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

October 13, 2016

A called meeting of the RMS PTSA was convened on Tuesday, October 13, 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; Deanie Preston, First Vice President; Jill Fleisher, Second Vice President; Renee Enright, Treasurer; Laura Bookman, MCPTA Delegate; Paul Morrison, QO Cluster MCPTA Representative; Mr. Daniel Garcia, Principal; Ms. Feri Jahanmir, RMS Office Assistant; Allison Wang, SGA President; Angela Blum, Monica Chiaromate, Cathy Claveria and Andrea Girimonte (10 adults/2 students).

I. Welcome/call to order: The meeting was called to order by Sherri Wood-Powe at 7:09 pm.

II. Upcoming dates:
- October 16, RMS movie night in the Kentlands, Tickets are being sold during lunch on October 13 and 14
- October 18, Screenagers showing at North West High School at 6 PM and 8 PM
- October 18, Community night out at Coal Fire
- October 26, Parent Diversity Council meeting
- October 31, The Key Deadline is October 31
- Week of November 7-possible fundraiser at Rockin Jump

III. MCPTA Cluster Report:
- Mr. Morrison gave an overview of what the MCPTA does.
- President of MCPTA is pursuing Subdivision Staging Policy; there is a backlog of projects that are approved-not enough years or money
- Still waiting on approval of the calendar for next year.
- Additional security screenings may be coming in the future for volunteers, including background checks and fingerprinting.

IV. Treasurer's report:
- Ms. Enright gave an overview of the budget process.
- Due to previous surplus, the PTSA was able to fund a lot of things that are normally well above the normal operating budget.
- The PTSA hopes to raise money at scheduled events (movie night, restaurant nights, etc.) so that we can avoid selling anything.
- The book fair is an upcoming fundraiser.
- A motion was made by Deanie Preston to approve the budget; motion was seconded and passed.
- The budget was unanimously approved.

V. Principal's report
- Mr. Garcia is beginning to look at schedules and elective for the 2016-2017 school year.
- He wants to increase coding and computer programming classes that are offered in order to help students be successful in the future.
- Ridgeview has been 1 service worker short since the beginning of the year but he has just hired a building service manager so the school is now fully staffed.
- He wants to replace the rusted basketball court in the back; it will be painted.
- Mr. Garcia also reviewed some important upcoming dates for Ridgeview including, the high school magnet program on October 24, Math Night on October 27, and the Principal's coffee on October 28.
V. Students’ Report
- Ms. Allison Wang, SGA President gave the students’ report.
- She wants to increase communication and have student voice within the school.
- Wants to get phones back for entire lunch period.
- Ms. Wang asked about the possibility of a 3 on 3 soccer tournament.

VI. RMS Announcements
- Ms. Jahanmir reported on the RMS announcements.
- Volunteers need to report their hours to Ms. Jahanmir, for submission to the central office. Schools with high volunteer participation can win an award.
- Parents with Edline inquiries should contact Ms. Marable.
- Many students are requesting to ride different busses on Fridays, but it is not always possible, due to overcrowding on certain bus routes.
- The Kids Helping Kids drive is hoping to collect over 1,000 items.
- Make up day for pictures is November 14, 2016.
- Talent Show on November 18 at 7:00 PM. Admission is $5 for everyone.
- The office as the intramural sports schedule.
- There is no need to sign up for parent conferences, they function on a walk in basis.

VII. Committee Reports
- Ms. Preston provided Committee updates.
- Reps are needed for Thurgood Marshall, Diamond, and Fields Road elementary schools, and a 6th grade rep is needed for the PTSA.
- Chairs and volunteers are needed for the 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament and Mile of Champions, and a co-chair is needed for spirit wear.
- A 7th grade parent liaison and a chorus liaison are needed as well as a bulletin board volunteer for the Giant Food bulletin board.
- Math department needs volunteer to coordinate and set up snacks for Math Night.
- Spirit wear sales have been going very well this year.
- Ms. Wood-Powe asked for volunteers to serve on the Bylaws committee for the 2016-2017 school year.

VIII. Membership Update
- Ms. Fleisher gave the membership update.
- Need to motivate teachers to join the PTSA.
- Ms. Jahanmir and Ms. Wang will assist in getting more teachers to join the PTSA.
- Directories will be distributed within the next 2 weeks.
- TeenSafe (monitoring tool) will give you a discount if you are a PTSA member.

IX. Announcements
- Future PTSA meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings.

X. Adjournment
- Ms. Wood-Powe adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Jane Kissel, Secretary

Date: 11/11/2016