Minutes of the Ridgeview Middle School Parent-Teacher-Student-Association Meeting

November 9, 2016

A called meeting of the RMS PTSA was convened on Tuesday, November 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center of Ridgeview Middle School in Gaithersburg, MD, pursuant to notice duly given.

Attendees: Sherri Wood-Powe, President; Jill Fleisher, Second Vice President; Renee Enright, Treasurer; Ms. Mary Jane Kissel, Secretary; Ms. Kimberly McLurkin, Assistant Principal; Ms. Feri Jahanmir, RMS Office Assistant; Rich Powe, Student Representative; Mayra Cordova, Paola Marugan, and Bonnie West (9 adults/1 students).

I. Welcome/call to order: The meeting was called to order by Sherri Wood-Powe at 7:09 pm.
   • The minutes from the October 13 meeting were reviewed and approved

II. Treasurer’s Report
   • Ms. Enright reviewed the status of the budget.
   • Successful CNO events including Chipotle, the RMS Movie Night are helping to keep Community nights well ahead of budget.
   • The Coal Fire CNO did not bring in a lot of money, possibly due to Screenagers being held on the same night.
   • Membership dues are only a few hundred dollars short of their goal.
   • Spiritwear sales are strong, and the Tailgate event was a success.
   • The fall fundraiser is not meeting expectations, and needs to be pushed.
   • New microphones and a mixing board were purchased for the drama department.

III. Principal’s report
   • Ms. McLurkin gave the principals report at 7:17 pm.
   • Classes will be doing discussion circles starting on November 9.
   • Parent/teacher conferences will be held on November 10, from 1-6:30pm. Conference will be arena style in the gym, and no advance appointments are necessary. Report card copies will be available during conferences.
   • Paper copies of report cards will be distributed to students on November 17.
   • Picture make up day will be held on November 14.

IV. Students’ Report
   • Mr. Rich Powe gave the students report
   • Mr. Powe reported that students want study hall time during school.
   • He asked about the possibility of students in all grades using phones during lunch.
   • The SGA dance was a success, with 180 students attending thanks to extended ticket sales.
   • Having the music in the gym gave students more room.

V. RMS Announcements
   • Ms. Jahanmir reported on the RMS announcements.
   • Busses 2314 and 2315 are overcrowded and are only open to students who normally ride those busses.
   • Volunteers need to report their hours to Ms. Jahanmir, for submission to the central office. Schools with high volunteer participation can win an award.
   • Ms. Jahanmir needs help tracking volunteer hours outside of school. Hours should be submitted to her by the end of each month. Ms. Beckwith will remind volunteers to submit hours via the afternoon announcements.
   • The RMS talent show will be held on Friday, November 18 at 7:00 pm.
   • Admission will be $5 and tickets will be sold during lunch and will also be available online through the RMS website, as well as at the door.
VI. New Business/Upcoming Events
   • Ms. Powe shared that Ms. Preston, First Vice President/Volunteer Coordinator resigned her board position, but will still continue on as Spiritwear Coordinator.
   • A message will be drafted to go out the RMS google group, asking for volunteers to fill Ms. Preston’s position, so that the Fall Fundraiser and volunteer efforts continue.
   • By-Laws committee volunteers are needed for the 2016-2017 school year.
   • Upcoming events include:
     o Rock N Jump Fundraiser, November 13
     o Chik Fil A CNO, November 14
     o Book Fair at Barnes and Noble, December 3
     o Potomac Deli CNO, December 8

VII. Committee Reports/Updates
   • Ms. Fleisher reported that Membership Directories have arrived and will be labeled and distributed by November 17. One more push for membership will be made before extra directories are made available for sale.
   • The Fall fundraiser has only brought in $2400 towards the goal that was set. The new VP and Volunteer coordinator will need to focus on bringing in more money. Paola Marugan volunteered to help with the fundraiser.
   • Ms. Laura Bookman provided an MCPTA update via email.
     o The PTSA board needs to talk to Mr. Garcia about how to handle the Principal and President’s dinner.
     o The upcoming board of Ed meeting with the QO cluster will be on April 20.
     o RMS could volunteer to host.
   • The Parent Diversity Council is going well and is beginning to plan International Night, which will happen in the Spring.

VIII. Announcements
   • There will not be a RMS v. LPMS basketball game this year, but an RMS staff v. students game is a possibility.
   • The RMS talent show will be on November 18.

IX. Adjournment
   • Ms. Powe adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Jane Kissel, Secretary

Date: 12/14/2016