

**Royal Oak Middle School PTSA
General Meeting MINUTES
Monday, April 15th, 2013**

Present at the meeting were: Cindy Murphy, Lisa Porter, Cynitra Anderson, Clyde Esbri, Marty Cardamone, Kathy Guest, Lisa Liu, Jodi Tillander, Pam Lemme, Maryanne Vanhaitsma, Terri Kuznia.

Meeting was called to order at 7:03PM by President Maryanne Vanhaitsma.

President's Report (Maryanne Vanhaitsma):

- ROMS Open House is Thursday, April 18th. There is also a McDonald's (on 11 Mile) fundraiser from 3-8PM that day.
- The Ashley & Jordan Siegel Scholarship Fund for 8th graders Washington DC trip is available. Talk with Mr. Betman.
- Mandatory 8th Grade Washington DC trip parent meeting is on Thursday, April 25th at 6:30PM.
- Volunteer pool/commitment: Will try using signupgenius.com to garner volunteers for PBIS event, 7th grade families for 8th grade reception, and committees for next year.
- Arts/Beats/Eats—will be working with RO PTA Council at a beverage booth. Will need approximately 40 volunteers; will use signupgenius to gather volunteers.
- Two parents are still needed for the district's Health/Sex Education Advisory Board.
- Need to re-sign up for Kroger Community Rewards program every April.
- Educational expenses proposal for \$1300 for 8th grade trip.
- Will have a fundraising/donation drive in the fall.
- Teen Nights for this year have been cancelled. Will be looking to set up different types of events next year. Grants available for events? Cynitra Anderson will forward grant info to Maryanne.
- All should have received their directories by now.
- Next meeting is May 20th.

Secretary's Report (Cindy Murphy): Minutes from the November 2012, December 2012, and March 2013 meetings were presented. (Note: No quorum for January or March meetings; no meeting in February.) *Motion by Pam Lemme to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Clyde Esbri. Motion passed.*

Treasurer's Report (Maryanne Vanhaitsma for Julie Cameron): Report through March 2013 presented. Report filed for audit.

No Principal's Report.

Board Liaison's Report (Marty Cardamone):

- Legislative: Senate Bill 182—school aid budget—is worse than the governor's. Will cost RO \$556,000 next year. Go to MichiganVotes.org for info.
- Teachers have a new three year contract, running from September 2012 through July 2015. Calendar for next two years will be available soon.
- Sinking Fund: Roofs will be repaired this summer at ROMS, Churchill, and the Transportation building. Parking will be repaired at Addams and Upton. New secure entrances will be created at Oakridge, Oakland, and ROHS. Oakridge will get HVAC and other upgrades.
- Closed campus at lunch at ROHS next year for all students except seniors. Campus will be completely closed at lunch in 2014-2015.
- Creating a fiber optic network with city. All teachers will be getting new ipads and desktops by fall. Common Core assessments are computer-based.
- Mike VanCamp is the new ROHS principal beginning July 1st.

Committee Report: Green Team (Kathy Guest): Restarting the ROMS Green Committee, which deals with the Green Schools program. Also need a new recycling chair; current teacher chair, Deb Taylor, cannot do it next year.

Old Business:

Proposed Bylaw Changes (Cindy Murphy): Proposed at the March 18th, 2013 meeting, and to be voted on today:

Motion by Cindy Murphy, seconded by Jodi Tillander and Lisa Porter, to change from:

Article VII: Officers and Their Election

Section 3.a. The officers of this organization shall consist of a president, three (3) vice presidents, two (2) secretaries (recording and corresponding), a historian, two (2) members-at-large, and a treasurer.

to:

Article VII: Officers and Their Election

Section 3.a. The officers of this organization shall consist of a president, **two (2) vice presidents, one (1) secretary**, a historian, two (2) members-at-large, and a treasurer.

Motion passed.

