

ROCK BRIDGE PTSA MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2013

In attendance: Colleen Bartok, June Hurdle, Elise Acton, Melanie Staloch, Teresa Heim, Kay Hake, Linda Bartels, Leah Johnson, Tamara Sundvold, Della Streaty-Wilhoit, Janna Tarbox, Damascene Kurukulasuriya, Sarah Hill, Suzanne Howser, Kerry Maggard, Mark Maus, and David Bones.

President Colleen Bartok welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 12 noon.

Secretary's Report - The minutes of the November 12, 2012 meeting were distributed electronically and available in print at the meeting. A motion was made by Melanie Staloch and seconded by Elise Acton to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's Report – Colleen Bartok presented the treasurer's report sent by treasurer Kellie Pemberton. The income for the fiscal year to date (July 1 – January 12, 2013) was \$22,032.04. The expenses year to date are \$16,897.54.

Administrative Report –

* Mr. Maus noted that two RBHS students achieved perfect scores – one on the ACT and one on the SAT exam.

* He thanked PTSA for their help with the course fair night for 9th and 10th grade families.

* The transition planning will continue on staff collaboration days February 15 and March 1st which will concentrate on how the 9th and 10th grade advisory periods will work and about adolescent development.

* CPS is planning to have a ½ day jump start day before the official start of school on Monday, August 19, 2013 for students new to school buildings throughout the district. The RBHS program will focus on introducing 9th and 10th grade students to the building and teachers prior to the first day of school.

* Mr. Maus addressed concerns that parents have regarding the change to the way that 9th Grade Government will be offered at RBHS next year. After much research and consideration that included input from current teachers at all levels and the district curriculum coordinators it was determined that RBHS would teach Government and English as a combined Civics block class to all students while offering the opportunity for high achieving students to contract for honors level work would. An "H" will designate these student's achievements on their transcripts. Behind the decision is the information provided by teachers that have taught both honors and non-honors level history courses at the 9th – 12th levels. Teachers explained that they deal with the same classroom distractions in both honors and non-honors classrooms, that both levels use the same text and curriculum, and that having two teachers in the classroom will allow them to more easily direct attention to those that need assistance while simultaneously challenging other students. Mr. Maus noted that much thought and planning went into the decision and this education model is highly supported. He noted that many people were also skeptical when RBHS changed to the block system and when they first offered the History / English combined classes.

* He noted that the possible changes to the bus / school attendance times was still in progress and that once that decision was made further consideration would go into planning for more parent drop off of students next year with the addition of 9th graders to the building.

* Mr. Maus said that media specialist at the middle school / jr. high / high school levels were making plans for adjusting the level of materials offered to match the new levels of students that would be served in each building.

* A tour of the new addition was offered after the meeting. He noted that he had been notified that district funds would be available for some mats and weights for the new addition.

* Mr. Maus reported that RB Chemistry teacher Greg Kirchofer was in a serious auto accident over break but is making progress in his recovery. He asked Mr. Maus to express appreciation to all those that have expressed support to him.

* Mr. Bones noted that the latest newsletter was distributed via email today and that approximately 750 people currently subscribe to the daily announcement Infobruin service. Parents and students

that wish to subscribe may do so by enrolling on the RBHS website.

* The high steppers will perform again this year at half time of the January 29th basketball game. (PTSA will provide snacks to this group.) Calendar notes are as follows: Friday, February 22nd - Court Warming Assembly, Saturday, February 23rd – Court Warming Basketball Game and Dance 8-11 pm at RBHS, March 8th – Global Village, Friday, May 10th – Sr. Prom at Stephens College.

* PTSA parents asked Mr. Bones to look at changing senior prom to April in 2014 as seniors have finals, senior activities, sports, and graduation in May.

Committee Reports

Reflections – Della Streaty-Wilhoit reported that the PTA Reflections Art Competition deadline at RBHS was extended from December 21st to January 4th. Ten entries were received and the winning entries will be submitted to the state level this week.

Newsletter – Teresa Heim asked for those that wish to assist with preparing the latest newsletter to meet in Room 310 on Wednesday, January 16th from 1-2 pm. The deadline for the next newsletter is February 20th. Information to be included should be submitted to Krista Albrecht, student activities administrative assistant, before that date.

Bruin Grants – Kay Hake reported that Bruin Grants for teacher requests have been awarded. Parent donations to PTSA that were designated for teacher supplies were used to fulfill Bruin Grant requests that were for teachers supplies. Kay suggested moving the Bruin Grant deadline from November to October next year to accommodate requests for needs that occur early in the school year.

Teacher		Amount	Class / Department	Purpose
Beltz	Rex	\$ 200	Geology	Field trip
Coffield	Mary	\$ 200	Theatre	Field trip
Duffett	Landis	\$ 200	German	Field trip
Hadfield	Rich	\$ 200	Music & Film Analysis	Two channel stereo amplifier
Honeycutt	Ashton	\$ 200	English	African American Experience Field Trip
Matteson	Shawwna	\$ 200	English	African American Experience Field Trip
Irwin	Greg	\$ 200	Scholar Bowl Competition	Registration fees
Kinsley	Tara	\$ 200	Becoming the Best Bruin	debate student calendars & bulletin boards
Stover	Rob	\$ 200	Journalism Department	Podcast recorders
Sulze	April	\$ 200	Honors Biology	Transportation for field trip
Victor	Rachel	\$ 200	Bruins United	RB sporting event admission, field trip
Victor	Rachel	\$ 200	Daily Living in Action	Meals for daily living skills restaurant trip
Art		\$ 597	Art Department	Digital sketch pens
Guidance		\$ 200	Guidance Department	Bus fees for students in need
Bruin Grant Budget		\$2,997		
Holt	Lisa	\$ 200	Math Department	Batteries for calculators
Irwin	Greg	\$ 200	US Studies and Sociology	Classroom resources and books
Thalhuber	Bob	\$ 200	Music Department	Apple TV for band classes
Teacher Supply Budget		\$ 600		

Staff Appreciation – The next staff appreciation event will be a soup and salad luncheon February 12th, 2013.

Membership – no report

Concessions – Melanie Staloch, Monica Widhalm, Shelly Croteau – Melanie Staloch reported that the sign-up sheet for wrestling, girls and boys basketball concessions has been distributed electronically. She encouraged everyone to sign up to help on the google doc form.

Athletic Booster Club – Kay Hake reported that the 70's & 80's theme party will be held January 19th, 2013 at Parkade Plaza Event Center. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased at the door. People are encouraged to attend and dress in period clothing.

Music Booster – The jazz band performed in Atlanta, Georgia January 2-5. They will also perform January 17th concert scheduled at RBHS. The jazz bands from Smithton and West Jr. High Schools will also perform at this concert. They will also perform at the MMDA conference in January 24 at Tantara Resort and at the 2nd Annual MU/RBHS Jazz Festival on February 2 which will include participants from as many as 20 schools. RBHS hosted 20+ choirs from 12 schools in Missouri and Kansas at the Show Choir Festival January 12. RBHS Show Choir will compete January 19 at Pleasant Hill. They will also perform at a charity benefit concert on January 31 at 7pm. Tickets are \$5 with proceeds going to Mid-MO Honor Flight.

Hospitality – no report

CCPTA - no report

Teacher Supplies – Tamara Sundvold has used teacher supply funds to purchase Kleenex for classrooms throughout RBHS.

Valentine's Day – Kay Hake, Suzanne Howser, Leah Johnson PTSA members are asked to bring candy to the February 11th PTSA meeting to use for the PTSA Valentine Day gift fundraiser. Members are asked to stay after that meeting to help prepare candy bags. Order forms are in the current newsletter, were distributed at the meeting, and will be available at an order table to be set up during lunches. Valentine gifts will be sold during both lunch shifts Feb 4, 5, and 6. Orders for students, teachers, staff and administrators in the RBHS building must be turned in the RBHS office by Friday, February 8th. Help is needed delivering on Feb 14th. Parents interested in helping please contact Kay Hake (kayhake@centurytel.net).

Website – no report

Building Volunteer Coordinator – no report

Class Representatives – no report

Old Business - none

New Business –

Anyone interested in serving on the nominating committee for next year or interested in serving on the same or different committee or office next year should contact Colleen Bartok.

In the past the guidance department has been in charge administering five scholarships sponsored by PTSA of \$200 each to graduating seniors. It was decided that a representative from guidance office would be invited to the next meeting to discuss the application and process.

Upcoming Events –

- The next RBHS PTSA meeting is February 11, 2013, 12 noon PAC Lobby

No further business pending, meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
June Hurdle
RBHS PTSA Secretary