

## **Royal Oak PTA Council**

**Monday August 25, 2014**

Board of Education Office, conference room C

### **General Meeting Minutes**

**Present at the meeting:** Maryanne VanHaitsma, Candi Drouillard, Amy Gaynier, Laura Brewer, Jeff Eisenberg, Shawn Lewis-Lakin, Marty Cardamone, Megan O'Shea, Clyde Esbri, Jenni Tracy, Susan Hedge, Kara Vos, and Cindy Stanley

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. Welcome back to a new year. Introductions of those present.

**Guest speaker: Diane Dovico of the Royal Oak Community Coalition.** Our mission is to promote, through collaboration, a healthy community free of substance abuse for youth and those who live in, work in, or visit Royal Oak. We would like to promote Coalition activities through your school. We have speakers with relevant topics that are willing to come and talk to your PTA meeting or other group. Some of our upcoming events include Family Day, Prescription Drug Turn-In Day (there is also a drop box at the police department that is open 24/7), Family Movie Night, and Free Mocktails. Royal Oak compares favorably to other communities nearby. See the attached handout for event details.

Secretary's Report – Cindy Stanley

The minutes for the June meeting were read and approved. Motion by Cindy Stanley, second by Jeff Eisenberg. There was no discussion.

**Treasurer's Report** – Clyde Esbri for Julie Cameron

The current checking account balance is \$6672.21. The usable amount is \$3447.21, as we have \$3225 outstanding in uncashed checks. The savings account balance is \$5312.68. The savings account is designed as a cushion, or "rainy day" fund. This year's budget is the same as last year's, with the additions of Parent U and some website maintenance fees. See the attached budget.

We will wait to approve the budget until Julie returns next month. Presidents, please pay your dues to Council ASAP – we will be invoicing October 1.

**Superintendent's Report** – Shawn Lewis-Lakin

We have new instructional resources in K-5 math and new elementary school report cards. The MYP is getting a big push in grades 6-10.

Personnel changes: Todd Noonan – ROMS Principal; Kirk Duncan – ROMS Assistant Principal; Joe Youanis – Addams Elementary Principal; Jane Flaherty-Graham – Director of Special Education.

Enrollment is ongoing: 83 new students enrolled just last week. People may still be registering, and people may not be coming who we think are coming.

This Wednesday is the kick-off for staff and select community members. 7:30am-8am is breakfast, and our program will begin at 8am in the ROMS Auditorium. Our guest speaker is John Draper.

Flooding report: ROMS is all sanitized and cleaned and the moisture levels are down. At the High School, everything has been drained, cleaned, and sanitized by a professional company: Jarvis. Air monitoring is being done. The mechanical areas all flooded. Good news: the boilers can be rebuilt and do not have to be replaced. Air exchanger controls do need to be replaced, but some can be run in the meantime. Recovery costs will be covered by fund equity, our insurance company, and the State of

Michigan. We don't know if FEMA will be involved. Royal Oak High School was the most impacted school building in the metro area. The sump pumps were working, but just couldn't handle the volume.

**President's Report – Maryanne VanHaitsma**

PTA Leadership Academy had good presentations and ROHS had pride in hosting the event. Our focus for this year will be on collaboration and membership growth.

**Presidents' Reports**

**Keller – Megan O'Shea**

Registration was this past Thursday. We have 123 memberships. Tomorrow night is our Back to School Family Picnic – with a band. New mimeos and chromebooks this year. We are also participating in Amazon Smiles and had a great summer reading program.

**Northwood – Laura Brewer**

151 memberships were collected at Thursday's registration. Apple Fun Fair is Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. Fun Run is October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Oakland – Amy Gaynier**

105 members at registration. The Welcome Back Social is September 5<sup>th</sup>. This year we are going to focus on getting more volunteers. We have the Red Wings and Michigan CSI coming in October. Fun Run is Monday September 29<sup>th</sup>. We are also looking forward to kicking off our Watch Dogs program.

**Oak Ridge – Kara Vos**

We are planning incentives for membership and a mentoring program for new families. Our new playground was installed August 16 by our families. There will be an Ice Cream Social at our first PTA meeting. Fun Run is October 9<sup>th</sup>. Our Green Team is planning a used costume sale for Halloween. October 7 is Walk to School Day. September 24 is Ladies' Night Out. We are working on expanding our website.

**ROHS – Marty Cardamone**

Picture Day is September 4<sup>th</sup>. The Raven Rally is September 5<sup>th</sup>. The Holiday Craft Fair is November 26th, and the first home football game is this Thursday. Lunch is a closed campus for ALL students beginning this year.

**ROMS – Maryann Van Haitsma**

Welcome to our new administrators – Todd Noonan, principal, and Kirk Duncan, assistant principal. Grades 7 and 8 registered today, grade 6 registers tomorrow. Only ROMS is selling Entertainment Books. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade is going to Washington, DC. The Bulldog Bash is September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30pm. There is a budget meeting this week. The Parent Café series will return this year beginning on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Curriculum Night is September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Upton – Jeff Eisenberg**

Memberships were collected during registration. We have Book Fair and an Ice Cream Social scheduled this year. The budget meeting is next week. We are seeking out corporate sponsors for our PTA events.

**Addams – Jenni Traci**

We collected memberships at registration. There is a welcome picnic at the end of September. October 11<sup>th</sup> is our Mom to Mom Sale; Book Fair is at the end of October; November 15 is our Silent Auction. Fun Run is in the spring. Welcome to our new principal Mr. Youanis.

**Committee Reports:**

**Parent U** – Maryanne for Jodi Tillander

Parent U is November 8 and thanks to the Royal Oak Foundation for Public Education it is free. The post cards have been sent out. Bernie Less is the keynote speaker.

**Community Affairs** – Maryanne for Jodi and Janette Catchpole

We are working with Blessings in a Backpack to serve Royal Oak kids.

**New Business** – none

**Old Business** – none

**Announcements** – none

Adjournment at 8:35pm.