stay organized and positive.
- Welcome Desk – Jenny Olowiany
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4baeae2e5-rmshelp>
 - Volunteers are starting to trickle in. Please send me any and all email address so that I may enter them into the sign-up genius.
 - Heather and I have also discussed possibly tweaking the start time in the morning so that parents may get their other children after school before coming in at 7:30. I will discuss that with Sherrie later this week.

PTA Programs:

- Box Tops –Gena Reeder
 - BE A POPSTAR!
 - RMS will be running Pops 4 Tops for the second year in a row. Students turning in any amount of box tops will receive a tootsie pop bouquet as our way of saying Thank you! Last year RMS earned \$789.00 dollars, but we think we can do better! Help us reach our goal of \$1000 by asking friends & grandparents to clip box tops!
 - You can also up your clipping game by downloading the BoxTops4Education app and use it while shopping. Upload your receipt to the app and BoxTops4Education will credit RMS with Bonus Box Tops! Instructions can be found at BoxTops4Education.com.
- County Council – OPEN
- Landscaping – Steffanie Washo
 - The snapdragons planted in the pots last spring faired well over the summer. I decided not to replace anything at this time. If Dr. Wasnock would like something changed for fall let me know. I am considering some small evergreen trees for winter months.
- Membership – Charleen Huguet
 - As of 9/18, membership totals:
 - Individual 91 memberships
 - Family 175 memberships (x2 = 350 members)
 - Total membership 441
 - Forms are being added to the membership database for upload to the state/national PTA. Several parents are helping with this endeavor.
- Spiritwear – Kim Selvey
 - New items have been ordered and arrived for BTSN
 - Black sweatshirt with the R/knight logo
 - Long & short sleeve shirts with the #ROBIOUS logo
 - Order forms have been created for teachers (teachers receive a \$6 discount on items)
 - Order forms have been created for parents to take and order from BTSN. Working on do an order form distribution in Oct/Nov before holidays.
 - On-line ordering has been asked about from parents – we will look into this year.

- Teacher Appreciation – Alison MacPhail
 - Provided breakfast from Joe’s inn and lunch from Moe’s for the first two days of the teacher workweek before school starting.
 - Have been asked to provide a light breakfast for the bus drivers meeting on 9/25 at 10am

Student Programs:

- Teacher Support -OPEN
 - 6th
 - 7th
 - 8th
- Fall Dance – TJ Ellis
 - Will be looking at date for dance – will avoid cotillion and JRHS football dates.
 - Cotillion dates 9/28, 10/26 & 11/16
 - JRHS football – 10/12 (homecoming), 10/26 away game, 11/2 home game
 - Will work on creating a committee for the dance from folks that checked the Fall Dance box on the volunteer sheet
- Reflections – OPEN
 - Theme is Heroes Around Us
 - **Desperately need someone to take this on!**
- RSVP – Joan Nelson
 - First submission is 10/31
 - An information sheet was included in the PTA packets to explain the program for new students.
- Student Appreciation – Katherine Phillips
 - Friday, Sept. 28th - “Raider Spirit Day”
 - Let’s cheer on the start of a new school year! All students and staff are encouraged to proudly wear their Robious Middle School “Spirit Wear” or the colors Red, Black, and White. Go Raiders!!!
 - Wednesday, October 31st - “Crazy Costume Day”
 - Calling all Robious students and staff! It’s time to get creative. October 31st 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.*
- 8th Grade Celebration – OPEN
 - will be the last day of school
 - several parents expressed interest on the membership form – will reach out to form a committee
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Adjourn – Next meeting is October 15th, 7pm in Library