

RRMS PTA Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2011

Attendees: Sandra Muny, Elise Ulchaker, Karen Weger, Keli Asmar, Paige Farling, Jenn Krebs, Sam Gifford and Beth Trudell.

Meeting called to order by Sandra Muny at 9:10am.

Principal's Report, Sam Gifford, 2nd Vice President:

- Pirates Program Thursday, Jan 20 from 7-9
 - Free even for all students
 - Dance & DJ, sports, Wii tournament, Lego activities
 - 2 years in planning in conjunction with RR police
 - “Do the Right Thing” is the theme
 - Help in the halls & cafeteria, respect for self & others
 - Educate on drugs & alcohol
 - These are the years to form good habits
 - Address bullying & harassment
 - Teachers are chaperones for the event
 - Pro-active, fun opportunity for kids with kids
 - “Show them what right looks like”
- Hoops for Hunger
 - Food / \$ collection starts January 31st end with basketball game Rocky River vs. Bay Village on Feb 18.
 - Homeroom and grade level competition
- Google Aps going well
 - If parent or student notice glitches please let Diana Foley know about it.
 - Google Aps E Portfolio allows student to save electronic files (reports, etc).
 - Parents would like a second parent meeting. Sam will mention to Diana Foley.
- Midterms week of January 17th
- 2nd Qtr academic awards February 1, 2 & 8.
 - Parent and student survey on website evaluating the academic awards.
 - School wants to make sure they are ok.
 - Information coming home to students & parents in report card.
- Lego Club
 - Wednesdays after school.
 - About 30 kids participate
 - Targeted to kids with social needs. The club has brought out the most reclusive kids. Considered a success.

- Tech Club
 - Thursdays after school 2nd semester
- 49 coats, hats & gloves were collected in December
- Author Margaret Haddix will visit March 2. She will meet all grade levels and will have a book signing.
- Washington DC cost to families is \$419. Roommate selection forms out soon.
- Main office 6-7 weeks from completion.

Treasurer's Report, Karen Weger

- Little activity to report.
- Disbursements of \$318 to Ryan Hudec for grant

Recording Secretary, Beth Trudell

- Minutes from the November 3, 2010 meeting approved. Dispensed with reading of the minutes. Approved by Keli Asmer and Jenn Krebs

Nominating Committee, Sandra Muny (reported for Julie Tucci)

- Need to present a slate at March 16th RRMS PTA meeting
- Ask current 5th, 6th, and 7th grade parents to serve.
- Beth Trudell volunteered to be on committee

Council Delegate Report

- Pirate program discussed
- Hoops for hunger
- Kensington will have 'shaped pasta' fundraiser.
- Community Challenge / Gym Rats game on April 1st.
- March 19th Education Foundation party / fundraiser at Westwood Country Club.
- February 18th Hoops for Hunger basketball game at Bay Village.
- High School fruit sale. Order by Feb 11 and pick up is Feb 24th.
- 7th grade Terra Nova testing week of February 22-24th.
- Facility use scheduling for PTA is now online for all buildings.
- School board offices at Beach School should be completed by August 1st.
- Full day kindergarten delayed for another year.
- Plans for RRHS moving forward. Met with city to discuss plans
- Curriculum changes. Liz Anderson reported that Math and Language will use national standards through 2014-15 school year. Revised Ohio standards for the rest of the subjects.
- School calendar situation will be discussed at next board meeting on 1/20 at 7pm.
 - Many teachers and parents unhappy with full week of school the first week, school on Wed before Thanksgiving, short Xmas break and late spring break.

Sixth Grade Social dance has 67 kids signed up. Dates are Jan 28, Feb 4 & 11.

Maroon & White Night, Paige Farling

- Starry Night at Maroon & White
- All positions filled except clean-up.
- Meeting Jan 31st from 1-2:30 at Sandra Muny's home. This will be the longest and maybe the only large group meeting. Communicate through email.
- Would like to wristbands at lunch to avoid lines at M&W night. Need Sam Gifford's approval.
- The RRHS Pirate will be on hand the day before event to build awareness/enthusiasm.
- Offer some kind of incentive / competition to encourage 8th graders to attend.
- M&W night info letter will go out with report card. Letter will be asking for volunteers, donations and raffle items.
- If a family donates an item of \$15 or more, the RRMS student will be invited to a breakfast the morning of M&W night.

Challenge Days: March 22-23

- Need volunteers for the 2 days.
- Training for volunteers in March 14th at 9am.

New Business Items

- \$50 left in staff appreciation budget. Could have a coffee cart, pastries, etc. Paige would head up.
- In March, Sam Gifford may ask PTA for additional money for Washing DC Scholarships.
 - We could potentially use the money set aside for Red Ribbon Week if not used and reallocate usage.
- Add \$5 to budget for council delegate president gift. Add to March agenda
- Increase principal gift. Add to March agenda

Next RRMS PTA meeting is March 16th at 9am

Meeting Adjourned at 10:10am.