

Royal Oak High School PTSA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 23rd, 2017

Note: No homemade treats.

Present at the meeting: Cindy Murphy, Zoe Harris, Terri Kuznia, Susan Hedge, John Decker, Jon Liu, Lisa Liu, Clyde Esbri, MaryBeth Fitzpatrick, Mary Hawkins, Pamela Lemme, Maryanne VanHaitsma, Mike Giromini.

Meeting called to order at 7:02PM by President Maryanne VanHaitsma. Pledge of Allegiance.

President's Report (Maryanne VanHaitsma):

- Club sponsorships requests:
 - Chess Club request \$750; granted \$500.
 - Spanish Club request \$200-250; granted \$250.
 - PBIS request \$1000; granted \$500.
 - Swim Team request \$2600; granted \$1500.
- *Motion by Cindy Murphy to grant club sponsorships of \$500 to Chess Club, \$250 to Spanish Club, \$500 to PBIS, and \$1500 to Swim Team; seconded by Susan Hedge. Motion passed.*
- ROHS PTSA rep for PTA Council Scholarship needed; Terri Kuznia will do.
- ROHS PTSA fiscal year still January-December; working on changing.

Secretary's Report (Cindy Murphy): Minutes from the September 2017 meeting were presented. *Motion by Terri Kuznia to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Pamela Lemme. Motion passed.*

Treasurer's Report (Pamela Lemme): 2016-2017 audit was completed on October 8, 2017, by Jodi Tillander. \$3200 check from last year's SANP still not cashed by a vendor.

Principal's Report (Mike Giromini):

- "Thank you" for Academic Honors program. Went very well.
- Congratulations to varsity Football team; made the playoffs for the first time. Playoff game on Friday, October 27th at 6PM at Oak Park HS.
- Parent/Teacher conferences are Wednesday, October 25th and Thursday, October 26th from 4-7PM in the gym.
- End of first marking period is November 3rd. Report cards will be available in the Parent Portal on November 10th.
- ½ day of school on October 31st. Classes running on a shortened schedule. Senior dress-up day.
- November 7th is a "no school" day due to the election. ROSD bond on ballot.
- ROHS Drama Club presents "The Addams Family" November 10-12 in the ROHS Kimball auditorium.
- Thanksgiving break is November 22-24.
- IB Diploma Program info night for 9th and 10th grade parents is October 30th at 6PM in the auditorium
- Cultural Competence meeting on October 30th from 6:30-8PM at Churchill.
- Approaches to Learning Skills being implemented at ROHS and ROMS. Working on aligning skills to assessments.
- School Improvement Team (SIT) – ROHS Equity Team is making sure that there are equal opportunities for all students at ROHS. Using data and observations, will be making recommendations to the SIT.
- Student Advisory Council is open to all students; this year's applications closed October 18th.

Superintendent's Report (MaryBeth Fitzpatrick):

- The Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce recognized the ROSD's Teachers of the Year at its meeting.
- The Royal Oak Optimist Club gave \$2000 to the Reaching Higher (leadership skills) programs at ROHS and ROMS.
- Community Forum/Cultural Competence meeting on October 30th; starts with a light dinner at 6PM. Childcare available. Ongoing committee.
- Will again be having a Martin Luther King Jr. Service Day with Berkley. Berkley will host this year.

Student Council/Teacher Representative Report (John Decker):

- 42 students are going to the StuCo retreat at Camp Skyline November 4-5.
- StuCo meets Tuesday mornings at 7:20AM in Mr. Decker's room.

Board Liaison Report (Maryanne VanHaitsma):

- October is Principals Appreciation Month.
- At the last School Board meeting, the 4 ROHS National Merit Semi-Finalist/Commended students were recognized. New elementary schools' staff were introduced. Part of Oakland Schools' "Okay to Say" program.
- ROSD bond proposal on the November ballot.

Committee Reports:

- **Staff Appreciation** (Zoe Harris): Sign up for staff dinners on Parent/Teacher Conference nights going well. Need set-up/clean-up help.
- **Academic Honors** (Terri Kuznia):
 - How to better create lists? Oakland Schools generates lists, then hand pull kids from the list. Still working on the process.
 - Students who weren't able to make the program can pick up their awards/pins in the Main Office now.
 - Move program start time to later in day?
 - "Thank you" to Holly Togweiller for all of her work on decorations/desserts.
- **Craft Fair** (Terri Kuznia):
 - Sold out; long waiting list.
 - Need lots of volunteers.
 - Need baked goods and chili/soups.
 - Free chip donation from BetterMade.
 - Free tables for teams/clubs.
- **SANP:**
 - Emagine Theatre and WonderShow already booked.
 - \$60 tickets are for sale now.
 - Restaurant nights coming up.
 - Need more magnets to sell. *Motion by Cindy Murphy that the ROHS PTSA will pay up to \$275 for additional magnets to sell as a SANP fundraiser; seconded by Susan Hedge. Motion passed.*
- **Membership** (Maryanne VanHaitsma for Lisa Nemecek): Just over 100 membership so far this year.

Old Business: *Motion by Cindy Murphy to move Standing Rules approval to the November 2017 meeting; seconded by Susan Hedge. Motion passed.*

New Business: Zoe Harris and her daughter joined the Wellness Committee. Mike Jacobs (ROSD Food Service) said that no students are turned away from lunch.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17PM.

Minutes submitted by Cynthia M. Murphy, ROHS PTSA Recording Secretary