

ROCK BRIDGE PTSA MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2012

In attendance: Colleen Bartok, June Hurdle, Vicki Brocksmith, Elise Acton, Melanie Staloch, Laurie Reasoner, Teresa Heim, Tamara Sundvold, Kay Hake, Kellie Pemberton, Monica Widhalm, Linda Bartels, Sarah Hill, Mark Maus, and David Bones.

President Colleen Bartok welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

Special Report - Jeremy Duke, Licensed Professional Counselor, DEAL (Drug Education and Alternative Learning) Counselor at RBHS, explained that he formerly worked as the outreach counselor at RBHS until the funding for the program was eliminated. He now has a private practice but also provides counseling services and education to students and parents of RBHS through the DEAL program funded solely by the RBHS PTSA. His program helps students in need self assess their behavior, motivate them to change their behavior, and educate them on the difference between the perceived risk of substance abuse and actual risks involved. Mr. Maus explained that when the school has reasonable suspicion of substance abuse they ask a student to meet with a counselor and administrator. Parents are contacted to be made aware of the situation. If the substance abuse is founded the student is encouraged to work with Mr. Duke and doing so may reduce suspension time from school. Mr. Duke works closely with the counseling office, the student, and parents to help them and guide them to sources for additional help. He normally works with 20-30 students in a school year and usually does not work with repeat offenders. It was noted that most students perceive the risk of smoking marijuana as being low or non-existent. This year he is adding four evening sessions to reach out to educate parents on substance abuse topics. The first of these meetings is scheduled for Thursday, December 6th. The time and location will be publicized on the school website and in an email sent to parents by the counseling office. PTSA parents at the meeting acknowledged that the funds provided from PTSA for this program are important, not only to the students that receive the services and the learning environment, but also to those students that are around them. The question was asked if the program offered education to students other than those found to be abusing. The DEAL program does not offer this service. Mr. Maus noted that all students are required to cover this topic in depth in 9th grade health. It was suggested that when 9th graders joins the high school that maybe the health faculty could offer additional education in addition to what they receive in 9th grade health.

Secretary's Report - The minutes of the September 10, 2012 meeting were distributed electronically and available in print at the meeting. There were no corrections. A motion was made by Monica Widhalm and seconded by Teresa Heim to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's Report – Kellie Pemberton reported that the income for the fiscal year to date (July 1 – Sept 30, 2012) is \$12,350.01. The expenses total \$7,564.31. The cash balance (including funds carried over from the prior year) is \$29,946.92.

Administrative Report –

* Mr. Maus thanked the PTSA for the help they provided with the first CCV (College & Career Village). The event went very well and the staff will look at the possibility of offering the event every other year so all students are exposed to it twice during their high school years (when the school transitions to a 4 year school next year).

* The construction on the new gymnasium is progressing so that it will be able to be used for basketball practice this year. The auxiliary gym will allow for freshman and JV games to occur at the same time in future years.

* This is Homecoming Week. There will be no parade this year. The Hall of Fame recognition of outstanding alumni will be done during the assembly on Friday at 9:22 am as well as during half time of the football game on Friday evening. The Homecoming Dance is scheduled for after the homecoming game on October 12, 2012 from 9 – 11:30 pm (extended from the original end time of 11pm). Tickets are \$3 in advance or at the door. Non-RBHS guests must be registered in the office by Thursday noon.

* Senior Night and Homecoming are on the same night this year.

* The Girls Golf and Tennis Teams won their district championships and move on to compete at the state level.

* Teachers have five in service professional development days during this school year to prepare for the transition that will occur next fall. On in service days teachers go to the school where they will be teaching next year to work with that staff. November 6th (election day) is the next teacher work day.

* He encouraged everyone to attend the World Café on Wednesday, Oct. 10th at 6:30 at Stoney Creek Inn. The topic of discussion will be transportation and possible change in school start times.

* The district also plans to send out a survey to parents to get their input on whether 9th graders should be allowed to leave campus during lunch next year.

* Parents and Mr. Bones discussed (later in the meeting) that many parents had commented that it was a great improvement to have the Bru Crew sit next to the band at the football games. It gets them interacting with the band members and allows parents to see the game better. It is hoped that this arrangement will continue at future games.

Committee Reports

Reflections – Della Streaty-Wilhoit was unable to attend, but sent a report to say that her group would be meeting next week and the Reflection deadlines would be put into the next newsletter.