Motion by Cindy Murphy, seconded by Jodi Tillander and Lisa Liu, to change from:

Article VIII: Duties of Officers

Section 3. The recording secretary shall:

- a. Keep an accurate record of the minutes of all meetings of the association and of the executive board,
- b. Have a current copy of the bylaws;
- c. Maintain a membership list;
- d. Perform other delegated duties as assigned;

Section 4. The corresponding secretary shall:

- a. Conduct the correspondence delegated to him/her.
- b. Immediately following the election, send the name and address of the newly elected president to the Michigan PTSA Office.
- c. Perform other delegated duties as assigned;

to:

Article VIII: Duties of Officers

Section 3. The **secretary** shall:

- a. Keep an accurate record of the minutes of all meetings of the association and of the executive board;
- b. Have a current copy of the bylaws;
- c. Maintain a membership list;
- d. Conduct the correspondence delegated to him/her;
- e. Immediately following the election, send the name and address of the newly elected president to the Michigan PTA Office;
- f. Perform other delegated duties as assigned.

Motion passed.

Motion by Cindy Murphy, seconded by Jodi Tillander and Pam Lemme, to change from:

Article VIII: Duties of Officers

Section 5. I. Register the signature of the treasurer, the President, and one other officer usually the recording secretary. The name of the other officer shall be recorded by the recording secretary in the minutes of the September meeting. Signatures shall be registered for all financial accounts maintained by the association. Simultaneous with the registration of current fiscal year signatures, the names of previous year's signatories shall be removed unless they are the same.

to:

Article VIII: Duties of Officers

Section 4.I. Register the signature of the treasurer, the President and one other officer, usually the **secretary**. The name of the other officer shall be recorded by the **secretary** in the minutes of the September meeting. Signatures shall be registered for all financial accounts maintained by the association. Simultaneous with the registration of current fiscal year signatures, the names of the previous year's signatories shall be removed unless they are the same.

Motion passed.

Motion by Cindy Murphy, seconded by Jodi Tillander and Pam Lemme, to change from:

Article XV: Disbandment

Section 4. Approval of disbandment of a local unit shall require the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and entitled to vote at the meeting, a quorum being present. The recording secretary shall notify their council president, if part of a council, Field Service Representative and the Michigan PTSA Office of the decision.

to:

Article XV: Disbandment

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Motion passed.

Motion by Jodi Tillander & Cindy Murphy, seconded by Lisa Liu and Lisa Porter, to change from:

Article VIII: Duties of Officers

Section 2.c. In order of duty service (as presiding president), the three vice presidents are designated as, First vice president, Second vice president, and Third vice president.

to:

Article VIII: Duties of Officers

Section 2.c. In order of duty service (as presiding president), the **two** vice presidents are designated as First Vice President and Second Vice President.

Motion passed.

Motion by Jodi Tillander, seconded by Cindy Murphy & Lisa Porter, to change from:

Article X: Meetings

Section 4. Nine (9) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in any general, annual or special meeting of this association.

to:

Article X. Meetings

Section 4. **Seven (7)** members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in any general, annual or special meeting of this association.

Motion passed.

New Business:

- **Additional Bylaw Change** (Cindy Murphy):
 - Proposal to change Article X. Meetings. Section 4. From: "Seven (7) members shall constitute a quorum..." TO "Seven (7) members, **of whom at least one shall be an officer of the association**, shall constitute a quorum..."
 - *Motion by Lisa Porter to accept the proposed bylaw change as presented; seconded by Cynitra Anderson.* Motion will be voted on at the May 20th, 2013, meeting.
- **Proposed ROMS PTSA Slate of Officer for 2013-2014** (Marty Cardamone):
 - President: Maryanne Vanhaisma
 - 1st Vice President: Terri Kuznia
 - 2nd Vice President: Clyde Esbri
 - Secretary: OPEN
 - Treasurer: Julie Cameron
 - Historian: OPEN
 - Members-at-Large: Pamela Lemme and Kathy Guest
 - *Election to be held at the May 20th, 2013 meeting.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.

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