

Rocky River High School PTA
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 17, 2009

President: Ann Stemen: Ann welcomed the PTA and introduced the Rocky River Business Brigade and President, Henry Chaski. The Business Class taught by Mr. Mark Wagner is selling RR decal stickers for \$3.00 and water bottles for \$8.00. They presented their products and spoke about their marketing plans and goals in the community. This is a one semester class. They will continue to sell through the end of January.

Dianna Foley informed us that all school PTA programs and news will be posted on the districts webpage.

2nd Vice President: Debra Bernard: Mrs. Bernard introduced Ms. Shawna MacDonald, a teacher that replaced Mrs. Megan Rose in the special education department. Ms. MacDonald has been in the district for 7 years as a LRC special education tutor. Mrs. Bernard spoke about beginning a freshman mentoring program in the fall 2010. They are in the planning phase of the project. She said that Dr. Shoaf had arranged for H1N1 shots to be administered at the school on Thursday and Monday. Forms are being sent home with students today to have filled out by the parents. This is a district wide program. Mrs. Bernard felt the 1st quarter was a great start to the year. 67% of the school has scored in the high honors and honors categories for grades. The teachers continue to work with the additional 23% of the students. The Learning Community is in the 2nd year and has been a success. The seniors are hosting a Dance of the Decade on Friday night, November 20. The schools have invited the two judges from the Rocky River City Courts, Judge Donna Congeni Fitzsimmons and Judge Brian Hagan, to speak to the students about real world outcomes of present decisions they make as they continue through their senior year. Tri-C College courses continues to be offered at the high school. The Fall Play is December 2 and the Holiday Concert is December 16th. Mrs. Bernard is very pleased with the numerous accomplishments of the students and the leadership in all the classes.

Treasurer's Report: Tracy Blossey: Tracy gave as a handed out the RRHS PTA approved budget for 2009/2010. She also gave as a handout the

November Treasurer's Report. Dianne Foley made a motion to accept the November Treasurer's Report and it was seconded by Diane Bear. Tracy asked for an increase to the bonding insurance by \$10.00 Kim Pease made a motion to increase the bonding insurance by \$10.00 and it was seconded by Jenn Krebs.

1st Vice President: Diane Beer: Diane Beer has worked with PTA Council President, Deb Fury on drafting a policy regarding the storage lockers at Uncle Bob's Storage facility. The initial language drafted has each president of each school responsible for the storage locker and they are responsible for the key. The community and parents are welcome to borrow the items in the storage lockers for events providing the items are returned in the same condition as when they were borrowed. It was suggested that Key Club or National Honors Society work for volunteer hours to organize the space and items.

Recording Secretary: Sheri Swartz: The minutes from the September 15, 2009 meeting were approved by Kim Pease and seconded by Maren Titmas.

Corresponding Secretary: Jackie Kinsley: Two thank you notes were received from the two PTA scholarships awarded: Michelle Brzoska and Heather Vargo. A thank you note was received from the RRHS yearbook committee for our financial support with an advertisement and a second thank you note was received regarding the New Student Welcome Project for t-shirts.

Council Delegates: Jenn Krebs, Gwen Paul and Kim Pease: Jenn spoke that the Homecoming Dinner raised \$3500.00. Kensington School is the drop off school for Coats for Kids. An area dry cleaner will clean the coats prior to being distributed. The Safe Kids bicycle helmet programs was a success and they will encourage wearing ski helmets. The Preschool PTA Auction is Friday, November 20 at Sweet Melissa's for \$5.00 entrance fee. Junior Achievement at the RRMS is in need of volunteers. The program is scheduled for February / March. The Rocky River Education Fund Raiser is scheduled for Westwood Country Club on March 13. The theme is the 1980s.

Committee Reports

Beautification: Maren Titmas: Maren is thinking of stadium seating outside the fence for kids waiting for rides home. She is open to new ideas.

Fruit Sale: Gwen Paull: Gwen has secured the needed facility for February 18 ~ the pick up day. The deadline for orders is February 10. Informational postcards will be mailed in early January. Gwen stated that she had Fruit Sale reports dating back to 1998. She respectfully requested to recycle the older reports and save just a few years of reports.

Grocery Rewards: Megan Junke: Megan continue to work with Gordon Food Service GFS to establish a rewards program similar to the program at Heinars.

Membership: Nancy Hanson: No Report

Sophomore Class Sale: Addie Olander and Kathy Turk: Addie and Kathy established a service fundraiser for the class. The students were requested to provide a service and be paid and then turn the money over to their class. They had 71 students participate with an approximately \$1500.00 profit. They were very pleased with the class leadership owning the fund raiser and hope to see it continue in the future. Dianna Foley suggested the class keep the funds raised from the fund raiser and the PTA use the funds raised from the fruit sale for scholarships.

Spirit Run: Kathy Goepfert: The race was cancelled.

Staff Recognition: Open: No Report

Unfinished Business: Student Organization Disbursements: Adam Moeller is the advisor for Forensics program. The program is very successful and RRHS is rated in the top 10% of the country for the Forensic program. Elizabeth Delzani is the advisor the Model UN. The group travels for conferences and the cost is \$600.00 / student. Dianna Foley made a motion to give the Forensics program \$300.00 and the Model UN program \$450.00. She also requested the advisors let the parents know of the PTA donation. Kim Pease seconded the motion.

New Business: Dianna Foley: Dianna passed out the Strategic Plan for the RRCS. She is teaching technology literacy classes offered to the teachers

though Ashland University. She said that Liz Anderson acquired Atomic Learning site offered through the webpage to assist parents in power point presentations. She stated that the Board of Education continues to look ahead at the possibility of a bond issue and proposals. The community will be invited to open discussion sessions. The decisions will impact the Rocky River Schools for the next 30 years. There will be surveys online and everyone is encouraged to send their questions or concerns by email to Dianna. Ann Stemen mentioned that the RRHS PTA budget has \$500.00 earmarked for a bond issue passage.

The next PTA meeting is Tuesday, January 19, 2010 @ 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheri Swartz
Recording Secretary.