

**Royal Oak Middle School PTSA  
General Meeting MINUTES  
Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Present at the meeting were: Diane Hawkey, Kathy Guest, Heidi Esbri, Lynn Fisher, Cindy Stanley, David Simpson, Kathleen Vance, Marty Cardamone, Jodi Tillander, Terri Kuznia, Cindy Murphy, Hanna Reising, MaryAnne VanHaitsma.

The meeting was called to order at 7PM by President MaryAnne VanHaitsma. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**President's Report** (MaryAnne VanHaitsma):

- Communication: PTSA is using website, emails, Facebook. ROSD is working on centralizing school information, hopefully by January.
- Bull Dog Bash broke even. Raised \$348 for sixth grade camp scholarship fund and PBIS program.
- Sonic Restaurant fundraiser October 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>; need flyer. PTSA receives 20%.
- Directory should be out the end of October.
- Educational expenses: A committee will be formed to review requests.
- *Motion by Terri Kuznia that the Royal Oak Middle School PTSA, in conjunction with the RO PTA Council, supports the Royal Oak Schools' Building and Site Sinking Fund Proposal; seconded by Kathy Guest. Motion passed.*
- *Motion by Jodi Tillander that the Royal Oak Middle School PTSA, in conjunction with the RO PTA Council, supports the Royal Oak City Proposal A; seconded by Cindy Murphy. Motion passed.*

**Secretary's Report** (Cindy Murphy): Minutes of the September 2012 passed around for perusal.

No Treasurer's Report.

**Principal's Report** (David Simpson):

- Welcome back. Students are settling in.
- Wrapping up MEAP testing this week on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Parent /Teacher Conferences will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, from 4-7PM in the gym. P/T Conferences are "arena style."
- RO Community Coalition will be presenting "What Drugs Your Child May be Exposed To" on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8:30PM in the ROMS Gathering Place.
- Picture re-take day is October 19<sup>th</sup> in the morning.

Guest Speaker: **Project Healthy Schools** (Hanna Reising from Beaumont Health Systems): Second year for the program at ROMS. PHS is a middle-school based program designed to reduce childhood obesity and its long-term consequences through education, environmental change, and measurement.

**Board Liaison's Report** (Marty Cardamone):

- District is investing in new fiber optic hubs district-wide. Hope is to become a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) district within a couple of years.
- Oakland Elementary's updates were done on time and under budget.
- OakRidge Elementary updates have been approved for Summer 2013.
- RO Schools' Building and Site Sinking Fund Proposal is being supported by the independent Friends of Royal Oak Schools citizens' committee.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Green** (Kathy Guest): Pumpkins/hay bales/leaves can be put in yard waste for collection. (Take a pumpkin home!) RO Environmental Advisory Council will be selling composting bins for ½ off at the ROHS Craft Show. Like the ROEAC on Facebook. ROMS is an Emerald Green school—the highest designation. Students run the program at ROMS.
- **Sixth Grade Event** (Terri Kuznia): Looking for parent help on committee. First event is tentatively scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup>, after school.

**New Business** (Marty Cardamone): The ROMS members-at-large comprise the ROMS PTSA Nominating Committee (i.e., Marty Cardamone and Pamela Lemme). Nomination process will begin in January.

Meeting was adjourned at 8PM.

Minutes submitted by Cynthia Murphy, Royal Oak Middle School PTSA Recording Secretary