

**Royal Oak High School PTSA
General Meeting MINUTES
Monday, September 25th, 2017**

Present at the meeting were: Mike Giromini, Sandy Topping, Cherie Thomas, Kerry Derminer, Nancy Armstrong, Mary Beth Fitzpatrick, Marty Cardamone, Lisa Liu, Jon Liu, Terri Kuznia, Susan Hedge, John Decker, Lisa Nemecek, Edith Anttila, Teri Schafer, Maryanne VanHaitsma, Zoe Harris, Mary Hawkins, Clyde Esbri, Cindy Murphy, Pamela Lemme.

Meeting was called to order at 7:01PM by President Maryanne VanHaitsma.

President's Report (Maryanne VanHaitsma): Welcome and introductions. "The Roost" is a student coffee shop run by Interact. Also features a small stage and can act as a student gathering space.

Secretary's Report (Cindy Murphy): Minutes of the May 2017 meeting were presented. *Motion by Pamela Lemme to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Terri Kuznia. Motion passed.*

Motion by Cindy Murphy to postpone the annual approval of the ROHS PTSA Standing Rules to the October meeting; seconded by Susan Hedge. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report (Pamela Lemme): Proposed ROHS PTSA Budget for the 2017-2018 school year was presented. *Motion by Cindy Murphy to approve the budget as presented; seconded by Terri Kuznia. Motion passed.*

Principal's Report (Mike Giromini):

- Thank you for coming, and welcome to The Roost.
- Successful Homecoming Week.
 - New parade route down Crooks; ROPD was very supportive in closing Crooks.
 - Great football game.
 - Marching Band Pancake Breakfast well attended.
 - Homecoming Dance was well attended, with no issues. It was VERY hot in the gym!
- Building update
 - New Learning Commons furniture; chosen with student input.
 - Normandy parking lot was repaved over the summer.
 - Gym floor was redone; looks great.
- Upcoming events
 - Count Day – October 4th
 - Band Concert – October 3rd
 - Orchestra Concert – October 4th
 - College Night – October 5th
 - MSBOA Marching Band Festival here – October 12th
 - Academic Honors (at ROMS) – October 17th
 - Spectrum Concert – October 19th
- IB Diploma Program
 - Starts 2018-2019 school year
 - Not yet authorized; IB visit fall 2017. Leah Barnett is the IB coordinator.
- Working on approaches to learning skills: Communication, Reflection, Cooperation
- Questions?
 - Personal Project scores not yet sent to students. Will check up on; and on transcripts?
 - Can Normandy & Crooks light stay as a stoplight on special event nights? Normally turns to a flashing light at 9PM.

Superintendent's Report (MaryBeth Fitzpatrick):

- Started in ROS on July 1st; great transition. Spent previous 31 years with Berkley Schools.
- ROS received last NCA accreditation in 2013; visiting team from NCA will be here in Spring 2018.

- IB DP program. Finishing up authorization paperwork.
- MLK Volunteer Day program: Will continue working with Berkley Schools, who will host in 2018.
- Bond info
 - On November 7th ballot
 - No tax increase; replacing an expired millage, keeping millage the same.
 - Every building will benefit: HVAC, lighting, technology.
 - ROHS: arts and science areas; stadium; cafeteria.

Board Liaison (Marty Cardamone):

- Royal Oak Schools-YES! Is a non-district group (chaired by Clyde Esbri and Maryanne VanHaitsma) working on passing the bond issue.
- Info is on the ROS website and Facebook pages.
- Royal Oak Schools-YES! needs monetary donations to help fund campaign. Can donate online.
- (Motions made and withdrawn.)
- *Motion by Cindy Murphy to make a donation of \$1000 from the "Gift to School" budget category to Royal Oak Schools-YES!; seconded by Lisa Nemecek. Motion passed.*

Student Council/Teacher Rep Report (John Decker):

- Great Homecoming week.
- Student Council will be going on a retreat to Camp Skyline the first weekend in November (about 40 students).

Committee Reports:

- **Academic Honors** (Terri Kuznia): October 17th at 6PM at ROMS. Need volunteers. New pins.
- **Craft Fair** (Terri Kuznia):
 - Need approximately 100 volunteers for the Friday and Saturday of the Craft Fair.
 - 12 spaces left (as of September 25th).
 - Clubs/teams can have a free table in the lower glass hallway outside the auditorium.
- **SANP** (Cherie Thomas):
 - Sold cider and donuts at Homecoming game; good profit.
 - Tickets for the SANP on June 1st available now.
 - Adult Ugly Sweater Euchre Nights on December 1st.
 - SANP will again be at Emagine
- **Membership** (Maryanne VanHaitsma): Not yet using Michigan PTA MemberHub; came online too close to school start. Have about 100 members so far.
- **Staff Appreciation** (Zoe Harris): First "event" is dinner for staff on nights of Parent/Teacher Conferences in October. Will need donations. SignUpGenius will be sent out to volunteer/donate.

No Old Business.

No New Business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06PM.

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