

Richard Montgomery HS PTSA Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2017

Cynthia Cotte Griffiths, President, called the meeting to order at 7:40pm. All members signed in. A quorum was present.

Minutes - Vince Mickens moved and the minutes of the May 16, 2017 meeting were approved.

Summary of Executive Board actions taken over the summer – Post Prom transferred \$1500 of their funds to PTSA for teacher appreciation events.

Vote on Additional Committee Chairs –Vince Mickens was approved as MCC PTA representative. He also volunteered to coordinate Career Day.

Treasurer's Report – There was no report this month.

Budget Vote – It was explained that PTSA has one bank account, which is divided into Post Prom and general fund sections. Cheryl Pierce moved to approve the budget. It was approved.

Committee Chairs and volunteers still needed - Volunteer coordinator and Staff appreciation volunteer are most needed.

Reports:

Audit Committee – The Executive Board appointed a committee comprised of Rita Cornish, Charles Griffiths, and Jane Hoddinott. Katrina Harris, Treasurer, will sit in on the committee meeting as well.

PTSA Teacher Grant – So far approximately \$3,200 has been requested. Deadline for applications is Friday 10/20. Committee will meet soon.

Grocery Fund – About 200 cards are linked so far from Giant and Harris Teeter to support RM.

Reflections – art competition theme is Within Reach. Deadline is 11/3/17.

Post Prom – Rory Kochman presented. Someone will be needed to work with Sherri next year. Post Prom will be at Bowlmore again this year. They keep the cost down by doing fundraising. Help is needed from people to solicit prizes and sponsors. The biggest fundraiser is running winter concessions. Help is needed with shopping for concessions and working at the concession stand. There is a GoFundMe site.

Requests for PTSA support/volunteers – Homework Club needs individually wrapped snacks for 40 students throughout the school year, and gently used school supplies.

Gift cards are needed for the holiday staff raffle.

New Business - Vince Mickens spoke regarding membership. He is willing to make a flyer to entice more members, let parents know they don't have to come to meetings or volunteer. This technique worked well at Julius West, which had a big increase in membership.

Principal's Report – Mr. Monteleone introduced Mr. Jelen, the new magnet coordinator. Student enrollment is projected at 2467 students this year, and right now is at about 2440. Mr. Monteleone discussed his goals for the school, including encouraging kids to be engaged in structured academic discourse and to use critical thinking skills. Academic ineligibility (GPA less than 2.0) school-wide was 10.1% in 2016-17. Mr. Monteleone discussed how the school is still working to further improve eligibility for all populations and to improve outcomes in ninth grade, as he explained that how well students do in their first year of high school foreshadows the rest of their high school success to a large degree. In 2017, 70% of RM students have cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Professional development for staff is rooted in creating culturally proficient staff and classrooms. The school wants to decrease referrals/discipline for subjective, discretionary offenses. Mr. Monteleone said that issues with grades or teaching go to Resource teachers. Discipline issues go to grade-level administrator.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Bour
Recording Secretary