

**Royal Oak High School PTSA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 29, 2018**

Present at the meeting were: Cherie Thomas, John Decker, Sandy Topping, Susan Hedge, Teri Shaffer, Mike Giromini, Terri Kuznia, Zoe D. Harris, Cindy Murphy, Diana Barrer, Maryanne VanHaitsma.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM by President Maryanne VanHaitsma. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary's Report (Cindy Murphy): Minutes from the October 2017 and November 2017 meetings were presented. *Motion by Terri Kuznia to accept the November 2017 minutes as presented and to accept the October 2017 minutes as corrected; seconded by Susan Hedge. Motion passed.*

President's Report (Maryanne VanHaitsma):

- ROYA (Royal Oak Youth Assistance) Bowl-a-thon is on Sunday, March 4th from 12-3PM. Looking to put together a ROHS team; \$500 donation per team, up to five bowlers. *Motion by Cindy Murphy to purchase a sponsorship for the Bowl-a-thon at the \$150 level; seconded by Terri Kuznia and Susan Hedge. Motion passed.*
- Founders' Day is on Monday, February 5th at Red Run Golf Club. RSVPs needed tonight. This is the 100th anniversary of Michigan PTA and the 98th anniversary of the Royal Oak PTA.
- Teen Clean Closet. Similar to "Blessings in a Backpack"—collects hygiene products, etc., for distribution to students. Collection boxes will be at Founders' Day.
- Cultural Competency meeting on Tuesday, January 30th from 6:30-8PM at the Board Office.
- Jeff Brinker is the new RO School Board president.
- Currently, there is a bill in the Michigan House to allow guns in school; both the Michigan PTA and Oakland Schools oppose this bill.
- Research Collaborative on school funding: Are we funding schools correctly? Study funded by Michigan ISDs.
- Bond work moving on. Information can be found on the RO Schools' website.

Treasurer's Report (Maryanne VanHaitsma for Pamela Lemme): See attached report.

Old Business: *Motion by Cindy Murphy to approve the ROHS PTSA Standing Rules; seconded by Diana Barrer. Motion approved.*

Principal's Report (Mike Giromini):

- Today (January 29th) was the first day of the second semester. First semester grades will be available in MiStar on Friday, February 2nd in the morning.
- MiStar automatically switches to second semester, leaving parents unable to see first semester grades. Contact your student's teacher with any questions about first semester grades.
- February 15th is the ROHS Open House/MYP Personal Projects Presentations from 6-8PM.
- Seminar classes have grade level leaders who are responsible for ELT (Extended Learning Time) content.
- Will look into Google Classroom access for parents. There is a way for parents to see at least some of the content, if teachers set it up that way.
- No school February 19th and February 20th for Midwinter Break.
- New staff starting second semester:
 - Mr. David Mason will be teaching ELA 11 and World History in Mr. Fitzpatrick's place.
 - Mr. Peter Scott will be teaching Chemistry in Mrs. Rauschendorfer's place.
 - Teacher will be starting soon in Mrs. Abraham's place.
- Bond work on the athletic complex will begin this spring/summer.

No Superintendent's Report.

Student Council/Teacher Representative's Report (John Decker):

- Student Council and Spirit Club are sponsoring Charity Week March 5-10.
- Volleyball Tournament will be on Friday, March 9th and a Charity Ball Dance will be on Saturday, March 10th.
- MASC (Michigan Association of Student Councils) Convention will be March 24-26; taking 10 students.

Committee Reports:

- **Scholarship** (Maryanne VanHaitsma): PTA Council Scholarship applications are due in April.
- **Senior All Night Party** (Cherie Thomas and Sandy Topping): Fundraising going okay. Need raffle donations. Need students to buy tickets.
- **Exam Snacks:** Leftover exam snacks will go to the ROHS Swim Team.
- **Craft Show** (Terri Kuznia): 2018 Craft Show will be on Saturday, November 18th from 9AM-4PM. Earlier start time. Applications will be going out soon. Creating some larger booth sizes.

New Business: (Susan Hedge) Would like to see PTSA do additional Staff Appreciation, in addition to current Parent/Teacher Conference night dinners and May Appreciation Day.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18PM.

Minutes submitted by Cynthia M. Murphy, ROHS PTSA Secretary