

**Robinson Secondary PTSA  
Executive Board Meeting  
10/10/07**

The regular meeting of the Robinson Secondary PTSA Executive Board was held on 10/10/07 in the Media Center of the Robinson Secondary School. A quorum being present President, Karen Baxter called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. A list of those in attendance is as follows: (See attachment I)

Karen Baxter, Toni Schwartzman, Ricka Hanson, Bonnie Roffenbender, Ms. Lynch, April Dougherty, Bev Steffen, Marissa Torres, Jeannie Lesko, Vicki Kagan, Sarah Fuller, Kathe Naughton, Paul Glenn and Kevin Bell.

***Secretary's Report***

Minutes of the 8/30/07 Executive Board Meeting were distributed for review.

Kathy Naughton motioned to accept as presented. April Dougherty seconded and the motion and the minutes were approved as presented.

***Treasurer's Report***

Marissa Torres distributed her report which consisted of a statement of income and expense actual vs. budget as well as account balances.

Total cash account balances are \$34,653.50. Directory sales exceeded budget by 333.75. The cost to print the directories was less and therefore the total net is \$500 (approx) over the amount anticipated.

Membership money collected totals \$16,116.00, dues to remit to state and national have not been recorded yet. Membership is less than budget.

Check for \$230 for Pat Wirth to attend the PTA conference was disbursed.

The Sunshine fund was disbursed \$1000.

E-script revenue is over budget for the year and its only September. This money comes from various grocery stores in the area.

Kevin Bell moved to pass the financial report as presented, April Dougherty seconded the motion and so the financial report was accepted and will be filed for audit.

***President's report***

Great Harvest and Honest Tea have donated their products to the school for the Great Harvest Bread sale. Lake Braddock had a basket out to collect the change last year and collected \$800, and so we will do the same and ask for the change to be a donation for Robinson.

Mr. Meier will sell bread during the 1<sup>st</sup> hour the store is open. This is a competition with South County who will also have a bread sale the same day. The two principals will compare their sales during the first hour to see who sells the most.

SGA club – their students have jointed the PTSA. DECA has joined PTSA. Therefore we have many student members this year. These students have volunteered their time to market our effort out in the parking lot. There will be a departmental competition to see who can get the most students signed up for PTSA.

***School Reports***

Dan Meier is not in attendance due to out of town travel.

***General and Guidance***

Robinson will pilot the Naviance information system for the county. It is a mega software program that has the potential to revolutionize how guidance and college information is carried on. It is a one stop shopping for college admission information for

both students and parents. It will streamline communication between guidance counselors and the people who seek college admission information

Family connection – accessible through blackboard, not quite up and running yet, is a powerful college search system with communications with counselors. You can visually compare your child's credentials with the college they're applying to, for instance you can compare GPA and SAT scores with those of the students accepted in the prior year. Parents can call Barry Gorodnick who will give you the directions to sign up for a parent account. He has to assign the code because the parents have to show an id.

There was a parent coffee for 9th, 10th, and 11th grade parents, about 75 parents attended. A number of new parents were there. The coffee was run by the sub-school principals and counselors. It was a success.

Robinson has lost some staff, since the beginning of school Robinson has lost two counselors. The high school was lucky to hire Sherry Harlow, an experienced high school counselor who worked at Lake Braddock and is the manager at Heart in Hand Restaurant in Clifton. We welcome her.

Fairfax County has college fair Sunday night at Fair Oaks Mall, and Monday night is college night at Hayfield High School. Monday night will have fewer representatives but Monday night is a more in-depth college fair.

October 17<sup>th</sup> – PSAT will be given.

Homecoming begins next week. Taste of Robinson will be held as well. Many of the same food vendors will be present.

The ninth graders will be taking "The Explorer" a pre-ACT test in lieu of the PSAT. 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders will take the PSAT. Dismissal is at 11:30 and the staff will be working on the school improvement plan.

November 12 will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual touching basis. It lasts three hours with a four hour delay for school opening.

October 23<sup>rd</sup> is the academic letters award ceremony. 298 students will be awarded, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders will receive the awards. The criterion is they have earned a GPA of 3.8 as of last year.

### ***High School***

Kathe Naughton – The annual Williamsburg field trip will be November 15<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Middle School***

Jeannie Lesko – The middle school has started its magazine drive. The middle school has extended it's after school program; Tuesday and Friday have been added.

The middle school dance is on 10/18.

### ***Membership***

April Dougherty - We are down 200 parents in membership, but we have more teacher members. Our donations are down. The money keeps coming in,

### ***Legislative***

Kevin Bell - On June 14 the registrar closed the books on who can be a candidate. We have several candidates coming Oct 23 to speak; they will begin at 6:45pm. Set-up will begin at 5:45.

There is PTSA day in Richmond in late January that we would like to work closely with the government classes. Kevin Bell asked if the PTSA would be willing to support funding for government students to go to Richmond. State legislators would like to meet with Robinson PTSA early in the year, the week after Thanksgiving, to have a casual

meeting to discuss legislative initiatives that Robinson would like to see passed. Karen suggested we have a cross section of interested members and not just PTSA board, i.e. parents, SGA, teachers and PTSA. Kevin suggested we have a date in mind on 10/23 when the legislative candidates are year.

### ***Funding***

Kathy Weiner

The following funding requests were presented:

1. Staff/Teacher Development - \$150 reimbursement to Ms. O'Shea towards registration cost to attend the November CHADD conference. This was approved unanimously.
2. Odyssey of the Mind - \$100 to pay for the school's membership fee in Odyssey of the Mind. This was approved unanimously. This is a budgeted item and therefore has already been approved.
3. Special Project - \$125 to pay for one FCPS bus to take Robinson students to the GMU ALCASNZE College fair. This was approved unanimously.
4. 2007 Assessment Summit conference. Approved up to \$1,200 or \$150 per teacher for 8 teachers to attend. This was approved unanimously.
5. Special Project – Mr. Horanski the HS Choral teacher requested money to fund the purchase of music and rental of orchestral schools. The amount was \$1,600. The Board decided to defer the vote until a later date so that Mr. Horanski could be asked questions regarding his request.
6. In August 2007 the head librarian coordinated a read program (Read Across America) and electronic vote passed \$375 to cover a middle school group and a high school group of general education students to have an author Jalie D come in the speak to 150 students.

### ***Special ED***

Paul Glenn – They are trying to organize college planning with students with IEPs on 10/17.

(Mary.Hatchell.fcps.edu is the email address for the person to get updates to the website.)

Committee Development – 4 to 5 people showed up, we will encourage involvement from the middle school. They are trying to get parents involved with Special Education to work on committees because of those who have participated in the past, three have seniors and will be leaving.

There will be another “Alternatives to 4 year college” resource fair – Representatives from some of the other schools expressed an interest in having the resource fair at their school.

### ***New Business***

Kevin Bell discussed the school bond – Robinson needs renovations to the gym and other areas. He has asked for information regarding where Robinson came up short on funding in the past, so he can ask the candidates who will be speaking at the Candidates Forum why Robinson is not on the new inflationary bond.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20

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Ricka Hanson, Recording Secretary

The minutes were:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_