

**Robinson Secondary PTSA
Executive Board Meeting
12/12/07**

The regular meeting of the Robinson Secondary PTSA Executive Board was held on 12/12/07 in the Media Center of the Robinson Secondary School. A quorum being present, President, Karen Baxter called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. A list of those in attendance is as follows: (See attachment I)

Karen Baxter, Kathy Kocik, Jeannie Lesko, Kathe Naughton, Sharon Brown, Paul Glenn, Kevin Bell, Ricka Hanson, Vicki Kagan, Toni Schwartzman, Pat Wirth, Kathy Weiner, Deborah Aceto-Milton, Debbie Kilpatrick, MARRISA TORRES, LeighAnne Baxter, Dan Meier.

Welcome and call to order

President's report

Karen discussed a family who is need of assistance. They have a 9th grade daughter who needs cloths and shoes. A few present expressed a desire to help. More on that later perhaps.

DECA is sponsoring a seminar on Dating Abuse on January 9th during the day for students. There will be another meeting for the parents on the same day, at night in Devala Hall. January 16th will be the snow date. The same presenter will present to the students and the parents.

Karen Baxter introduced a request for funding:

Hand in hand with dating and teen violence, Mr. Chris Tan has proposed to present a seminar to RHS which is called the "Adolescent teen brain" for a fee of \$450. Karen is considering this for the spring. He recommends books and websites as resources for parents.

Kevin Bell moved that we book Chris Tan to present, Sharon Brown seconded the motion. It will most likely be free to Robinson parents and open it up to other schools n our pyramid, to include sixth grade parents, for an admission fee.

The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the 11/14/07 Executive Board Meeting were distributed for review. Kevin Bell motioned to accept with changes. Sharon Brown seconded and the motion and the minutes were approved as presented with minor corrections.

Treasurer's Report

The PTSA paid out approx. \$5,000 this month. The state and county PTA dues were paid out. We had e-script income of approximately \$28.00 this past month.

Val Krimam made a motion to pass the Treasurer's report and the motion was seconded.

The Treasurer's report was accepted and will be filed for audit.

School Reports

Dan Meier:

The southern association of schools the accreditation board, came to RHS to review our school for accreditation and gave RHS excellent remarks.

The budget discussions are ongoing, the central office is cutting 5% and we need to fight to maintain our standards. The county high school principals are vehemently opposed to increasing class sizes. When administrators discuss class size decreases in terms of percentages and then it is translated into actual number of students – for a school the size of Robinson it translates to entire sections get cut. In other words RHS could potentially lose 12 classes.

Sports cuts could result, additional fees to play could result.

January 10th is when the budget will be released to the Board of Supervisors.

General and Guidance

Vicki Kagan: Not present.

High School – Kathe Naughton

Discussed the Williamsburg trip that went well but it rained.

HS is getting ready for the SOL remediation tests in January 2008.

Everyone looking forward to the Christmas break.

MS – Jeanne Lesko

Three RHS faculty attended “Crisis in your school” seminar. The Middle School is having their second dance on 12/20.

Interrim reports are going out.

Special Ed kids

Legislative

Kevin Bell mentioned that maintenance came to look at the RHS lockers for upgrade. On a week from 12/13, staff will make the next 5 years presentation to the school board. The program will be on 12/9 at Jackson Middle School.

CIP – sign up sheet.

Langley got funding ahead of us.

Kevin recommends that several schools parent’s rally to push their demands on the school board.

On 11/29 it was learned at the Legislative forum, RHS’s funding needs were discussed.

Superintendent presents the budget on 1/10, the school board adopts the budget we have until 2/6.

The board of supervisors

He reviewed the board of supervisors calendar.

Funding

Kathy Weiner

The following funding requests were presented:

1. Recurring funding – Ms. Stephannie Axelrod English – Valor Dictus Advisor)

Valor Dictus is requesting an additional \$500.00 for a total of \$1,000 in funding for their publication.

The funding chair recommended to approve the funds, Kevin Bell motioned to approve. Karen discussed a possible conflict with Carousel Magazine’s future

requests. Dan expressed that funding should be available for both. It was suggested that we increase the budget for all three publications, based on their increased cost. The motion passed.

2. Special Project – Ms. Diane Burakow (Middle School)

Request is for \$500 to fund the Positive Behavior Support Program, an incentive program to support positive behavior in the middle school. Funding recommends approval of this request.

Discussion – She described current practice of how students help one another and a card is used to reward their positive behavior. The money will pay for prizes. The award of the prize will be done on a quarterly basis. This is intended to be a supplement to what is already happening to reward the good deeds. This is a potential recurring budget item. PTSA has never been asked for money for this program before.

Kevin Bell motioned to approve, Kathe seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

3. Staff/Teacher Development – Ms. Susan Leyden (Library)

This request is for \$250 to support Ms. Leyden’s attendance at the Virginia Educational Media Association conference. VEMA is a state organization of school librarians. The recommendation is to approve the request for at \$150, which is the PTSA limit for Staff/Teacher Development.

Kevin Bell motioned to pass. Bonnie Roffenbender seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

“It’s Just for You” – will take place on 12/21 between 7am – 9am. Sharon Brown sent out a keep in touch asking for contributions of baked goods. She would like 10 – 15 parent volunteers from each grade.

Scholarships – Bonnie Roffenbender

Motion to increase \$1,000 per award due to lack of student interest. “The Heenan” and “The Friends” scholarship to \$1,000 each for a total of 3 instead of having . That would cut the number of scholarships from 6 to three and double the money to lure student participation.

Val Krimin motioned to pass, Jeannie Lesko seconded.

There are now four \$1,000 scholarships. We will table the discussion on possibly adding two more \$1,000 scholarships,

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Ricka Hanson, Recording Secretary

The minutes were:

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_____ approved as corrected

Date: _____