

UNAPPROVED  
ROMS MEETING MINUTES MAY 19, 2014

In attendance at meeting: Teri Shaffer, Maryanne Van Haitsma, Judi Rosas, Joe Youanes, Mia Gutierrez, Caroline Guns, Scott Guns, Tom Ellis, Rick Barrer, Diana Barrer, Laura Foster, Beth Vanderwill, Ron Arnold, Denise Renton, Holley Matthews, Bill Jones, Clyde Esbri, Linda Simonsen, Leonie Teichman, Beth Sowulywski, Kathy Guest, Pam Lemme, Jodi Tillander, Terri Kuznia, Marnie Pinho, Tony Pinho, Jeff Brinker, Shawn Lewis-Lakin.

Parents of incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents were welcomed to ROMS. Discussed 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp dates of November 17, 18, 19. Monday-Wednesday. Also, gave dates for next year's schedule pick up: August 25 & 26. Then answered general questions from the incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents.

General meeting called to order at 7:20 pm. Minutes from April meeting were presented and approved. Diana Barrer moved to approve and Pam Lemme seconded the motion.

**Superintendent Report: Shawn Lewis-Lakin.** Talked about the survey that gave Royal Oak a top 10 rating for cities with kids. Legislatively, he talked about the state budget. There is less revenue coming in than we had thought. The biggest discrepancy was in the general fund so the state took money from the school fund. He is asking us to contact John Pappageorge and Jim Townsend and share your thoughts. State of Michigan is debating about the Common Core Standards. Some want to repeal it.

Clyde Esbri motioned to add \$200 to the 8thj grade budget. Jodi Tillander seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Shawn Lewis-Lakin motioned to add a line item to the budget of up to \$300 for the printing of 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation certificates. Terri Kuznia seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Maryanne Van Haitsma went over the Treasurer's Report for Julie.

**Principal's Report: Bill Jones** They are field testing the Smarter Balance program which is part of the Common Core Program. There have been a

few glitches but that is to be expected. The Smarter Balance Program requires more critical thinking on the student's part. They have asked for student feedback. They found that both the students and the staff are encouraged! Bill also spoke about the Washington DC trip. He spoke about the Parenting Workshops run by Kathy Knapp. They were very successful and are taking topic ideas for next year. He gave us an update on Zoe Marcus. She is having another procedure on May 29. Go to [Caringpages.com](http://Caringpages.com) to check on her progress.

Jodi Tillander: installation of officers for 2014-2015 school year.

President: Maryanne Van Haitsma

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Terri Kuznia

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Keri Derminer

Treasurer: Jeff Eisenberg

Member at Large: Susan Hedge

Member at Large: OPEN

Secretary: Teri Shaffer

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm