

ROCK BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 11, 2016

In Attendance: Terri Stanley, Julie Diehls, Joanna Wilson, Kay Hake, Kate Mehle, Cary Colbert, Kelly Wells, Theresa Geyer, Deb Linneman, Kerri Linder, Teresa Heim, Sara Fougere, Karen Hajcek, Sam States, Dr. Rukstad

Welcome and Introductions – Terri Stanley (Copy Machine Code is e012515)

Secretary Report – Joanna Wilson - Approval of minutes from November 2015. Julie Diehls made motion to approve. Kelly Wells seconded.

Treasurers Report – Julie Diehls

- Not shown on report: \$4,000 paid out for Bruin Grants (entire amount budgeted).
- Basketball concession profits currently at \$600; need to hit \$1,000 to make budget. Per Dr. Rukstad, many big games are on the schedule in late February.
- Cary Colbert made motion to approve report. Kelly Wells seconded.

Administrative Report – Dr. Jen Rukstad

- Tentative school calendar for 2016-17 has been emailed to parents. Not final version; still working on it.
- For the 2017-18 calendar there will be a day in September when MU is not in session but CPS will be having class. There will be a solar eclipse and Columbia has been announced as the best viewing location in the world. Students will be allowed to view the eclipse at school.
- Course Fair for 8th grade students to be held on Thursday, January 21 in the evening. PTSA will have a table and Booster Club will be selling apparel.
- Front Entry Committee (Lisa Kurzejeski, Dr. Rukstad, Kathy Ritter, and David Bones) is working with architect Chris Davis. All concrete to be torn out. Steps will be removed and walkway will be one long, sloped elevation made of colored concrete. Handicapped doors will be on the side with a covering added over the doors. Design includes new lighting, small groupings of greenery, student seating, and bike racks. Flagpole will be moved. Will use as much of PTSA gift (benches, banners, & trash cans) as possible.
- Renovation to front entry, baseball fields, and football stadium are all considered one job. Stadium plan will go out to bid in May and then costs can be determined. Scheduled for completion by Summer 2017.
- Courtwarming to be held on Saturday, February 27. Volunteer Coordinator (Melissa Murphy) should contact Mr. Egan about recruiting volunteers.
- Most likely dates for dead weeks this summer: Athletics – July 23-31; Activities- July 2-10.
- Fall sports practices will start August 1.
- All RBHS juniors will take the ACT on April 19 at Rock Bridge.

PTSA Communications – InfoBruin (Kim Hughes) & Facebook (Kerri Linder)

Reminders:

- Let Kerri know if you have something to promote, announcements, or reminders to go on Facebook. Be sure to like and share RBHS posts to continue seeing them on your FB feed.
- Kim will get InfoBruin announcements to Christina Thalhuber. Please email Kim important information from your committees.
- Dr. Rukstad to discuss with Christina Thalhuber “Constant Contact” (server) dropping email addresses, causing parents to stop receiving InfoBruin regularly.

Committee Reports:

- **Schedule Pick-up – Jodie Brand and Mindy Fuller**
No report.
- **Membership – Amy Simmons & Erin Strong**
No report.
- **PTSA Volunteer Coordinator – Melissa Murphy**
No report.
- **CCTPA/Advocacy Chair – Diane True**
Handout on proposed power lines & powdered alcohol. Discussion about taking a stance. Agreement among attendees not to take a stance on these issues.
- **Award Coordinator – Pam Osman**
No report.
- **Football Concessions – Pat Forward, Jill Schneider, & Joanna Wilson**
No report.
- **Volleyball Concessions – Shelley Morris**
No report.
- **Basketball/Wrestling Concessions – Amber Carbone, Angela Pigg & Stacy Ford**
No report.
- **Staff Appreciation – JoAnn Reed & Karen Maggine (Report by Kim Hughes)**
No report.
- **Hospitality – Erin Bower**
No report.
- **Teacher Supplies & Bruin Grants – Kate Mehle & Cindy Bley**
 - All grants have been awarded. Denise McGonigle had another file with requests. Every teacher that submitted a request received at least the minimum they requested.
 - Cindy & Kate to spend \$375 on teacher supplies. Will go to Sam's for Instant Savings.
 - Kay Hake recommended they look into CPD initiative to get kids acquainted with Keisha, our resource officer. Gift cards could be given to kids to encourage them to talk with Keisha.
- **Reflections – Deb Linneman and Jane Biccum**
 - These entries have been sent on to the state level:
 - Literature
Kristine Cho – Wildfire
Nicole Schroeder – Ethereality
Madison Wright – Planes, Trains, and Early Life Crisis
 - Visual Arts
Wendy Zhang – Envision
Dzung Nguyen – Beneath the Surface
 - Music Composition
Alice Yu – Expedition through the Elysium Forest
Martin Shapiro – Beez Bop
Arnold Chen – The Dance of the Royalties, Ballerinas, and Warriors
 - Entries being sent on to the National level will be announced mid-March.
 - Deb will work with Kim to set a date for students to present their entries at a future PTSA meeting.
 - Bearing News article on Reflections Program was sent around.
- **Valentines – Kay Hake, Cary Colbert, & Sara Fougere**
 - No school on Feb. 12. Valentines will be done on Feb. 11.
 - Will need bags of candy donated at February 8 PTSA meeting. No balloons this year. Will assemble candy bags after the meeting. (Most profit comes from candy bags.)
 - Order forms will be available on Facebook & InfoBruin.
 - Kay to get an email sent to parents to get candy donations & contact Melissa about using Volunteer Spot for helpers to work table.
- **Senior Class Reps – Sara Fougere & Janine Stichter**

