

Royal Oak High School PTSA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 26th, 2018

Present at the meeting were: Terri Kuznia, Pamela Lemme, Cherie Thomas, Mike Giromini, MaryBeth Fitzpatrick, Cindy Murphy, Zoe D. Harris, Susan Hedge, Elliot Widd, Jonah Kubicek, John Decker, Teri Shaffer, Michelle O'Neill Lisa Smalley, Christine Utter, Kristin Harpster, Lisa Liu, Jenn Smiljanovski, Josh Smiljanovski, Gabrielle Tanner-Bratic, Brad Foucher, Stacie Woodward, Taylor Jacobs, Judi Rosas, Maria Teresita Gonzales, Jennifer Rossbach, Jack Rossbach, Sandy Topping, Diana Barrer, Maryanne VanHaitsma.

Meeting was called to order at 7:04PM by President Maryanne VanHaitsma.

President's Report (Maryanne VanHaitsma):

- PTA questions after last meeting. PTA is a membership organization.
- National PTA's social media policy is available online.
- Royal Oak City Clerk's office is having a register-to-vote drive at ROHS on April 13th at school during all lunches.
- On the ROHS facebook page, links to the National PTA's positions on gun violence and policies. Our ROHS PTSA cannot contradict state or national PTA policies.
- Club funding requests: NHS (National Honor Society) \$732.20 and Spirit Club up to \$3000.
 - *Motion by Terri Kuznia to grant NHS's request for \$732.20 in club sponsorship funding; seconded by Susan Hedge. Motion passed.*
 - *Motion by Cindy Murphy to grant Spirit Club a \$500 sponsorship; seconded by Susan Hedge. Motion passed.*

Secretary's Report (Cindy Murphy): Minutes from the February 2018 minutes presented. Corrections to spelling of Taylor Jacobs' and Zoe D. Harris' names. *Motion by Lisa Liu to accept the minutes as corrected; seconded by Terri Kuznia. Motion passed.*

Treasurer's Report (Pamela Lemme): See attached report. Little activity this past month. Report filed for audit.

Principal's Report (Mike Giromini):

- "Thank you" to PTSA for Parent/Teacher Conferences' dinner.
- Congratulations to the ROHS Drama Club for their production of "Almost, Maine".
- ROHS has received official IB diploma certification. Program is good to begin in Fall 2018.
- Spring Break for students and staff is March 30th through April 8th.
- Testing week begins April 10th. Several schedule changes:
 - Tuesday, April 10th: No school for seniors. Juniors taking SAT, sophomores/freshmen taking PSAT. Will be dismissed at end of testing window.
 - Wednesday, April 11th: No late start for ROHS. Juniors taking ACT WorkKeys test. ALL students dismissed at 2PM.
 - Thursday, April 12th: Juniors taking MSTEP. Normal schedule for all other students.
 - Wednesday, April 25th: No late start for ROHS. Make-up testing. All ROHS students dismissed at 2PM.
- Third Marking Period ends on Friday, April 13th. Monday, April 16th is a "no school" day; teachers' records day. Grades will be on MiStar on Friday, April 20th.
- Senior Honors Breakfast is on Wednesday, April 18th at Farina's in Berkley. Invitations have gone out.

- ROHS Equity Team (formed in Fall 2017), which is a subset of the School Improvement Team, works to ensure success of all students. Currently looking at data.
- No new bond updates.
 - Athletic Complex work starting soon.
 - New roof going on the pool/gym area; co-op lot will be closed during work.
 - Eastern end of Lexington parking lot will be closed in late April for work staging.
 - New design schematics on second phase (science rooms, fine arts wing, cafeteria) being worked on for 2019 start.

Student Council/Teacher Representative Report (John Decker):

- Just returned from MASC (Michigan Association of Student Councils) convention today.
- April is looking to be pretty quiet. Officer elections for the 2018-2019 school year will happen at the end of April/beginning of May.

Board Liaison Report (Maryanne VanHaitsma):

- Construction has begun at several of the locations which are scheduled for work this summer.
- RO School Board re-affirmed its 2015 position on guns in schools at their last meeting.

