

## **ROCK BRIDGE PTSA MEETING MINUTES**

### **February 11, 2013**

In attendance: Colleen Bartok, June Hurdle, Elise Acton, Melanie Staloch, Kay Hake, Leah Johnson, Della Streaty-Wilhoit, Damascene Kurukulasuriya, Sarah Hill, Suzanne Howser, Vicki Brocksmith, Linda Shaw, Kate Mehle, Brenda Walker, Kellie Pemberton, Betsy Jones, Mark Maus, and David Bones.

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

**Special Guest** – Betsy Jones, RBHS Director of Guidance shared how the guidance office administers the PTSA scholarships awarded to graduating seniors. The guidance office prepares a scholarship book to provide to seniors each year. The booklet includes lists of scholarships and how to apply. A faculty committee made up of senior teachers and administrators review the applications for the PTSA scholarships that include a short essay and parent signature. The scholarships are merit based and not dependent upon financial need. In addition to the application the committee makes note of students that have made contribution to the school. The PTSA scholarships will be presented along with other academic and achievement awards at a program scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Senior award recipients and their families are invited to this program.

**Secretary's Report** - The minutes of the January 14, 2013 meeting were distributed electronically and available in print at the meeting. A motion was made by Kay Hake and seconded by Brenda Walker to approve the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report** – Kellie Pemberton presented the treasurer report that showed income at the end of January 2013 of \$24,824.31 and expenses of \$17,130.04. She detailed income and expense items that had occurred in the past month. She also shared a report detailing concessions income from each sport served by PTSA concessions.

#### **Administrative Report –**

- The elimination of the integration of 9<sup>th</sup> grade honors and non-honors government class was again discussed. It was expressed that a parent's meeting would be a good idea to further explain the plan and address concerns.
- Mr. Maus explained that the staff is exploring the idea of scheduling an advisory / tutoring period in the middle of the day and possibly shortening blocks by 7 – 8 minutes to do this. This idea is in the early stages of planning and no decisions have been made.
- Mr. Maus announced that RBHS has two presidential scholars and that the RBHS has been listed 9<sup>th</sup> in Missouri on the US News list of Best High Schools 2013.
- Jeremy Duke's first program of the school year had an attendance of between 30 and 40. The second program is scheduled for February 21. (later cancelled due to weather) The third program is scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The programs are sponsored by RBHS PTSA and are free of charge and open to parents, families, and CPS staff.
- RBHS honored former RBHS athletes by inducting them in the RBHS Athletic Hall of Fame assembly held the first week in January.
- Mr. Maus noted that school start times for next year has not yet been decided but that the current proposal has high school starting around 9 am and dismissing around 4 pm. As soon as the school board has made a decision further planning and decisions can be made about how to coordinate scheduling with the career center, athletic practices, possible zero hour classes, etc.
- Mr. Maus reported that improvements to the practice field are being addressed.
- Mr. Bones shared information about the Courtwarming events and dance planned by Student Council. The dance will be held at RBHS this year on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. (later canceled due to weather)
- Mr. Bones also reported that Global Village which is financially supported by PTSA is scheduled for the week of March 4 – 8.

## **Committee Reports**

**Reflections** – Della Streaty-Wilhoit shared the news bulletin she had prepared recognizing the students that participated in the program and thanking the staff for their assistance. Della shared her ideas of using the student newspaper to promote the PTA Reflections Art Competition in future years. She also reported that she used funds assigned to the Reflections program to purchase gifts from the PTSA valentine's fundraiser to honor participants in this year's program.

**Newsletter** – Colleen Bartok noted that information for the next newsletter was due February 20<sup>th</sup> to Krista, Albrecht, student activities administrative assistant. Newsletters that are mailed will be prepared on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Staff Appreciation** – Vicki Brocksmith requested help with providing soups for the soup and salad luncheon scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**Membership** – Kerri Linder provided a report that the membership count is at 509 which includes 345 parents, 125 students, 35 staff, and 4 businesses.

**Concessions** – Melanie Staloch reported that all was going well with concession operations and sales.

**Athletic Booster Club** – Kay Hake reported that the booster club is working to determine what athletic equipment is being supplied by the school district and what is needed

**Music Booster** - no report

**Hospitality** – no report

**CCPTA** - no report

**Teacher Supplies** – no report

**Valentine's Day** – Kay Hake, Suzanne Howser, Leah Johnson working to coordinate sales, preparation of gifts and deliveries. Thanks to everyone for the candy donations and those that have volunteered to assist with sales and deliveries. People were invited to stay after the meeting to assist with assembly of gifts.

**Website** – no report

**Building Volunteer Coordinator** – Brenda Walker reported that she needs additional volunteers for Court Warming. She also needs volunteers to work on calculating their volunteer hours that she will need by mid April.

**Class Representatives** – The senior all night party was briefly discussed and it was suggested that it would be a good idea for parents of juniors to observe to see how it works for next year.

**Old Business** – Colleen Bartok reported that the nominating committee was meeting to work on a slate of officers and chairpersons for next year.

**New Business** – Please contact Colleen with suggestions of people that RBHS PTSA could recognize at the CCPTA Volunteer Appreciation event in April.

**Upcoming Events** –The next RBHS PTSA meeting is March 11, 2013, 12 noon PAC Lobby

No further business pending, meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
June Hurdle  
RBHS PTSA Secretary