

Robbinsdale Middle School PTAC Meeting Minutes, March 21, 2016

Attendees: Julie Kula, Joy Bartness, Julie Pinomaki, Anita Stenson, Matt Smith, Katy Nelson, Sam Sackett, Barb Fulton, Rebecca Johnson, Alyssa Sieber, Walter West, Jennifer Vang, Meena Johnson

The minutes from our January meeting were approved.

Dr. Nolan announced that Delta Dental will begin to provide oral hygiene education for RMS students and also provide dental cleanings for RMS students. He is also in discussion with a local car dealership which is interested in providing a 2-year lease for a Cadillac to be used as a Raffle Prize at an RMS event.

Treasurer Julie Kula gave a brief update on the budget. There are still funds available from PTAC for teachers at RMS. We are also still seeking a new Treasurer for the RMS PTAC. Please contact Joy Bartness at joy.bartness@gmail.com if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity.

RMS French teacher, Melissa Davies requested PTAC funds to provide transportation for 7th and 8th grade students to attend the University of MN for a Kids on Campus visit on June 6. This request was approved.

Jennifer Vang and Walter West from the RMS Student Council visited to give an update on their group and their recent activities. Currently there are 8 officers on the Student Council:

Co-Presidents: Dana K-L and John B
Vice-Presidents: Jennifer V and Amari T
Treasurers: Walter West and Dylan
Secretaries: Grace and Kyla

There are also 18 class representatives from each grade who are part of the Student Council. Currently the Council is selling tickets to the RMS Spring Dance. Proceeds from the tickets will be used to create blankets for St. Jude Children's Hospital. RMS Teachers Rebecca Johnson and Alyssa Sieber have done an excellent job of developing the leadership skills of these students.

Katy Nelson discussed plans for IB Family Night at 7 pm on Tuesday, May 3. This will be a big night to showcase the work and art projects of RMS students, but also a chance to learn about the many after-school programs that have been implemented at RMS this past year. Don't miss this event! PTAC funds and volunteers are needed to help make this event a success. Please consider volunteering an hour of your time. We will have a sign-up sheet for volunteers at our next PTAC meeting.

RMS Art Teacher, Sam Sackett gave an update on the local artists that she has invited to work with her students. These artists have donated their time, their talent, and enthusiasm. Several artists have provided the Sam with art supplies and even a mini-screen print for her class. PTAC funds have been used to thank the artists for their generosity. Kudos to Sam Sackett for such an innovative way to inspire her students!

One parent asked a very specific question about how formative and summative tests are scheduled at RMS. Katy Nelson will meet to explain the progress that staff are making to use these tests in the most effective way for student learning.

OUR NEXT MEETING DATES:

These are the dates for upcoming PTAC Meetings which are held at 6pm in the RMS Choir Room. Hope to see you there!

Monday, April 18
Monday, May 16

Meeting minutes submitted by Julie Pinomaki, PTAC Secretary