

Royal Oak High School PTSA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ADDENDUM
Monday, February 26th, 2018

Note: This is not part of the official record of the meeting. Minutes reflect the actions/reports of the organization; this is a basic transcript of the "Questions & Answers" from the "New Business" portion of the meeting.

- **Jonah Kubicek** (ROHS student): Student protests about school safety are being planned nationwide and at ROHS. March 20th, at 10AM, a 17-minute walkout is being planned on campus regarding gun control and bullying. ROHS students will be painting "The Rock" orange in solidarity. Working with administration in regards to this walkout. Also, on April 20th starting at 10AM, and all day walkout meeting in downtown Royal Oak about gun control is being planned.
- **Mr. Giromini** (ROHS principal): School administration is working on expectations for student safety.
- **Gabrielle Bratic** (parent): Is the walkout for students only? Will information be gotten to parents? Are adult "allies" involved? Any consequences for students who participate in the walkouts?
- **Mr. Giromini**: Conversation about these questions is going on now between administration/School Board/faculty. Info will be gotten out to all (via email) in the middle of next week.
- **Parent #2** (NNG—no name given): Parent support is available. Will there be a signup for parents wishing to be involved/helped?
- **Parent #3** (NNG): Will protocol be the same district-wide?
- **Mr. Giromini**: Administration district-wide are currently discussing.
- **Elliot Widd** (ROHS student): Working with Mothers Demand Action Against Gun Violence (MDAAGV). ROHS Walkout 2018 is our Twitter page.
- **Parent #4** (NNG): Hoping for lack of consequences for students who participate. This is a student event; follow students' lead. Parents would like to help keep students safe during walkout.
- **Wendy Stevens** (MDAAGV): These are student-lead walkouts. Will students be forbidden to participate?
- **Mr. Giromini**: Student safety is foremost. Administration will be working with student leaders.
- **Zoe D. Harris** (parent): Are administrators developing a policy on gun violence?
- **Parent #6** (NNG): What is the Active Shooter Plan at ROHS?
- **Mr. Giromini**: The Royal Oak Police Department (ROPD) works with Royal Oak High School to develop a plan/protocols. Protocols are in place. Two types of "lockdowns": Secure Mode (keep hallways clear, teaching/learning goes on in classrooms; often medical in nature, no threat) and Lockdown (teachers/students follow posted protocols; threat). On Friday, the Oakland County Principals' Association will be having a discussion on school safety. School safety is an ongoing discussion in Royal Oak.
- **Ms. Krynak** (ROHS assistant principal): Procedures for all drills (fire, tornado, lockdown, etc.) are posted in all classrooms.
- **Parent #7** (NNG): Are procedure posters available to parents to discuss with children/students?
- **Mr. Giromini**: ROPD doesn't want procedures publicly available. Parents can help by reminding students to check procedure charts in classrooms, and asking teachers questions if they don't understand where they should go/what they should do. Help remind your student about lockdown vs. secure mode. Procedures/policies are consistent K-12 in Royal Oak.
- **Keely Tyson** (parent): Can parents know specifics about drills?
- **Mr. Giromini**: No. Ask your students about drills and procedures.
- **Parent #9** (NNG): What do I tell my daughters who are afraid to go to school?

- **Mr. Giromini:** This is a difficult conversation. Ask your students if they feel safe at school. Counselors, administrators and teachers are all ready to talk to students at any time. Students who do not feel safe are being given top priority.
- **Taylor Jacobs** (student): Teachers, counselors and administrators have all been very helpful in talking to students.
- **Parent #10** (NNG): Teaches in Novi; talked about their safety protocol (ALICE).
- **Parent #11** (NNG): Feels district is getting in way of parents getting safety information.
- **Mr. Giromini:** He must follow safety experts and ROPD's advice. He has shared what information he can. He will only report to parents via email if there was an actual safety threat. No actual lockdowns have taken place since Mr. Giromini has been here.
- **Parent #12** (NNG): Concerned about unlocked door between outside and secretary in Attendance Office at main entrance.
- **Parent #13** (NNG): Asked about troubled kids/kids with mental illness.
- **Mr. Giromini:** All staff have been trained to recognize troubled kids, and there are procedures in place.
- **Maryanne VanHaitsma** (ROHS PTSA President): Page 24 of the ROHS Student Handbook explains emergency procedures and the lockdown definitions.
- **Taylor Jacobs** (student): She has been taught what to do if caught out of a classroom (in a bathroom/hallway/etc.) during a lockdown.
- **Elliot Widd** (student): We all need to work together. There is no easy answer; we need to keep talking.
- **Parent #14** (NNG): Does not want news stations sitting outside schools.