

## RRMS PTA Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2010

Attendees: Sam Gifford, Sandra Muny, Julie Tucci, Karen Weger, Angie Coughlin, Elise Ulchaker, Andrea Mediate, Laura Gluntz, Beth Trudell

Meeting called to order by Sandra Muny at 9:07am.  
All the teachers say 'thank you' for the staff appreciation day.

Minutes from the September 2010 meeting were approved by Julie Tucci & Karen Weger.

Principal's Report, Sam Gifford, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:

- Health summit at Browns Stadium. Presentation by 4 RRMS students. Will participate again...great experience.
- Google Aps for students is still clicking along.
  - No issues to date.
  - Students using for academic purposes.
  - Printing glitch at home. Sam will follow up with Diana Foley and Mrs. Smith
  - 1<sup>st</sup> seminar for parents filled up quickly. Will a 2<sup>nd</sup> class for parents be offered?
- Reports due out Friday, November 5.
  - New code on 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report for completion of summer reading. 1<sup>st</sup> quarter grade is affected if work not completed.
  - Academic award ceremony on November 9 for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and November 10 for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade career day is November 24. Individuals from the community are coming to RRMS.
- Veterans Day assembly is November 8. Mr. Purdy organizes.
- Winter sports are underway. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball and wrestling.
- Fuel up to Play 360. Can the PTA help? Sam will talk with Phys Ed staff.
  - Cannot sell candy bars or have bake sales (as fundraisers) during the school day. Before and after school is OK. Students can buy pop after school.
  - Annette Sullivan asked about ordering milk without the hormone RGBHT.

Committee Reports:

- Treasurer's Report, Karen Weger.
  - Thank you notes from students to PTA for the Lolly the Trolley trip. Students pay \$14 and PTA pays \$6-7 per student. Total budget \$1,032.
  - Popcorn sales strong.
  - Below membership budget.
  - Balance is \$7,496.64
  - On RRMS website PayPal donation section has collect \$175.

- Fee Days, Julie Tucci.
  - 87% of students registered on day one between 4-7pm.
  - Less than 10% registered on day between 9am -2pm.
  - Propose to change hours in order to shorten volunteer commitment. Recommend that day one should be 4pm-8pm and day 2 from 9am-11am.
  - Sam Gifford OK with the change. Sam asked that when students register that PTA volunteers check for the following items on the form:
    - Student & parent signature
    - Email address completed
    - Emergency medical form completed
  - School and PTA should design form together.
  - Incomplete forms – no schedule.
  
- Popcorn Friday
  - Various committees, schools and people would like to borrow machine. To help maintain machine and replenish supplies, PTA would like to charge a fee. Elise motioned for a \$25 fee and Andrea 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
  - If the machine is used for a RRMS event in the building the fee is \$10 to replenish supplies.
  
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Dance
  - Social dance is scheduled for Jan28, Feb 4 & 11. Christine Banks will send information letter to parents last week of December.
  - Dick Blake is confirmed.
  
- Cookie Walk, Sandra Muny and Anette Sullivan.
  - Schedule for December 21<sup>st</sup>. Sam will send out memo. PTA provides tin.
  
- Directory Update, Angie Coughlin.
  - Directory is complete. Members can pick up at awards ceremony. Also distribute in homerooms. Non members can purchase a directory for \$5.
  
- Delegate Report. The Elise Ulchaker will send report to Beth Trudell after the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. See attachment A.

Four Grant Requests, Karen Weger. Two grants approved, one denied and one tabled.

1. Mr. Hudec requested \$290 for an instrument repair kit for band. Will help approximately 200 students. Currently PTA has \$300 in budget for band. 1<sup>st</sup> motion to pass Annette Sullivan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Beth Trudell. Grant approved.
  
2. Mr. Hudec & Mrs. Fancher requested \$300 for an accompanist for the solo and ensemble contest. Will help approximately 10 children. The request does not meet the standards of helping 30 to 40 percent of middle school population. The grant was denied.
  - Need to talk with Mr. Hudec and Mrs. Fancher about \$\$ needed for the musical.

3. Mrs. Fancher requested \$450 for Bach to Beatles program. PTA currently has \$500 in budget. 1<sup>st</sup> motion to pass Karen Weger. 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to pass Julie Tucci. Grant approved.
  
4. Sam Gifford requested \$450 for a 3-line scroll board (sign) for announcements. Would assist 633 students. Set up in main hallway. The purpose of the board is to eliminate spending the last 5 minutes of every day with activity announcements. Questions / comments from board; would students look at it? 15% of students leave through other doors. PTA does not know what additional money will be in our budget. It depends on the success of Maroon & White Night. After discussion Sam said he did not want to take money away from other student activities. Sam would like to table the grant request until after Maroon & White Night.

Next RRMS PTA meeting is January 19<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15am.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Trudell, Recording Secretary

## ATTACHMENT A

Delegate Report from November 9, 2010 Meeting.

Second Vice President, Dr. Shoaf, spoke of the pending Beach School renovations, with bids opening on Friday. The next school for bidding will be the high school, with building to begin in May.

Director of Curriculum, Liz Anderson, shared that the professional day will be focusing on the new academic standards. Implementation of statewide academic content standards will be this year's focus. All content standards will be implemented by the school year 2014 - 2015 as well as new Ohio standardized testing.

Director of Communication, Dianna Foley, updated us on the AlertNow notification system. Phone calls will only be used for emergency situations. The Google apps implementation is continuing with another series of workshops for families being provided after Thanksgiving. The district is considering the possibility of moving toward another wireless internet access for 7-12 graders, in which students will be able to bring their own devices with them.

Rocky River High School (Ann Stemen) - The high school will be one of the local collection sites for used promwear to be given to a charity that gathers the items and hosts a prom event for terminally ill kids as a community service opportunity. Fruit sale flyers will be sent out. Sale will begin after the first of the year. Please support! The RRHS band is selling Honey Baked Ham gift certificates. Please see a band member to purchase!

Goldwood (Deb DeCarlo) - Snowflake Palace will be taking place during the first week of December and will be open to the public during Santa photos from 4:30 - 6:30 pm the first evening. They will also be collecting cold weather clothing.

Rocky River Early Childhood PTA (Brigid Steiner) - Holiday Auction is November 19th, 7pm at The Pub. They will be hosting a table at the All Aglow event for children to make reindeer food.

Board of Education (Jenny Hess) - The community is always welcome to attend the Board of Education meetings which are held the second Wednesday of each month (Curriculum) and the third Thursday of each month (Motions).

Community Challenge Coalition (Jeanne Campanella) - Distributed flyers featuring the coalition's upcoming events including: Generational Differences in Communication and Parenting (11/15/10, 7pm, RRMS Commons Area) and What Every Parent Needs to Know (11/30/10, 7 pm RRMS Commons Area). Please register in advance. Care packages will be sent to college freshman providing support and assistance with stress management and will host a dodge ball reunion December 29th. Please let Jeanne know about any future parent education themes you would like to see. An FAQ link will be included on their website.

Education Foundation (Beth Hauck) - Please participate in the Turkey Trot which will be held the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving. Monies raised will help support the Rocky River Education Foundation. Please contact Kristen Stevens or Beth Hauck with questions.

Parliamentarian (Marcy Leonard) - PTA Council bylaws will be revised.

Relay for Life (Fayth Sims) - Look for more details closer to May.

Please contact Ann Coyne if you have any ideas for next year's Scholarship Dinner.

The next PTA Council meeting will be held January 11, 2011 at 12:30 at the Board of Education building.