



Meeting Minutes for March 3rd, 2005

Transportation and Operation Center Conference Room 7:00 P.M.

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- ▶ Welcome & Introductions - Called to order at 7:05
- ▶ Approval of January minutes - Approved by Jean Chuddar and seconded by Chris Ryan
- ▶ Representatives' Bring & Share - See next page
- ▶ Liaison Reports - See next page
- ▶ Partnership Schools –Projects
 - ⇒ K. Hilton update regarding partnership survey - Survey has been sent out and the returns are looking good. We will accept surveys back until March 11th and start the scanning of data on March 14th.
- ▶ Parent education programs
- ▶ Home school communication survey results to date
- ▶ Technology update Nan Hance, Lisa Clark, Karen Milburn
 - ⇒ Karen Milburn and Nan Hance were with us to deliver an update on the use of technology to enhance communications about the district. Improvement to the District website include: the layout of the site – including graphics and images that actually feature students and the goal is to change the images on a monthly basis. There is a new navigation strategy with a top bar drop down structure. They have added the Quick Links section on left hand side of the home page and this is editable and the Quick Links will be updated based on what is “hot” with parents and/or most frequently visited sections of the website. They added e-news – which allows parents to get their name on a list to receive updates from the Superintendent. There is a feature added that flashes called Parent Alert, to get critical information out to Parents that is either time sensitive or things that all parents would/should know about. There is a great new feature related to giving parents access to news about the district on a daily basis: “News Room”. Those news stories are archived so that people can access news that may be a few days or weeks old. The website is making great use of information that is out in the general public regarding the RH School District by including URLs and links to information that about us on other sites. The site gets about 100,000 hits a week. The number of classroom web pages hosted by teachers has gone from 64 classroom pages in 2003 to 151 classroom pages as of today. Teachers have to update their content at least every 30 days. There was also an update given on K12 Planet.com – a tool that can be used by teachers to communicate all kinds of school and student information. This has not yet been widely adapted by teachers within the RH School District.

- ▶ Superintendent's Report • District Priorities follow up
 - ⇒ Reported on three things: 1. The budget recommendations will be made on this coming Monday to the budget advisory committee. It will be a budget to budget increase of 3.2% - - it will maintain all current programming levels, have room for some of the enhancements that have been requested to make the district more educationally sound. This will allow us to continue to be one of the lowest school tax rate in the county 2. March 21st Dr. Graham will be giving a presentation on the Burger Renovation project at the Burger PTA Meeting. Fyle will have the same presentation on March 16th at 6:45 and other elementary “feeder schools” for Burger will have the presentation given in April. Dr. Graham will be presenting the Roth renovation project to the Board of Education next week. If the Board approves the Roth plan then presentation on the Roth project will be given at Roth and it’s “feeder elementary” schools. On April 26th, Dr. Graham will present to the Board renovation ideas for the Senior High School. March 23rd at Leary will be a presentation on the attendance lines - - thinking about moving attendance areas and/or moving some special education programs. On April 6th there will be a presentation at Winslow about the movement of some attendance areas that may impact Winslow. 3. The Middle schedules will be changing: more time is being added for instructional time for English Language Arts and Math and the time will come from the “specials” - - for example. Physical Education and starting foreign language education in 7th grade vs. 6th grade. The schedule changes will go into effect this Fall 2005.
- ▶ Board of Education Report - Covered in Superintendent’s Report

Key Items to Report Back	
Representatives & Liaisons Report Highlights	
Crane PTA	PARP (Reading Program) Began 3/4/05 with a teacher play, “kick-off” Party and a “Cranberry Award night – dress for the red carpet, dancing and dinner. The rest of the month will include authors and guest readers. “Hats OFF for charity is the 1 st Friday of the Month – students pay 25 cents to wear a hat at school.
File Parent Group	No Report
Leary PTA	No Report
Sherman PTA	Sherman celebrated the end of their PARP program on 2/9/05 with a special “Read-In” program - - Guest readers from the community read with children and their families. Sherman students also enjoyed visiting author, Cynthia Derelict. Sherman has started their American Girl Reading program for the month of March. The Sherman Student Council sponsored two fund raising efforts raising over \$1100 for the Tsunami Relief Efforts and the Glissando Children’s Hospital. The success of the KEEP Program has attracted the attention of other school districts; Sherman will host school visitations in March. Mark Turner will be presenting the KEEP Program at the Nation Elementary Principal’s Conference.
Winslow PTO	March is “Follow the Reading Brick Road” focusing on reading literacy. They kicked off the reading program with a Cat in the hat performed by volunteer staff members. March 23 rd Math Night. Winslow hosted a visiting author, Margery Facklam. The parent group wants to know why the elementary concert has to be in the High School Gym vs. the Dome? Winslow collected 25 boxes of food and personal items for “Warm Hearts Full Bellies” Drive. Family Fun Night and movie night was a big success - - it was featured in the

	Henrietta Post.
Burger Parent Group	Musical “Guy and Dolls” is March 10 & 11 & 12. March 21 st Dr. Grahman will be the speaker talking about the Burger Renovation. Students vs. Teachers Basketball game will be held Friday, April 8 at Roth - -this is a fundraiser to benefit the Burger Scholarship Fund. The Star club organized a supply drive for the troops in Iraq and their efforts were featured on Channel 13’s “Bright Spot” during January.
Roth Parent Group	1,000 valentines were created for service people in Iraq. A spirit week is coming up with the different theme every day. The technology teachers presented at the last parent meeting. Roth’s musical, “Dear Edwina” scheduled for April 1 st and 2 nd . On April 8 th , Roth will be hosting their Annual Roth Exhibits Night. Some parents expressed concerns about future schedule changes at the middle school and ask if time in Technology may be reduced.
9 th Grade Academy	Over 50% of the students have over 85% cumulative academic average. This month they hosted their mini lock-in.
High School	There is a lot to be proud about. Here are just a few examples: 34 students were inducted into the Tri M Music Honor Society on 2/7/05; R-H has the Science Olympiad Competition at SUNY Brockport and took 7 th and 17 th place and Tyler Lucero, a junior received a gold medal for his performance in an astronomy event; 33 students participated in the 2005 Rochester-Finger Lakes Scholastic Art Exhibition and 5 received awards; Senior James Kern, who advanced to finalist standing in the National Merit Scholarship Competition; 16 choral students are singing at the All County Music Festival; the Girls’ Bowling Team won Section V for the fourth year in a row and are going to the state competition; R-H Girls’ Basketball who Section V for the second year in a row and won the state qualifier last night, our Boys Basketball team were Monroe County Division 1 champs and Section V runners up; our Boys Wrestling Team were Monroe County Division 1 champs and our Ice Hockey Team made it to the semi-finals of sectionals, Boys/Girls indoor track were 5 th in State and Mike McDowell, qualified for diving in the states. Tickets are on sale for the spring Musical “The Pajama Game” to be performed on April 7 th , 8 th , and 9 th at 7:00. Tickets are \$10 a piece. Call 359-5200 for reservations.
Parker Parent Group	No report
Rush-Henrietta Music Parents Assoc	District Elementary Music Festival is being held at the Senior High School on March 9 th @ 7:00 PM. RHMPA has been exploring new fund raising possibilities to better meet the requests we get for funding and to provide more / bigger scholarships to students who apply for them. Next meeting is April 12 @ 7:00 PM in the High School chorus room.
Special Education Parents Forum	No report
Sports Booster Club	No report
TCPB Advisory	No report
Youth Asset Liaison	No report
District Health & Safety Liaison	No report