

ROCK BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 14, 2014

In Attendance: June Hurdle, Deb Linneman, Robin Tipton, Kim England, Cindy Bley, Vicki Brocksmitth, Teresa Heim, Elise Acton, Janet Murphy, Terri Stanley, Erin Bower, Kelly Gunter, Kelly Wells, Kay Hake, Colleen Bartok, Kathy Miller, Jodie Brand, June Hurdle, Joanna Wilson, Janna Tarbox, Betsy Hofmann, Cary Colbert, Sarah Hill, and Alice Yu, Ethan Forte, Kelley Tackett, CJ Phillips, Shray Kumar, Christina Banton and Dr. Jennifer Mast

Welcome and RBHS PTSA Reflections Student Art Program Award Presentation – Students received awards and shared about their award winning works. Awards were presented in the following categories - Literature: Sara Ashbaugh, Kelley Tackett, C.J. Phillips, Rachel Kirchhofer, Shray Kumar. Music Composition: Ethan Forte, Alice Yu. Visual Arts: Christina Banton. The first, second, and third place award entries proceeded onto the Missouri PTA competition. Ethan Forte was awarded the 3rd place award at the state level for his music competition and Christian Banton was awarded an honorable mention for her visual arts entry.

Secretary Report – Approval of minutes from March 2014 meeting minutes. Teresa Heim made motion to approve.

Treasurers Report – Kim England – Reminder to get all bills/receipts in before summer for 2013/2014 school year. It was noted that concession revenue stands at \$10K over budgeted income, but only \$1K over in expenses estimate. Scholarship checks will be written to present at the Salute to Seniors award program.

Administrative Report – Dr. Jen Mast, David Bones

- Adding 4th date to pick-up schedule:
 - August 18th – 4:00 – 7:00 – the day before school starts and Jump Start Day for freshman
- Year-end activities for Seniors are starting
- Talks for adding Battle graduation starting in 2015 at Mizzou Arena; may look at scheduling all three graduations on the same day to reduce the cost of using Mizzou Arena. Hearnes is no longer an option.

Committee Reports:

- **Openings for Next Year:** Hospitality Chair, Athletic Booster Liaison, football Concessions Co-Chair, Volley Concessions Chair, Basketball/Wrestling Concessions Co-Chairs (2)
- All chair people need to put organize your notes and instructions in a folder/binder and bring to the next meeting. Please make plans to meet with next year's chairs to share information.
- **Staff Appreciation** – Teresa Heim, Janna Tarbox
 - Next event is this Friday, April 18th – “Spring into Lunch”
 - Teacher Appreciation Week is 1st week in May: 5th is Cinco de Mayo Luncheon, 9th is Ice Cream Sundae Bar
- **Basketball Concessions** – Janet Murphy
 - Thank you to all volunteers. Had a great year.
 - Janet will chair for next year, but is looking for 2 co-chairs
- **Advocacy Chair** – Diane True
 - SB590 has passed the state Senate and is headed to the House. It is the income tax / business tax reduction bill. Currently MO schools are underfunded by approximately \$660 million. The bill does not include a way to ensure schools will receive funding as promised by the legislature. MO PTA asks members to contact your representative and ask them to vote against SB 509.
 - SB538 is in the MO House. It would provide schools with more funds to strengthen their preschool programs. PTA supports quality preschool and early education programs. Preschool programs not only prepare students for kindergarten but also provide children an opportunity to grow, to develop social relationships, promote emotional development and learn how to be students. Research has shown that providing high quality early education yields significant long-term benefits. Individuals who were enrolled in preschool programs have been shown less likely

to repeat grades, need special education, get into future trouble with the law, more likely to graduate high school and ultimately earn more than those who were not. Missouri PTA is asking for members to reach out to their Representative and ask them to support SB538.

- **CCPTA** – Deb Linneman
 - April 22 – outstanding volunteers program: RBHS – June Hurdle, Pat Forward, Matt & Janet Murphy
- **Athletic Boosters** – Laurie Reasoner
 - Kay Hake reported that 70s/80s dance is this Friday @ Plaza Event Center. Tickets available in the office.
 - April 26th – Football pancake breakfast - \$5
 - May 19th – Bruin Cup at Columbia College
- **Music Booster Liaison** – Kelly Wells
 - Nice Show Choir article in the Tribune
 - All large ensembles, choirs, orchestra, etc. scored “1s” and are moving on to State.
 - April 24th - CAPERS Talent Show
 - April 29th – Jazz Night with all 3 high schools will be held at Battle - \$3
 - District Common Assessment for band for grades 8 – 11 on track
- **Volunteer Coordinator** – Elise Acton
 - Sign up for Art Show – cookies needed
 - Need to keep a volunteer log at concession stands
 - Email volunteer hours to her for the school year

Old Business:

- Safe Routes to School Petition - Sponsored by RBHS PTSA.
 - Will get the petition on-line
- RBHS Entry Enhancement Committee – Melissa Randall and Joanna Wilson
 - Kathy Miller with Columbia Associates gave presentation on possible changes that could be made to the front of the school including painting flag poles, painting table tops and trash cans, painting yellow lines on concrete to define space, change light bulbs, repurpose green space, etc. Showed several pictures and gave estimates. Discussion followed.

New Business:

- Clothes Closet – help from PTSA?
 - Guidance/Teachers/Administrators are involving to get quality clothes for kids who need it
 - Will need donations; Suggestion for business suits for interviews
 - PTSA go-between
- Graduation Gown Closet suggested as a student project
 - Graduation gown/donation lending program
 - Mr. Bones has a closet where they have some donations already
 - Questioned if this would conflict with any commitment to Jostens

Upcoming Events:

- April 17th, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at RBHS Media Center – Parent Resource Night conducted by Jeremy Duke, sponsored by PTSA
- April 19 - New and Returning Officer Leadership Training at MO PTA Office, 2101 Burlington, Columbia
- April 30 - New Officer form due to MO PTA (online)
- Last PTSA Meeting for this school year is Monday, May 12th in the PAC lobby. Set-up pot luck luncheon at 11:30 a.m., eat at 11:45 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Tipton, Secretary