

RRMS PTA Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2010

Attendees: Sam Gifford, Sandra Muny, Julie Tucci, Karen Weger, Angie Coughlin, Linda Kasner, Therese Rutt, Laura Gluntz, Elise Ulchaker, Jenn Krebs, Jan Cook, Keli Asmer, Anette Sullivan.

Meeting called to order by Sandra Muny at 9:05am. Introduction of RRMS Board and Delegates.

Minutes from the April 21, 2010 meeting were approved by Karen Weger and Angie Coughlin.

Dianna Foley, Communications & Technology Coordinator:

- Thank you for email addresses on emergency medical forms. Very helpful. Encourage others to provide email addresses.
- Google Apps for Education for grades 3-12. Students will be able to upload files, use email within the rrcstudent.org and rrcs.org domain, documents, spreadsheets, presentations, etc. Teach digital citizenship to students.
- Discussed the benefits and cost savings of electronic textbooks.
- Would like to attend another meeting to discuss podcasts.

Principal's Report, Sam Gifford:

- Magazine drive kicked off on Sept 15. Students sell magazines to defray cost of 8th grade Washington DC trip.
- Phys Ed department's "Bike 2 Weeks" initiative moved to spring '11. Promote safe bike riding and helmets. Speak to health classes about the importance of bike helmets. Sandra Muny will talk with Ann Hanrahan about 'why not wear a helmet'. Sam Gifford will speak with RR police department about helmet laws and how police can get involved.
- Sixth grade Stone Lab outing in late October. 70 children interested. Capacity is 60. Held drawing to select 60 children. Great program.
- Fuel Up to Play 60. Phys Ed department initiative. NFL & Dairy Council promote physical fitness and healthy choices. RRMS won \$5,000 in grants last year.
- District writing sample are 1st week of October.
- Guidance office starting tolerance initiative to combat bullying & harassment.
- Smart boards in all classrooms, resource rooms & pullout rooms. Two new computer labs.
- Alert Now message system is being used.
- Reminder about Safe Schools Help Line.
- Challenge Days in March. Background check for all parent volunteers.

Committee Reports:

- Fee Days, Julie Tucci. 526 students attended fee days with most on Tuesday afternoon & evening. Will likely recommend reducing hours on 2nd day. Will vote on hours next meeting. Get # of people that used EZ Pay. Confusion with 8th grade French fees.
- Treasurer's Report, Karen Weger:
 - Reviewed budget and balance from 2009/10.
 - Reviewed and proposed 2010/11 budget. Jenn Krebs moved to approve the budget. 2nd from Jan Cook. Budget approved.
 - Audit report move to accept by Keli Asmer & 2nd from Jan Cook. Audit report accepted.
 - Discussion about benefits of the Ohio PTA. Ask teachers to join PTA when grant request email is distributed.
 - \$400 music grant request submitted by Mr. Hudec which is to be discussed next meeting.
- Website Update, Angie Coughlin. Requested committee updates this week. Will post dates on RRMS calendar.
- Homecoming, Anette Sullivan. October 1, 2020. Dinner at RRHS 4:30-6:30. Can pre-order meals, family name banner \$25 to benefit boosters.
- Delegate Report, Jen Krebs.
 - RR Boosters. Need help at football concessions and spirit wears sales. Spirit wear can be purchased at games & HS Wed & Fri 11-1.
 - Kensington fall fundraiser going on now / order pickup on Oct2, Spooky Saturday is Oct 23.
 - October 20 wellness fair at Civic Center.
 - Community Challenge Sept 25 Parent University & Oct 13 Parents' Evening Out.
- Volunteer needs, Sandra Muny.
 - Reviewed RRMS General Board and the open positions.
 - Need chairperson for Maroon & White Night.
 - Maroon & White Night is March 18

General discussion about RRCS being in a 3-way tie for 2nd position in area rankings!!

General discussion about high school renovations beginning in April and Goldwood & Kensington beginning in May/June.

Next RRMS PTA meeting is November 3 at 9am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25am.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Trudell, Recording Secretary