

ROMS PTA Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 16, 2013

In attendance: Maryanne Van Haitsma, Teri Shaffer, Pam Lemme, Julie, Cameron, Clyde Esbri, Jeff Brinker, Joan Cutler, Cindy Stanley, Janette Catchpole, Joe Youanes, Suzanne Johnson, Jodi Tillander, Alisa Hill, Jenny Teer, Karen Eisenberg, Nelson Rosario, Terri Kuznia, Pandy Kemp, Robin Ballew, Zoe Marcus, Kathy Guest, Heather Veryser, Michelle Watson, Lisa Liu, Denise Dunscombe, Leslie Collins, Kim Sneary, Susan Hedge, Dirk Schadawinkel, Jenny Molina, Holly Toggweiler, Debbie Burke, D'Anne McNeil, David Young.

Meeting was called to order by President, Maryanne Van Haitsma, at 6:59 pm. She let everyone know that the tri fold piece of paper on the table was the agenda plus other information for the evening. Maryanne then introduced Zoe Marcus, ROMS Principal. Zoe introduced our new Assistant Principal, Joe Youanes. Maryanne then introduced Shawn Lewis-Lakin, our Superintendent.

Maryanne talked about the importance of signing up for the PTA website to stay informed. She has directions on how to subscribe to the emails. She talked about the difference between the emails and the text alerts.

Maryanne reported that we have 346 PTA members so far. 15 staff members.

She also reported that we will be running the Entertainment Book fundraiser because no other Royal Oak schools are running the fundraiser. We are hoping that it is very successful. 8th graders will receive \$10 of each book they sell toward their Washington DC trip. 7th graders will receive \$5 of each book sold toward their Washington DC trip. 6th graders will have their profits go to the PTA which will help fund the camp trip.

Spirit Wear is up and running online and the kids will be selling it at school. There is a Family Dinner Night on Monday, September 23.

KROGER REWARDS: you need to sign up each year in April. We recently received a check for \$118. GFS....same thing...you need to sign up each year. Box Tops for education...send them in to the main office. TARGET: we received \$1164. Apples for Students/HOLLYWOOD: no need for a card this year. Just tell the cashier that you are from ROMS to get credit. Cards are available in the main office. From our general fundraiser where parents are just sending in money, we have collected \$3488 already!

BULLDOG BASH: September 26. Family event. 5:30-7:30. Coney Island coming in for food, also greek salads. Girls basketball game is that night as well.

Directory: Trying to figure out how to print it inexpensively. We will be publishing the directory by the end of October.

Suzanne Johnson voted to approve the May 2013 minutes. Lisa Liu seconded the motion.

Principal's Report: Zoe Marcus. She is very pleased with the cafeteria and how polite the students are. Wednesday, September 18 is Curriculum Night from 6:30-7:55. Teachers will be sharing their websites that night. There will be a 6th grade camp meeting and an 8th grade Washington DC trip meeting immediately following. On September 25 there will be a SAFE meeting about suicide from 5:30-7:30 in the auditorium. Kathy Knapp is working on a 5 part parenting series geared toward 6/7/8 grades. First evening is October 3. October 22 & 23 are parent teacher conferences. Joe Youanes is the point person for the 7th grade. Bill Jones is the point person for 8th grade and Zoe for the 6th grade. For this late start, staff worked on technology. They are preparing for the MEAP in October.

Jeff Brinker will be our School Board Liason. Marty Cardamone was here to cover Board information but Shawn was in attendance so he covered it.

Superintendent's Report: Discussed the November millage RENEWAL. It is NOT an increase...it is a renewal. You can get all of the information on the district website. He would like us to vote yes but he really just wants us to be informed so that we can inform others. New concussion regulations. Every parent needs to sign and return the form for every child that they have in Royal Oak schools. Once they fill it out, it stays in the child's record. No need to fill it out every year. The district has gone through lot of technology changes. The technology does not replace the teachers...just enhances the learning.

IMPROVEMENT UPDATES: Many updates at ROMS and ROHS. Oakridge: HVAC, paint, flooring and updated the entry. Oakland: updated entry. Next year: ROHS parking lot, ROMS parking lot, Churchill upgrades: HVAC, electrical, Mechanical and roofing. Going to move the board offices to north part of Churchill. District has a Purchase Agreement for the existing board offices. Regarding technology for the students: they were given a power point presentation on green and red zones. These are -the areas that students can use their phones in school. Green zones are the classrooms. : Red zones are in the bathrooms and hallways. The power point presentation is on the district website.

Jodi Tillander talked about the parenting workshop that she is putting together on November 9 from 9-2:30. It deals with transitioning from middle school to high school. There will be a keynote speaker, Bob Sornson. One of the topics will be "Low stress parenting for raising highly effective kids".

Jeff Brinker/Marty Cardamone reported on Lansing Legislation. Lansing is still wrangling with the Common Core Standards. They are in pause mode on this issue. The National/State PTA can help you understand the Common Core Standards.

Maryanne presented the annual audit for approval. Julie Cameron, the ROMS PTA Treasurer, came to the meeting and was able to present the audit and explain the entries and deductions. On 6/30/12 we had \$6116.90 and on 6/30/13 we had \$4085.09 in our account. Clyde made a motion to approve the budget with the change to cost of directory. We have quotes for the directory of \$450-600. We are still looking for quotes to get the cost down. Therefore the budget line item for the directory needed to be changed. Pam Lemme seconded the motion.

GREEN TEAM: Kathy Guest, Terri Kuznia and Lisa Liu. Kathy reported for the team. They will be at the Bulldog Bash. They have a food bank garden. They are looking for volunteers to get involved with that. Wednesday, October 9 9:00-11:00 there is an educational seminar to get you involved with Michigan Green Schools.

NEW BUSINESS: Jodi Tillander: wanted to know if we followed an even day for Curriculum Night. Per Zoe, we do. Janette Catchpole: What is the cost of the DC trip? Approximately \$900. Chaperone is approximately \$1000.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31.