- Sara asked if school website can be updated to reflect this year's senior activities dates. (Still has 2015 info.) Dr. Rukstad shared these dates: Apr. 30-Prom; May 13--Seniors last day of class; May 16-- Salute to Seniors; May 19—Baccalaureate; May 21 @11 am— Graduation.
- Deb announced that Senior All-Night Party will be May 21. Volunteer meeting is Feb. 24, 6-7:30 pm at Hickman. Please encourage parents of seniors to attend.
- **Junior Class Reps – Cary Colbert & Kerry Maggard**
- **Sophomore Class Reps – Sam States & Betsy Hofmann**
- **Freshman Class Reps - Mary Barnes**
No report.
- **PTSA Student Group Liaison – Deb Linneman**
 - Deb was notified in November that our student group will be in charge of the student service project at the State PTA Convention to be held April 22-24 at Stoney Creek Lodge. Our student group will reach out to other RBHS clubs for assistance.
 - Kim Weber, Rock Bridge alum in her 2nd year as MO PTA President, is working with the MO School Boards Assn. (MSBA) to host a Legislative Forum in Jefferson City on Feb. 16. Our students have been invited to attend and will be excused from class. (Event runs from 8 am-4:30 pm.) Our budget will cover the cost of the bus. MSBA will cover lunch. Students will meet with Boone County legislators and have photos taken, as well as take a tour of the Capitol. Deb will send photos on to Michelle Baumstark to go on District website.
 - Deb is working on roles for PTSA Parent Class Reps. She will meet with Mrs. Sasser on Jan.12 and ask for input from students. She encourages parents to get involved with this group since it provides lots of interaction with students and with Mrs. Sasser.
- **Athletic Boosters Liaison – Libby Lawson's report read by Julie Diehls**
 - Columbia Orthopedic Group's Sports Physical Day is Feb. 13, 8 am-noon
 - For the Love of the Game (FTLOTG) profit was over \$100,000. Money is still coming in.
 - Next FTLOTG – Nov. 5, 2016
 - Bruin Cup – May 15 @6:30 pm., location TBA. Dessert Bar only (no dinner). Charity will be Central MO Food Bank. RSVP cards to go out in April.
 - Kay Hake announced Football Team's Pancake Breakfast is January 30, 8-11 am. Tickets are \$5.
- **Music Boosters – Kelly Wells**
 - RBHS Color Guard performed in the Citrus Bowl All-American Halftime Show.
 - District Band Concert held last weekend. More than 20 RBHS students selected-more than any other Columbia school.
 - Show Choir Premier Concerts –Jan. 14 @6:30 & 8:30 (2 performances); \$8 admission.
 - Show Choir Festival—Jan. 16 all day. \$10 admission.
 - MU-RBHS Jazz Festival—Feb. 13 @ RBHS. Kelly will talk with Angela & Stacy to discuss usage of concession stand. Per DR. Rukstad, there is a girls BB game at 1:00 that day.
 - Jazz students will be performing at a jazz festival in Chicago on Feb. 26.
- **Friends of RBHS Orchestra – Carrie Schlimme**
No report
- **Bruin Closet – Cindy Bley**
 - Lisa Kurzejeski is requesting gym shorts, both boys & girls. Bring to room 108.
- **College & Career Village – Sondra Inman & Kim England**
No report.

Old Business:

- PTSA Gmail email address & Volunteer Spot ID/PW
 - rbhsptsacomo@gmail.com

- bruinswin (lower case b)
- Visitor parking tags are available if you need one.
- Volunteer Badges will be in the Activities Office PTSA Mailbox.

New Business:

- Approve Nominating Committee—Slate
Janine Stichter, Kate Mehle, Terri Stanley (Will be contacting people to fill positions.)
- Concessions Stand Volunteers – Please sign up if you are available.
- Please let Kim know if you will be returning to your position in 2016-17.

Other Business/Announcements:

- Dr. Stiepleman to visit on proposed new bond & tax levy.
- Please keep track of volunteer hours to turn in at end of year.
- Thank you to our business members. They will receive stickers.
- **Please bring bags of candy to Feb. 8 meeting for Valentines Fundraiser.**

Upcoming Events:

- Monday, January 18—NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday, January 19—City Council Meeting—Power Lines down Nifong
- Thursday, January 21—5:30 pm Course Fair
- Wednesday, January 27—EARLY RELEASE
- Monday, February 1—Staff Appreciation-SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON

NEXT MEETING-- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8 @ NOON IN PAC LOBBY

Meeting adjourned at 12:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanna Wilson, Secretary