College and Career Village – Sarah Hill, Kate Mehle, and Tamara Sundvold -The first CCV was held last Friday, October 5th and was deemed a success. Thanks were given to Rachel Reed and the counseling office for all the work that went in to putting on the fair.

Hospitality – Elise Acton, Laurie Reasoner – Hospitality tables were made available to the over 200 guests that assisted with putting on the CCV. Because the table was located in the teacher's lounge there was some confusion with teachers thinking the food was for them. It is advised to locate the hospitality function in a different location for future events.

Newsletter – Teresa Heim thanked those that helped with the last newsletter and noted that the next newsletter deadline is October 10, 2012. Information should be submitted to Krista Albrecht, Mr. Bone's admin. Asst. The newsletters that are not electronically mailed will be prepared for mailing on October 17 @ 1pm in the PAC lobby or Rm 315 if the PAC is unavailable.

Bruin Grants – Kay Hake reported that the deadline for grant applications is November 1st. The form has been circulated to teachers who may apply for grants for special needs or projects up to \$200.

Staff Appreciation - Vicki Brocksmith announced that the next event is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10th which will feature sub sandwiches and a tailgate theme. Check your google.doc to sign up to help. She also extended a thank you to Carol Howald for her behind the scenes work on the email correspondence coordinating volunteers.

Membership – Colleen reported on behalf of Sheri Ardini and Kerri Linder that membership, when last reported, had reached 512 members to date which is a 33% increase over membership last year. It was discussed that PTSA would like administration to encourage more teachers to join.

Concessions – Melanie Staloch, Monica Widhalm, Shelly Croteau – Melanie Staloch reported that Coke is donating an additional beverage cooler to be installed next week. Concession sales are going well. Hot chocolate was very popular at last week's football game when the weather turned cold.

Athletic Booster Club – Laurie Reasoner, Kay Hake (For the Love of the Game Fundraiser) Laurie reported that last Friday Night the athletic booster club hosted a tailgate party for sponsors of For The Love of The Game. They were also the club's guests for a tour of the new gym and for the football game and recognized at the football game. This was the first time this had been done as a means of recognizing sponsors. The athletic club recently painted the pavilion as well as the Bruin logo on the pavilion and the shed near the football field. About \$2,000 was earned for RBHS at the Machen's Ford Test Drive Event. Invitations for the For The Love Of The Game event will be mailed this week.

Music Booster – Colleen read the music activity report that Kerry Maggard sent. The Emerald Regiment (director Steve Mathews) has competed in three marching band competitions recently at St. Charles West HS, Lafayette HS, and Ft. Zumwalt North. The RBHS marching band received 1st and 4th place awards, and awards for best music and best general effect. Orchestra (director Jeanne Lambson) reports that they will be holding a bake sale on Oct. 30th to help pay for a long sleeve orchestra t-shirt that they are designing. The Fall Choral Concert (director Mike Pierson) is scheduled for Oct. 18th. The fall musical "Urinetown" will be presented Nov. 8-11.

CCPTA - June Hurdle encouraged everyone to attend the World Café that Mr. Maus announced even if they are not concerned about bus transportation as transportation changes may change school start times. The MO PTA Convention will be Oct. 19-21st in Kansas City. Registrations are still being accepted for this event that will have outstanding presentations, guest speakers and a celebration for 100 years of PTA in Missouri. See June if you are interested in attending.

Teacher Supplies – Tamara Sundvold - no report.

Valentine's Day – Kay Hake, Suzanne Howser, Leah Johnson – no report

Website – a draft PTSA calendar was circulated for additions or corrections; it will be posted on the RBHS website under PTSA at <http://www.columbia.k12.mo.us/rbhs/>.

Building Volunteer Coordinator – Brenda Walker suggested that committee members that have not already done so send an email to their volunteers to let them know that you have their information and to find out if any emails do not work. Chaperones are needed for the Homecoming Dance this Friday from 8:30 – 11:30. Contact Brenda to serve.

Class Representatives – Sophomore class – Kate Mehle, Sarah Hill; Junior class – Sheri Ardini, Damascene Kurukulasuriya; Senior Class – Angie Baker, Kay Hake, Monica Widhalm – no report

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Upcoming Events –

- Homecoming – October 12, 2012
- The next RBHS PTSA meeting is November 12, 2012 at 12 noon in the PAC

No further business pending, meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
June Hurdle
RBHS PTSA Secretary