

**Randolph Middle School PTO  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2016**

The Randolph Middle School PTO held a meeting of the PTO Board on October 13, 2016, in the RMS media center. President Lia Benton presided. Mary Rantala served as Secretary. Principal Brian Bambauer, Vicki Ciganek, Colleen Dugan, Tara Howard, Sassy Lojko, Jeff Nemecek, David Slater, Andee Smith, and several parents from the General PTO membership also attended.

**Call to Order**

Lia Benton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Welcome**

Ms. Benton welcomed the group.

**Approval of Minutes**

The board approved the minutes from the September board meeting.

**Principal's Report**

- Principal Brian Bambauer shared that the latest CMS Student Assignment Review continues to propose changing entrance requirements for IB Magnet schools. He referred to two handouts (see attachments). Current proposal is for elimination of a math entrance requirement but for continuation of a Reading entrance requirement. The RMS PTO supports this plan; it is an improvement from initial plans to have no entrance requirements at all. One additional change could possibly employ the use of financial indicators (zip code and self identification by parents). IB seats would continue to be guaranteed to IB feeder elementaries (Cotswold and Huntingtowne Farms), TD students from Barringer and Piedmont, Siblings/Twins, and students whose home school has been designated a low achieving for the last 4 school years. Remaining spots would potentially be allocated evenly between low, medium and high financial indicator groups.

**President's Report**

- Ms. Benton reminded those present that execution of the Code of Ethics and membership in the PTO by this October meeting is a requirement for PTO board positions.
- Ms. Benton thanked Mr. Bambauer for his review of proposed IB Magnet entrance changes.
- Ms. Benton brought forward for discussion the GoFundMe fundraising effort supporting RMS teacher Ms. Sullivan's current medical expenses. The group discussed at great length what the role of the PTO should be in supporting this funding effort. The conversation also discussed the role of the Critical needs Committee. The group decided that it is appropriate for the Critical Needs Committee to reach out to its members; these members have specifically requested to be contacted when monetary needs arise within the school community. The group also decided that the PTO could not use its official role to promote the GoFundMe effort, but that PTO members acting as individuals could use their own social networks instead.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Ms. Dugan, Assistant Treasurer, presented the budget and financial statements as of September 30, 2016.
- Ms. Dugan articulated several line items of note: Planners “broke even” even after cutting the price of planners in half; Book Fair was profitable and money earned will be used for more library purchases; Direct Donations has raised \$23,112 to date; Instructional Support has an expense of \$958 to date.
- The budget was approved as presented.

## **Committee Reports**

- *eBlast*: Submissions should go to [communications@randolphpto.com](mailto:communications@randolphpto.com). Jeff Nemecek volunteered to draft initial guidelines for items that can be included in eBlast. Diane Crowther has guidelines from CMS that she will supply to Mr. Nemecek as well.
- *Scholarships*: Andee Smith reported a new request for scholarships from RMS teacher Mr. Dorsey for a new 8<sup>th</sup> grade CTE trip to Atlanta. The group discussed moving \$1,000 from Unallocated Funds for this scholarship request. The point was raised that more students may be applying for this scholarship since the other 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip is to Disney, too expensive for some of our student population. After much debate, the group agreed to postpone the decision regarding Atlanta Trip scholarship until the November PTO meeting.
- *Critical Needs*: A student in the Horizons program requires help from a caregiver in order to make the trip to Atlanta. The group proposed and approved moving \$300 from Unallocated Funds to Critical Needs Committee to help fund this request.

## **Upcoming Dates**

- Spirit Nights at Smashburger on October 27 and November 15
- Love and Logic Seminars September 22 through November 2 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; No class on October 13
- Board of Education Meetings Sept 25, November 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the Government Center

The next board meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Mary Rantala, Secretary

*Attachments:*

*Agenda*

*RMS PTO Budget/Financial Statement as of September 30, 2016*

*Handout: School Options Entry & Continuation*

*Handout: Next Steps*