

**Richard Montgomery High School
Parent Teacher Student Association
Meeting Minutes – Tuesday 17 November 2009**

Discussion:

- I.** Meeting was called to order by Liz Wheeler at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Liz welcomed all in attendance made additional opening remarks.
- II.** The agenda for tonight's meeting was approved as amended
- III.** Minutes from the 20 October 2009 meeting weren't done, so they could not be approved.
- IV. Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. Main activity has been in membership
 - b. Expenses activity were with the grants (science carts)
 - c. Post prom: no activity
 - d. Brick fund has \$9988.71
 - e. **Additional expense received for Codi Alexander's Vigil, \$90 for candles. We moved, 2nd and approved this expense.**
 - f. \$7920 in the Giant/Safeway/etc. account
- V. Principal's Report:**
 - a. Graduation will be Wednesday, 9 June 2010 @ 7 p.m., held at DAR Constitution Hall. Senior Parent meetings are scheduled.
 - b. Homecoming Dance –
 - i. 1060 kids attended
 - ii. Many positive comments
 - iii. Thank you to all the parent volunteers
 - c. Second Marking period started 3 November 2009
 - d. RMHS donated \$1,000 to the "raise the rocket" campaign.
 - i. The rocket mascot was installed on Friday 6 November 2009
 - e. Next Principal's Coffee is Monday 11 January 2010 @ 6 p.m.
 - f. Met with Ms. Sosik and Chief Treschuk of the City of Rockville Police to discuss upcoming community projects, and the trash in the surrounding neighborhood
 - g. 30 temporary lockers received in November due to expanding enrollment. 1000 additional lockers have been ordered from the Division of Construction
 - h. Elena Kim Perry, senior at RMHS, is one of three MC students selected by Jonathan Carney, concertmaster of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, to perform with him at a chamber music recital. The recital will be held at Montgomery College (Rockville Campus) on November 17th at 7:30 p.m.
 - i. RMHS is focusing on the school's environmental program. Ms. Mirshah-Nayar, assistant principal, will serve on the School Energy & Recycling Team as captain this school year.
 - j. Montgomery College Course, Introduction to Political Science, will be offered and taught at RMHS in the spring of 2010. See Mr. Awono for details and qualifications.
 - k. Wall-mounted hand sanitizers have been installed at RMHS to enhance current hygiene efforts.
- VI. President's Report:**
 - a. Liz gave her testimony to the RMHS cluster on capital improvement needs
 - b. MD PTA
 - i. Liz attended the convention last weekend
 - ii. Liz updated us on the changes made

- c. Nominating Committee – it’s time to start thinking about officers for next year
- d. Graduation Committee needs a chair who is not the parent of a senior
- e. Westat survey on teen drivers, the discussion groups start next week. Liz asked if she should put this on our listserv. We voted “yes”.
- f. “Hey Mom” program – Liz explained what this program is and asked if she should put it on our listserv. We voted “yes”.

VII. Officer Reports:

- a. 1st V.P. – Gail Rothberg
 - i. Bricks purchased (4-5 years ago) for the new school
 - 1. We now have the official letter of approval from MCPS
 - 2. It will take 5 weeks for the bricks to be made
 - 3. She wants to get the bricks that have already been purchased installed before she takes more orders for bricks
 - 4. Proposed installation location is out front adjacent to the Media Center
 - ii. Encouraged us to sign-up for Safeway &/or Giant receipts
- b. 2nd V.P. of Programs – Christopher Kelly (not here this evening)
 - i. The program this evening at 6:30 p.m. “Study skills”, 44 people attended.
 - ii. There were 20 parents here for the Spanish language version this evening of the program
- c. 3rd V.P. for Outreach–Paul Scott
 - i. Upcoming NAACP is this Saturday
- d. 4th V.P. Staff Liaison – Virginia A. Azuree (not here this evening)
- e. Corresponding Secretary – Anne Cary
 - i. No report this month.

VIII. MCCPTA Delegates Report

- a. All four of the MCCPTA resolutions presented to us last month passed.
- b. Math Survey to be discussed at the curriculum meeting at the Carver Building @ 6:30 p.m. on 24 November 2009.

IX. SGA Report – given by Vincent Abad-Santos

- a. Homecoming – he reviewed the feedback they’d received both pros and cons
- b. Powder Puff Football will be 3-5 p.m. Wednesday 18 November 2009
- c. Excessive trash on Main Street and efforts to get it under control
- d. School Play “The Crucible”, with intimate 200 seat arrangement
- e. Considering a winter dance

X. Committee Chair/Liaison Reports

- a. **Membership** chaired by Lisa Newman, who’s not here
- b. **Directory** done by Tom Jordan
 - i. Has sponsor ads money and postage receipts
 - ii. 160 copies remaining to be sold
 - iii. 650 copies ordered
 - iv. 474 copies distributed
 - v. concluded that there shouldn’t be as many ordered next year
- c. **Practice SAT/ACT** – Sue Alterman, not here
 - i. Revolution Prep held a follow-up meeting on Wednesday 11 November
 - ii. Will look into doing it again in the spring, and will research other companies
- d. **Every 15 Minutes** – report given by Kate Savage & Tori Shaeffer
 - i. Scheduled for 21 & 22 April
 - ii. Very detailed account of how it has been done in the past
- e. **Athletic Booster Club** – Christopher Kelly (not here)

- i. RM Athletic Booster Club supports school programs
 - ii. Spirit Wear is here!
 - iii. Rocket was raised Friday 6 November 2009
- f. **Post Prom** - Nancy
 - i. Vendor Fair is 4-7 p.m. the first Sunday in December in Gaithersburg
- g. **Hispanic Parent Liaison** – Camilla
 - i. Pleased with the turn-out for the programs
 - ii. Parents are very interested in learning
 - 1. How to navigate the school system
 - 2. Want help in understanding MCPS
 - 3. Want help in understanding the importance of a college education

XI. New Business

- a. **Listserv Task Force** - Michael Samuels
 - i. 10 people on the task force, have 3 students, need teachers and administrators
 - ii. Discussed how to simplify, get the rules out, and make it run more smoothly
 - iii. Sent out MCCPTA's 20 page suggestions
 - iv. Feedback from meeting participants:
 - 1. Paul – don't make it too restrictive
 - 2. Vincent Abad-Santos – most students don't participate on the listserv

XII. Motion to adjourn @ 8:52 p.m. was passed unanimously.