

**Richard Montgomery High School**  
**Parent Teacher Student Association**  
**Meeting Minutes – Tuesday 15 December 2009**

**Discussion:**

- I. Meeting was called to order by Liz Wheeler at 7:40 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 both the 20 October 2009 meeting and the 17 November 2009 meeting were approved as corrected.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report:**
  - a. Advertisement Income is in from the Directory & Practice SAT/ACT from 17 October is in.
  - b. Grants have been fully paid, leaving \$179.
  - c. A grant request has been received from *The Tide* for \$200. **A motion was made, seconded, discussed and approved to pay the remaining \$21 from the prior year's balance.**
  - d. RMHS Media Center receives half of the graduation DVD sales.
  - e. Only two returned checks from membership/directory sales.
  - f. There's approximately \$7500 in the Giant/Safeway/etc. account, and it's this money that will be used to pay for the third science cart.
  - g. We don't completely fund *Every 15 Minutes*. Funding for this program comes from the City of Rockville and state Farm Insurance Company.
- V. **Principal's Report:**
  - a. 2058 students enrolled at RMHS. Building has a capacity of 2300 students.
  - b. Tardiness has become an issue. To address this problem the administration is conducting random school-wide sweeps of the hallways.
  - c. MCPS uses *the Baldrige Guided School Improvement Process* to support student achievement.
  - d. Administration is working with the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs to offer new rigorous courses for SY 2010-11.
    - i. IB elective course will be available to all juniors and seniors during SY10-11
      1. IB art electives
      2. IB World Philosophy and Religion
      3. IB sociology
    - ii. Spring 2010 RM seniors (with a 2.75 GPA) and juniors (with a 3.00 GPA) will have the opportunity to take the following Montgomery College course on the RMHS campus after school from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m.:
      1. Introduction to Political Science
  - e. Additional extra curricular opportunities for students will be available spring 2010:
    - i. A gospel choir
    - ii. Possible STEP team
  - f. Next Principal's coffee is scheduled for Monday 11 January 2010 @ 6 p.m. in the Media Center.
  - g. Applications for *Every 15 Minutes* will be accepted till Friday 18 December 2009. In January students will be notified who was selected.
  - h. Additional murals have been added to the new building, personalizing the school.

## **VI. President's Report:**

- a. Operating Budget Forum will be held 4 January 2010.
- b. On Friday 18 December 2009 Liz is scheduled to meet with students to discuss Post Prom
- c. The Nominating committee is looking for leadership for SY 2010-11
- d. Liz has received the following:
  - i. An exchange student, Chinese, is looking for a host
  - ii. For an Indonesian interpreter, many replied
  - iii. A thank you from Mrs. Hull regarding the gift certificates for speakers (from Giant money)
- e. Co-chairs are needed for the Graduation Committee
  - i. Graduation is 9 June, in the evening @ Constitution Hall
  - ii. Chair should not be the parent of a graduating senior
  - iii. Amy Weaver is the graduation coordinator.

## **VII. Officer Reports:**

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. – Gail Rothberg
  - i. Bricks for the new RMHS
    1. Dedications need to be corrected, and proofed before carving can begin
    2. The brick mason from MCPS' Edison Technology will determine if the bricks can be installed in the winter or if we need to wait for warmer weather
    3. More bricks will be sold in the spring
    4. Proposed installation location is out front adjacent to the Media Center
  - ii. Encouraged us to sign-up for Safeway &/or Giant receipts
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. of Programs – Christopher Kelly (not here this evening)
  - i. There wasn't a program before tonight's meeting
  - ii. The next program will be on interpreting your child's PSAT score @ 6:30 p.m. 19 January 2010.
- c. 3<sup>rd</sup> V.P. for Outreach–Paul Scott - no report
- d. 4<sup>th</sup> V.P. Staff Liaison – Virginia A. Azuree
  - i. The teachers would love a lunch on Monday 25 January 2010, a professional day
  - ii. Thank you to the RMHS PTSA from ESOL. They are being encouraged to write their thank you notes.
  - iii. Two science carts have been ordered.
- e. Corresponding Secretary – Anne Cary
  - i. Anne will post all approved minutes
  - ii. Anne will post the School Improvement Plan. (MCPS will have this posted on their website by early February.)

## **VIII. MCCPTA Delegates Report**

- a. Chris attended the last Delegates Assembly.
- b. **We moved, seconded, discussed and approved the resolution he presented as worded.**
- c. MCCPTA meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in January. The topic will be "Men in the PTA"

## **IX. SGA Report – no here from SGA**

- a. Considering a winter dance

## **X. Committee Chair/Liaison Reports**

- a. **Membership** chaired by Lisa Newman
  - i. 445 parent members
  - ii. 125 student members
  - iii. 4 alumni members
  - iv. 2 community members

- v. 31 staff members
- vi. we have less members this year than last year
- b. **Booster Club** – chaired by Chris Kelly
  - i. There are 124 members in the Athletic Booster Club
  - ii. The school store is open Fridays during lunch (10:50 – 11:30 a.m.)
  - iii. We need a new score board in the Baseball field, no electrical feed, \$20K short.
- c. **Every 15 Minutes** – no one here this evening
  - i. Scheduled for 21 & 22 April
  - ii. Student interest forms due by Friday 18 December 2009
- d. **Post Prom** – Chaired by Nancy McCullough
  - i. Vendor Fair was the first weekend in December
    - 1. Nancy mentioned it was quite sad, a lot of vendors have gone out of business
- e. **Listserv Task Force** – Chaired by Michael Samuels
  - i. Michael presented his draft *Rules of Etiquette*
    - 1. He has requested our feedback so that these can be voted on at the PTSA meeting in January
  - ii. Michael wants to set-up guidelines next.
- f. **MYP** – Maida Babcock providing a report with information received from Mr. Awono
  - i. MYP 10<sup>th</sup> grade draft projects are due this week
    - 1. Peer editing is also scheduled to be completed this week.
    - 2. Next step in the MYP project process after peer editing is meeting with the student's mentor.
  - ii. MYP 10<sup>th</sup> grade Projects are due in January
  - iii. MYP 10<sup>th</sup> grade projects are graded in February
  - iv. An exhibit to display this year's projects will be set up on Main Street in March

**XI. New Business** - none

**XII. Motion to adjourn @ 8:35 p.m. was moved, seconded and passed, unanimously.**