

ROTH PARENT GROUP
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2016 MEETING
Roth Middle School - Conference Room

I. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. There were 14 parents in attendance, with RH Board of Education representative Diane McBride and Roth Principal Denise Zeh.

II. Principal's Report – Denise Zeh

See attached presentation slides for the Principal's Report.

III. Treasurer's Report – Samantha Singhal for Mark Tanner

The starting balance for 2016-2017 is \$2,723.39. Recent expenses include \$698.75 for sling bags for 8th grade graduation student gifts and \$65.25 in expenses for the Staff Appreciation Breakfast. We also received a check for Box Tops in the amount of \$179.70. Income and expenses are on target with last year's figures.

IV. District Committee Reports

Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) – Dan Hentschel provided an overview of the work of the BAC. No report as the committee has not met yet.

District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) – Cheryl Ellsworth reminded parents that the Quick Links sidebar on the main RH website <http://www.rhnet.org/> has links to updates on the School Reconfiguration and to Board Docs. Parents were asked whether they noticed the technology-oriented flyers in the Welcome Back packet that they received from the district; most parents did not but they also agreed it was helpful and contained information that some parents may not be aware of.

Rush-Henrietta Music Parents Association (RHMPA) – Cheryl Ellsworth shared that the first meeting of RHMPA will be held on Monday, October 3rd and that, as a reminder, the funds raised by RHMPA are used to support summer music learning scholarships for RH students.

Space Committee – No report; the committee has not met yet this year. District is seeking two representatives from each school for the Space Committee.

Shared Decision Making (SDM) – No report; Denise to send out an eNews shortly regarding this committee.

V. Board Update – Diane McBride

Diane walked parents through Board Docs and the information that the community has available to them for review. Diane encouraged parents to review these materials and to consider attending an upcoming meeting, especially to learn more about topics that parents are interested in or would like to offer input on. For instance, the Board will be reviewing the proposal for

participating in the Urban-Suburban Student Transfer program at the Tuesday, September 13th meeting; if approved, this program will begin in the fall of 2017.

VI. Volunteer Opportunities

The Scholastic Book Fair is being held from September 19th through the 26th; details with volunteer slots available have been sent out to parents and posted on Facebook.

There will be a fall activity for students that is being planned by the Roth Student Council. Details are still TBD but the event is likely to occur in late October.

Field Day is scheduled for October 7th; parent volunteers usually provide popcorn and drinks to all students and assist the faculty as requested with the activities of the day.

The Secretary position on the RPG Board is available as are several positions on district committees. Please see Amy Rowe or Samantha Singhal for details and more information.

VIII. Open Discussion – Kudos/Concerns/Challenges

Parents expressed an interest in hearing more about the school reconfiguration. This topic is slated for the October meeting. In advance of the meeting, Ms. Zeh has requested that we compile questions that the parents are hoping to have answered so that she can better prepare for the discussion.

For the January meeting, there was interest in having speakers to address the impact that the reconfiguration will have on the Athletics and Music programs. Ms. Zeh will invite Tom Stewart, the Director of Athletics, and Donna Watts, the Director of the Music & Visual Arts program to join us as guest speakers.

Since all of the 6th-8th grade students will be continuing at Roth next year, Ms. Zeh suggested inviting Kerry Macko, the intended Principal of the new Roth Jr. High School to join one of our meetings. Parents agreed and it was decided to invite Ms. Macko to the March meeting.

There was a question raised about when the clubs and activities started. Ms. Zeh explained that there is a process by which clubs are initiated and funds allocated. This process typically takes a couple of weeks, after which clubs and activities are posted on the Roth website (<http://www.rhnet.org/roth.cfm?subpage=31075>) and shared via eNews and the Morning Announcements. Since this question is raised by parents every year, there was a suggestion to add information about the process for clubs and activities to the Roth website for easy reference.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 17th at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Singhal, Co-Chair

Attachments: Principal's Report, Treasurer's Report