

**Royal Oak Middle School PTSA  
General Meeting MINUTES  
Monday, September 17, 2012**

Present at the meeting were: Cindy Murphy, Pam Shewchuck, Karen Romolino, Kathy Guest, Sandy Richard, Heidi Esbri, Scott Leo, Jennifer Howard, Paul Slavin, Carrie Beerer, Shawn Lewis-Lakin, Tere Tyan, Terri Kuznia, Jen Armstrong, Heather Veryser, Rachel Forsyth, Cindy Stanley, Pamela Lemme, Cyndi Wilson, Michele Mester, Suzanne Johnson, Diana Barrer, Susan Shelton, Darcie Kayes, MaryAnne VanHaitsma, Julie Cameron, William Jones, Deanne Haenke, Lisa Liu, Monique Burns, Cynitra Anderson, Tammy Ristau.

Meeting was called to order at 7:04PM by President MaryAnne VanHaitsma. Introduction of those Executive Board, Administration, and Board Liaisons present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Secretary's Report** (Cindy Murphy): Minutes from the April 2012 meeting were presented. *Motion by Pam Shewchuck to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Tammy Ristau. Motion passed.*

**Treasurer's Report** (Julie Cameron): Treasurer's policy/deadlines and 2011-2012 audit were presented. *Motion by Julie Cameron to adopt the 2011-2012 audit into the financial records; seconded by Pam Shewchuck. Motion passed.* Proposed 2012-2013 ROMS PTSA budget was presented. Treasurer and President will work on a way to let parents know how the Educational Support money in the budget is being spent. *Motion by Julie Cameron to accept the budget as presented; seconded by Pamela Lemme. Motion passed.*

**Superintendent's Report** (Shawn Lewis-Lakin):

- Sinking Fund Proposal will be on the November 6<sup>th</sup> ballot; very last proposal at the very end of the ballot. Information about the Sinking Fund Proposal is on the ROSD webpage, on the home page, under "Sinking Fund."
- 15% of Royal Oak households have kids in Royal Oak Public Schools.
- District's Facilities and Finance Committee does the actual prioritization of sinking fund dispersements.
- Friends of Royal Oak Schools, a citizens' committee chaired by Allison Sykes, is working to get out the "Yes" vote among absentee and community voters.

**Administration Report** (Bill Jones):

- PBIS (Positive Behavior Initiative Support) modules are finishing up this week.
- LEAP (Learning Enrichment and Advancement Program) is the old "Advisory" class. Teachers and students are currently working on math enrichment activities.
- Bullying prevention will be ongoing all year. November 6<sup>th</sup> Professional Development will focus on anti-bullying training for teachers. LEAP Mondays will become anti-bullying program day instead of silent reading day beginning on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- MEAP testing begins October 9<sup>th</sup>. Kick-off assembly to fire the kids up will be October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- September 20<sup>th</sup> is Meet the Teachers night beginning at 6:30PM.
- Mezzanines are closed to students during the day due to concerns about the "desertedness" of those hallways.

**Board Liaison's Report** (Carrie Beerer):

- Marty Cardamone is the ROMS liaison, but he was unable to attend tonight's meeting.
- Please read up on the sinking fund proposal, and vote on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

- PTSA is working on improving communication with parents. Website is up and running again, emails are being sent, Facebook page is up, eNews. The computer lab will be open on Meet the Teacher night, Curriculum Night, Parent/Teacher Conferences and at the Bulldog Bash for parents to sign up for eNews.
- Car Pooling arrangements are between parents; PTSA does not make assignments.
- Discount internet services are available through Comcast for \$9.99/month for families receiving free/reduced lunches.
- SpiritWear webstore will be online soon.
- Volunteers are always needed!
- Upcoming event: Bulldog Bash on October 11<sup>th</sup>; the ROMS Student Council is co-sponsoring.
- Are hoping that most fundraisers this year will be non-selling drives.
- PTSA Directory should be out in October.
- Standing Rules updates deferred until October.

No old business.

**New Business:**

- **ROFPE** (Royal Oak Foundation for Public Education—Heidi Esbri): ROFPE is holding a fundraiser, “Celebrate Royal Oak” on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 7-10PM at Holiday Market. Reservations are \$50/person in advance, or \$60/person at the door. For more information, go to [www.rofoundation.org/eventsWine2012.php](http://www.rofoundation.org/eventsWine2012.php).
- **Royal Oak Environmental Advisory Board** (Kathy Guest): All RO Schools are “green” schools. RO Schools are some of the best recyclers in Royal Oak. Anyone is invited to RO Environmental Advisory Board meetings; find meeting dates on more on our Facebook page.

Upcoming dates and flyers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39PM.

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