

## ROCK BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 13, 2014

In Attendance: June Hurdle, Kim England, Robin Tipton, Karri Linder, Vicki Brocksmith, Kate Mehle, Teresa Heim, Sarah Hill, Betsy Hofmann, Janine Stichter, Sara Fougere, Janna Tarbox, Kay Hake, Joanna Wilson, Leah Johnson, Kerry Maggard, Janet Muphy, Diane True, Damascene Kurukulasuriya, Monica Widhalm, and David Bones

Welcome by President June Hurdle and introductions by everyone.

**Secretary Report** – Approval of minutes from November 2013 meeting. Kerri Linder made motion to approve and June Hurdle seconded.

**Treasurers Report** – Kim England presented financials. Bruin Grants went over budget by \$927. Kim passed out a list of the recipients and June explained that the Bruin Grant committee chairs reviewed the applications with Dr. Mast. Some requests were for more money than was awarded. June noted the requests came from many areas and as a result many students will benefit from the funding provided. A vote was taken to award \$927 through Bruin Grants than was allowed for in the budget.

**Administrative Report** – David Bones

- Thanks you all for holiday treats provided to teachers and staff
- Gearing up for 2014-2015 course selection
  - o Wednesday night is a Course Fair for incoming freshman
- Transition from newsletter to blog in order to reach more people
  - o There will be a link in the InfoBruin
- Committee of Students for the \$25,000 Celebrate My Drive campaign award. 10% will be allocated to the safe driving initiative. Ideas and suggestions for the rest of the money are welcome.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Reflections** – Abbey Trescot
  - o Deadline to MO PTA is Thursday @ 4:30
  - o We have entries for music, art and literature
- **Valentines** – Sarah Hill
  - o Meeting today after PTSA meeting
  - o Please bring candy to next meeting
  - o Elise will send out a request for candy to be left in the activity office
- **Membership** – Kerri Linder, Susan Jones
  - o No report
- **Volunteer Coordinator** – Elise Acton
  - o No report
- **Staff Appreciation** – Teresa Heim, Janna Tarbox
  - o Next is January 31<sup>st</sup> – “Souperbowls” - will be sending out email for requested items
- **Football Concessions** – Linda Bartels, Leah Johnson, Pat Forward
  - o We had one extra game and they did have the water turned on
- **Basketball Concessions** – Janet Murphy
  - o Going well – need volunteers; Sending out spreadsheet for volunteers to sign up
  - o Will also send to students so they can assist during the rush at half-time
- **Teacher Supplies & Bruin Grants** – Tamara Sundvold, Kate Mehle
  - o Bruin Grants are done; see treasurer’s report
- **Advocacy Chair** – Diane True

- CCPTA cancelled the Townhall because MU Alumni was having legislative forum at the same time
- Nationally – sequester – waiting to see if there will be cuts
- Nationally – strong start for America’s Children Act to expand high quality start from birth to 5 years
- **CCPTA** – Deb Linneman
  - We received flyer for CCPTA Founder’s Day which is February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and will be hosted at RBHS; guest speaker Dr. Huff, Supt. of Joplin Schools, 2013 MO Superintendent of the Year
- **Athletic Boosters** – Laurie Reasoner
  - Kate Hake reported that “For the Love of the Game” needs volunteers for next year’s event
- **Hospitality** – Laurie Reasoner
  - No report
- **Volunteer Coordinator** – Elise Acton
  - No report
- **Class Representations** – Sheri Ardini, Gail Baker, Betsy Hofman, Janine Stichter, Sara Fougere, Cary Colbert, Karri Maggard
  - No report
- **PTSA Awards Coordinator** – Julie Lyman
  - No report

**Old Business:**

- RBHS Entrance Refurbishing Committee
  - Melissa Randall, Joanna Wilson, Kathy Miller have volunteered to serve on this committee
  - Dr. Mast said it is on CPS’s list to demolish and redo, but not sure of time schedule.
  - Committee will proceed and write a letter asking for this to be made a priority and find out the timeframe for the enhancements. If it won’t happen for several years, can enhancements be made by PTSA?
- PTSA New Family Welcome
  - Proposed by Deb Linneman that we have Information Folders in Guidance for new families
  - No report.

**New Business:**

- Men’s Wearhouse Offer
  - Promotion offered for money back to schools on Tux orders for Prom
    - PTSA can receive \$5 per tuxedo rental if PTSA agrees to participate
    - 2 free tux rentals that can be given to students, \$40 off for faculty
    - Agreed to participate, follow up on how to register and if there is anything PTSA is expected to do
- Nominating Committee
  - Bylaws state that there must be 3 members on the committee: Deb Linneman, Kay Hake and Sarah Hill offered to be the committee. Monica Widhalm made motion to approve this committee and Teresa Heim seconded.
- Visits to Feeder School PTAs – June Hurdle, Deb Linneman
  - Attend PTA meetings at Gentry and Jeff and promote RBHS PTSA, look for volunteers, etc.
- Wednesday, January 15, 2014, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Course Fair
  - June will have a PTSA table set up. Vicki Brocksmith volunteered to assist.
- Global Village – March 7, 2014 – PTSA Financial Support
  - Planning meetings are beginning
  - PTSA supports \$1500 to Culinary Arts and \$300 for other, such as booth set-up
  - If more money is needed, they must present to PTSA at the February Meeting
- Student Parking on the Street
  - Wondering why there is no assigned parking in parking lots
  - Should not be a problem next year when the school has smaller population

- Intersection at Providence and Sophia's Restaurant
  - o Concern expressed regarding this dangerous intersection close to the school
  - o Request investigate further – Dr. Mast, MODOT, City
  
- Involved in School Planning for 2014-2015 – Bruin Block/Other Topics
  - o Honors classes
    - Any chance of traditional honors classes?
    - Currently contract for “honors”, but not being taught at honors level and requirement is just additional work/projects
  - o Bruin Block
    - Is Bruin Block going to continue?
    - Any way to take survey, get stats, etc. ?
    - What is the plan for juniors/seniors moving forward
    - Is it set in stone?
  - o Lunch
    - Freshman/Sophomores leaving campus is not monitored or enforces
    - Will juniors/seniors be allowed to leave campus next year?
    - Not enough time/space to feed everyone at school
    - Taking away “freedom with responsibility”?
  - o Major issue with parking lot entrance on South Hampton; Is a left turn lane possible?
  - o Request that RBHS Homecoming not be scheduled the same weekend as MU's homecoming

**Upcoming Events:**

- Next PTSA Meeting is Monday, February 10, 2014 at noon in the PAC Lobby

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Tipton  
Secretary