

RRMS PTA Meeting Minute  
March 16, 2011

Attendees: Sandra Muny, Sam Gifford, Mary Amsdell, Karen Weger, Julie Tucci, Paige Farling and Beth Trudell.

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

Recording Secretary, moved to dispense with reading of the January minutes. Mary Amsdell 1<sup>st</sup> and Julie Tucci second the motion

**Principals Report, Sam Gifford, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:**

- Federal and state level laws push for healthy eating.
  - No “unhealthy / unapproved” foods for fundraising, awards, etc during school hours.
  - No popcorn Fridays, etc.
  - PTA will need to find another way to support 9-11 scholarship originally funded with Popcorn Friday.
- 17 Total open positions in Rocky River school system due to retirement.
  - At RRMS; 8<sup>th</sup> grade English, Physical Education, 6<sup>th</sup> grade unified arts and science.
  - Jen Norman, current principal at Goldwood, will become LRS coordinator for the district. Jim Sheer is retiring. National, local and internal search for principal position.
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> are 7<sup>th</sup> grade Challenge Days
  - Run by Mr. Cain
  - ½ the grade attends on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and half on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. At St. Demetrius Church
  - Very late this year due to scheduling issues. Next year the program will be earlier in the school year.
- March 24<sup>th</sup> is the scheduling meeting for parents.
  - Entering 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the main gym
  - Entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the commons
- March 25 is the 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance. Rescheduled from snow day.
- Rocky River Education Foundation fundraiser is March 19.
  - Attendance is typically 200. Current reservations stand at 160.
  - Low staff and teacher attendance.
  - The fundraiser provides money for iPads/touches, smart boards, etc.
- Washington DC
  - Harbor Cruise in addition to baseball game.
  - Roommate assignments made.
  - Parent meeting in May
  - No technology (phone, iPods) are allowed on trip.
- Principals Award Wall getting a “face lift”. Sorry Sam, your joke flopped!
  - Composite pictures for each year to save space and create more room for many years to come.

- Dave Opdycke, 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Natural History Museum
  - Would like money/grant from PTA to cover transportation fees.
  - Sam Gifford will check to see it is possible for PTA to pay the transportation department. There have been issues in the past.
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade health class sex agenda requested to be sent home to parents.
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**Julie Tucci, RRMS PTA Slate for 2011 / 12 School Year.**

- President, Ann Stemen
- Vice President, Sandra Muny
- Treasurer, Keli Asmar
- Recording Treasurer, Beth Trudell
- Corresponding Secretary, Stacey Gerrity
- Council Delegates: Jenn Krebs, Lisa Kysela, Maureen Ridzon, Beth Hauck, Lori Brant

Karen Weger made a motion to pass the slate. Mary Amsdell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Slate approved for next year. Thank you Julie Tucci for all your hard work!

**Bike to School Challenge, Wendy Crites**

- The challenge is to do something healthy for themselves and the environment by riding their bikes to school during three weeks of May. May 9-27.
- Kids ride to school and receive;
  - A ride card. One stamp each time they ride. Two stamps for each time they ride and wear a helmet.
  - When card is filled, it goes into raffle for Cedar Point.
  - Chipotle coupon on first day.
  - When card is filled, kids get a t-shirt.
- All school assembly on final day (May 27, 1:10-2:00) Raffle for the following:
  - Raleigh bikes,
  - Burrito party at Chipotle for 25
  - Honey Hut for 25
  - Free ice cream
  - Indians Tickets
  - Cedar Point
  - Red dept. pool pass
  - Century bikes will have lots of accessories
- Looking for any additional sponsors. Century is a sponsor so no other bike shops and no other food since Chipotle and Honey Hut are sponsors.
- Community Bike Safety Fair. May 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30. Kick off event.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> 20 families receive a free helmet from “Why Not Wear a Helmet”.
  - Bike license
  - Minor bike check-ups (air pressure, etc.)
  - Heart rate monitor while on stationery bike.
  - Helmet fitting station

- Wendy Crites is requesting a PTA donation for \$300-\$500. She is also going to need volunteers every morning during the bike safety month.

### **Treasurer's Report, Karen Weger**

- Current cash in the bank is \$6,362.
- Popcorn Friday has raised \$690 so far this year.
- Social dance a huge success. It made \$455.
- Scholarship money going out in two weeks.
- \$300 for Red RibbonWeek never requested or dispersed.
- \$400 set aside for Science Olympiad will not be used. Paige Farling said she told science Olympiad that the group does not fit the requirements for PTA grant disbursements. Requirements are "open to all students & involves 1/3 of the student population".
- Budget Amendments:
  - Redesignate the \$400 Science Olympiad funds to Bike to School Safety Program. Julie Tucci made 1<sup>st</sup> motion and Beth Trudell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Change passed.
  - Amend budget to increase M&W night from \$3,500 to \$3,750. Paige Farling made 1<sup>st</sup> motions, Karen Weger, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Amended budget passed.
  - Request for \$600 for 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip transportation will be revisited at the next meeting after further follow-up by Sam Gifford on whether transportation costs need to be funded or whether they are covered by the district.

### **Maroon & White Night, Paige Farling**

- Time table for Event – Friday March 18 – Students 6:30 to 10:00 pm
- Student Pick-up 10:00 to 10:15
- Wrist band prices per student \$10 for the wrist band admission purchased Wed 3/16, Thurs 3/17 or Friday 3/18 at lunch. Wrist bands purchased that night will be \$12. What the wrist band provides: admission, DJ, casino games, and inflatables.
- Raffle tickets will be sold at lunch the week of the event 5 for \$1
  - Raffle Tickets the night of the event will be 4 for \$1
  - Students will be encouraged to write their name on their tickets before that night.
  - Raffle tickets buy everything, all night – raffle chances, food, tattoos, photos, basketball, football and putt-putt contests. Basically anything where they get or win something the students spend raffle tickets. Suggested additional money for the evening is \$10 to \$15 per student.
  - Raffle tickets will be sold at three tables in the hallways up until 9:30.
- Raffle Report
  - Twice as many donors this year
  - Higher dollar value donations with less number of items to be raffled. I phone, cedar point gift card, etc.
- Pirate visit at lunch
- Starry Night Poster Contest
- Night of Event
  - Coat Room – students should check coats, bags, shoes, etc.

- First Aid – if a student needs first aid please send them to the security located by the front entrance doors.
- Behavior problems – please direct to Mr. Gifford or Ms. Hampel found at front entrance.
- Floating parents – please direct to Kathy Dawson for an assignment.
- All food should be kept in the commons.
  
- Where activities are located:
  - Sports Contests – West Gym
  - Casino – Media center
  - Coat Room – Band Room
  - DJ/Dance – Commons
  - Inflatables – Main Gym
  - Food – Commons
  - Photo Booth – Front entrance alcove by Media center
  - Raffle Prize Posting – Commons
  - Raffle Prize Pick-up – Teacher’s lunchroom
  - Raffle Ticket purchasing – Hallway tables
  - Security – Front Entrance
  - Tattoos – West Gym
  - Volunteers – Choir Room

Council Delegate Report – none

Challenge Days, Sandra Muny

- Need parents to help decorate lockers on March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30 to 5:30.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance is Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at Memorial Hall. 7-10pm.

- Theme is “Rocky River Choice Awards. Invitations will be mailed in early April.
- Email Kris Salisbury if you would like to help. [Kris.salisbury@gmail.com](mailto:Kris.salisbury@gmail.com)

Next PTA meeting is Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am

Respectfully submitted, Beth Trudell, Recording Secretary