Committee Reports:

- **Staff Appreciation** (Zoe D. Harris): Thanks you to volunteers for help and donations for Parent/Teacher Conference dinner.
- **Craft Fair** (Terri Kuznia): 45 applications for November 2018 Craft Fair have already been received. Need help filling various committee vacancies for the coming year.
- **Senior All Night Party/SANP** (Sandy Topping):
 - Donation checks slowly coming in.
 - Buy tickets!
 - Looking for raffle donations—gift cards, items, etc. Will be using SignUpGenius to solicit donations; donations can be left in the Attendance Office marked “SANP.”
 - Need volunteers to help sell tickets during lunches April 16-20.
 - Need chaperones for SANP on June 1st from 11PM-6AM at Emagine Theatre in Royal Oak.
- **PTA Council Scholarship** (Maryanne VanHaitsma): Council scholarship applications are due April 17th. Form is available online and in the Student Services Center.
- **Exam Snacks** (Judi Rosas): Sold LOTS of bagels this last time. Used three stations.

No Old Business.

New Business:

- (Jonah Kubicek): Student leadership of gun violence walkouts want more PTA support. *Motion by Jonah Kubicek “Be it resolved, that the Royal Oak High School PTSA (ROHS PTSA) supports and endorses the student-led walkout on April 20th, 2018. The ROHS PTSA recognizes this protest calls for common sense gun regulation that fits well in the interest of the ROHS PTSA and Royal Oak High School and its students/staff, including:*
 - *Raising the minimum age to purchase any firearm to 21;*
 - *A mandated 30 day waiting period for firearm purchase;*
 - *The ban of sales of assault rifles;*
 - *The ban of high-capacity magazines (over 10 rounds).*

- *The ROHS PTSA supports students and teachers who choose to walkout at 10AM on April 20th to assemble with various other schools and demand our lawmakers work for what has already been mentioned, due to the student-led nature of this movement, encouragement in active political engagement for a group that doesn't excel in that category, and proliferation of IB (International Baccalaureate) traits throughout the entire process.” Seconded by Jack Rossbach, Taylor Jacobs, and Elliot Widd.*
 - ❖ *Motion by Jonah Kubicek to vote on measure as read; seconded by Elliot Widd. Motion passed.*
 - ❖ *Motion by Elliot Widd for a roll call vote; Seconded by Jack Rossbach. Motion passed.*
 - ❖ *Roll call vote on original resolution; motion passed.*
- (Teri Shaffer): *Motion that the ROHS PTSA add a student representative position to the ROHS PTSA board; seconded by Jennifer Rossbach. Proposed Bylaw Change (to be voted on at the April 23rd, 2018, ROHS PTSA meeting at 7PM in the ROHS Learning Commons):*
 - Current bylaw: Article VII: Officers and Their Election. Section 3.a. The officers of this organization shall consist of a president, three (3) vice president(s), a secretary, a treasurer, one (1) historian, and two (2) members-at-large.
 - Proposed change: Article VII: Officers and Their Election. Section 3.a. The officers of this organization shall consist of a president, three (3) vice president(s), a secretary, a treasurer, one (1) historian, ~~and~~ two (2) members-at-large, **and a student representative.**
 - Rationale: We are the Royal Oak High School Parent, Teacher, **Student** Association. Students should be represented on the board. *Note: Previously, the ROHS PTSA (as well as the Kimball HS PTSA and the Dondero HS PTSA) had student representative(s) on their board. Often, the student representatives came from the Student Council, and rotated at each meeting.*
- (Terri Kuznia and Susan Hedge): Presentation of 2018-2019 ROHS PTSA slate:
Proposed slate of officers for the 2018-2019 school year (to be voted on at the April 23rd, 2018, ROHS PTSA meeting at 7PM in the ROHS Learning Commons):
 - President – Maryanne VanHaitsma
 - First Vice President – Terri Kuznia
 - Second Vice President – Susan Hedge
 - Third Vice President – Zoe D. Harris
 - Secretary – Teri Shaffer
 - Treasurer – Julie Lyons Bricker
 - Historian – Marnie Pinho
 - Members-at-Large – Diana Barrer, Kerry Derminer, and Judi Rosas
- (Brad Foucher): *Motion by Brad Foucher “Be it resolved, that the Royal Oak High School PTSA (ROHS PTSA) take action to encourage the Royal Oak School Board to support the resolution recently adopted by the ROHS PTSA with respect to common sense gun control, requesting that they issue clear communication to the community. We request that the Royal Oak School District recognize the school walkout on April 20th, and support the choice of students and teachers to participate in it. We request that the ROHS PTSA Executive Board draft an email (in a timely manner) to encourage the Royal Oak School Board to support this resolution.” Seconded by Jennifer Rossbach. Motion passed.*

Meeting adjourned at 9PM.

Minutes submitted by Cynthia M. Murphy, ROHS PTSA Secretary