

**General Business PTA Meeting Minutes  
September 20, 2022 at 6:30pm via Zoom**

**I. Call Meeting to Order – Cyndi called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm**

- Mr. Ries, Mr. Linn, Dawn Tinter, Nyree Wilkerson, Amanda, Michele, Cheryl Moss, Christy Shula, Robin Babinec, Beth Walter, Sheena F., Jen Lunn, Juliane Belisle, Hallie Johnson, Joann Gorrell, Tru Ford, Lauren Wallace-Enriquez, Carrie Gichenko, Alyce Jones, Karen Greenwalt, Cyndi Kurt, and Melinda Philips were in attendance.

**II. Welcome & PTA Board Introductions**

- Cyndi welcomed everyone and was very happy to see so many new faces. She introduced the board for the RBC/THS PTA.

**III. Reports of Officers**

- President's Report–Cyndi reported that the members of the board were present at the 7th and 9th grade orientations with sign ups for PTA membership. Pencils with inspirational quotes were distributed to all students at RBC and THS. Our big fundraiser for the year is our Fast Cash. The board has been meeting and sharing ideas.
- Vice President's Report–Alyce reported that she is looking forward to this school year and making it successful.
- Treasurer's Report–Karen discussed our fundraisers for the year, which include Fast Cast, Got Sneakers, Amazon Smiles, and GiveBacks through Member Hub. The Fast Cash fundraiser runs through September 30 and is off to a slow start. Karen made a motion to approve the RBC budget. Melinda 1st the motion and Alyce 2nd it. Karen made a motion to approve the THS budget. Carrie 1st and Alyce 2nd.
- Secretary –Melinda made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 2022 meeting. Carrie 1st and Karen 2nd. The minutes will be filed as written.

**IV. RBC Principal's Report** –Mr. Ries shared he has enjoyed the start of the school year as it has been the most normal in three years. He feels RBC is better now than pre-Covid in terms of structure, organization, and security. RBC was awarded the Gold Medal PBIS Award for the 3rd year in a row and was one of four schools selected in Summit County. RBC received 13/15 stars and scored high on the Performance Index. Staff and students are looking forward to the DC Trip in three weeks, which is the first time going at the beginning of the school year. 230 students are signed up and have made the first payment and will be transported by 6 buses. There has been a lot of participation in sports and clubs will begin during the 2nd 9 weeks. Last year's PTA events were very successful, such as the Bingo Night and the Spring Fest. Mr. Ries would like to incorporate an event for all students in the winter and a special end of the year event for the 8th graders. Some ideas suggested were an Ugly Sweater Dance and Hiram Camp.

**V. THS Principal's Report**–Mr. Linn shared that he is happy to have the support of the PTA. There has been a lot of opening year excitement and it has been a good year so far with strong student spirit. The first weeks also brought a water main break and 2 separate hold in place situations, which has led to increased security measures. Looking ahead, Homecoming is coming up on 10/15 with plans for it to be held on the football field again this year. Last year there were around 950 students in attendance. There is a plan in place in case of rain or inclement weather. The sports teams are performing at high levels this season. Volleyball, boys and girls soccer are all having great seasons. The football team is more competitive this year.

**VI. New Business for both schools**

- Membership update–Membership is down at RBC, but up at THS. There are currently 174 PTA members. Cyndi stressed that membership at the high grade levels differs then

the younger schools. Members can 1) join, 2) donate, or 3) volunteer as a parent volunteer. We accept memberships all year. Parents of seniors need to be a member by 12/16 for their student to be eligible for PTA scholarships.

- Reflections projects due November 3–A Blackboard went out from Council last week with information regarding submissions. Lauren has received the promotional materials so we would like to promote at the schools. Mr. Linn offered to reach out to the department heads for the Arts and Language Arts. Melinda is the board contact and will help promote and collect submissions.
- Amazon Smiles–Alyce explained how the program works. The PTA can receive cash back on purchases made through Amazon at no cost to you. She will post a tutorial of how to sign up.
- Give Backs–A new feature from MemberHub that is similar to Amazon Smiles. We receive cash back from select merchants and retailers by linking a credit card to the program. There is a tutorial on MemberHub.
- Got Sneakers– Bins will be placed at RBC and THS and possible at sporting events. The collection will run Oct 1st - March 1st. We can receive up to \$7.00 per shoe donated based on condition. Shoes are then re-distributed or broken down into useable items.

#### **VII. New Business for RBC**

- PBIS Support–PTA donated items to be used as PBIS prizes. Mr. Ries will speak with the Assistant Principals for any ideas and input. RBC has just started a “Golden Ticket” program for exceeding expectations. Students who receive a ticket are able to play the Claw Machine and win a bag of chips. Mr. Ries found the machine at a garage sale for \$6.00. Mr. Ries stated the school may be interested in a full size machine at some point in the future, with assistance from the PTA.
- Book Fair–The book fair is coming up 9/27-9/30. Volunteers are still needed for cashiers. Jen will forward the information to Melinda to be shared to the Facebook pages. Any LA teacher who brings their whole class to the book fair will receive \$25 Scholastic dollars. There will also be a raffle for students to win \$10 Scholastic dollars. The committee is hopeful that the book fair will be successful and all students can receive Scholastic dollars at the next fair.

#### **VIII. New Business for THS**

- Homecoming decorations–Each class will receive decorations provided by the PTA to decorate their respective hallways.
- Homecoming dance games–PTA will provide large, yard size games and a Live360 booth for the dance.

#### **IX. Recap for RBC**

- Staff Breakfast
- Pencils for students
- Donations for PBIS
- Donated clothes for dress code violations and the nurse for illness needs

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**XI. Announcements** – Meetings for the year are November, February and April (Elections). Cyndi asked if most in attendance would prefer virtual or in person meetings. Of the members who voted, the majority prefer virtual meetings. Cyndi reminded everyone how to reach the PTA through email, Facebook, and our website. Juliane raised the question about donations of dresses and sports coats and ties for formal events. The struggle in the past has been the issue of having a location for students to reach out while preserving dignity. Carrie suggested the idea of hosting an online event. Alyce suggested an email to students to connect them with local businesses that can be of assistance, such as Rockin’ Frocks and Faith Gives Hope.

XII. **Adjournment**–Alyce adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm.

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