

Richard Montgomery HS PTSA Meeting Minutes  
November 21, 2017

Cynthia Cotte Griffiths, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. All members signed in. A quorum was present.

### **Introductions**

**Approval of Minutes** – Vince Mickens moved and the minutes of the October 17, 2017 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report and Budget Vote** – Cindy Cotte Griffiths reported that Katrina Harris resigned as treasurer. The Treasurer's Report was prepared by the President since the Treasurer's position is currently vacant. The audit committee met. The PTSA currently has \$8,500, and had \$11,945 budgeted as income for this year. The President suggested reinvigorating the brick fundraiser. The budget was passed.

### **Committee Reports**

Career Day – Vince Mickens had a planning meeting with the administration for Career Day, which is scheduled for Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The name will probably be changed to Richard Montgomery High School Professional Exposition, or RM Pro Expo. Objectives include expanding marketing to draw in more presenters from a wider variety of professions (115 presenters are sought), adding an entrepreneurial element, and adding panel discussions about career paths. There will be video vignettes to promote the event and to have some professionals represented remotely. More volunteers are very welcome on the committee.

MCCPTA – Vince Mickens reported on the MCCPTA meeting, including MCCPTA priorities for this school year and the elementary school boundary study.

Grant Committee – Christina Bour reported that the committee received over \$13,000 in applications and granted \$5,008 across seven school departments. Grants were given for clubs and groups, motivational programs and speakers, magazine and software subscriptions for use in classrooms, and art supplies. Eleven applications were fully funded, seven applications were partially funded, and eight applications had to be turned down.

### **Requests for PTSA support/volunteers**

New Volunteer Coordinator is Helen Mao.

Teacher Appreciation Chair needed.

Homework Club needs individually wrapped snack donations (chips or cookies) for 40 students throughout the school year.

Gift cards are needed for the holiday staff raffle.

**Discussion of Superintendent's Recommendation Against an Addition for RM**

Mr. Monteleone reported that the need for more science labs is the biggest problem if there is no addition. Portables could be moved to where the addition was supposed to be. It is not known what the timeline is for opening of Crown HS. Parents could write questions and comments to BOE, or to James Song, who is in charge of facilities for MCPS. He suggested a task force of parents and students to develop an action plan. MCPS will replace the turf on the athletic field.

**Old/New Business**

The President highlighted the need for more volunteers to work on fundraising, including possible restaurant fundraisers. Membership is at 280: 17 staff, 211 parents, and 52 students

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christina Bour  
Recording Secretary