

**Randolph Middle School PTO  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 7, 2017**

The Randolph Middle School PTO held a meeting of the PTO Board on February 8, 2017 in the RMS media center. President Lia Benton presided. Mary Rantala served as Secretary. The meeting was attended by Katie Benston, Karen Carpenter, Diane Crowther, Colleen Dugan, Heather Gunter, Tara Howard, Lisa Landrum, Sassy Lojko, Meghan Manges, Sarah Morgan, David Slater, Janice Taylor, and Heather Terrell.

**Call to Order**

Lia Benton called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

The board approved the minutes from the December PTO meeting. (There was no January meeting).

**Principal's Report**

- Mr. Bambauer was unable to attend due to illness.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Assistant Treasurer Colleen Dugan reported that January was a slow month. The Direct Giving campaign broke its primary goal of \$35,000 and secondary goal of \$40,000.

**President's Report**

- Ms. Benton opened a discussion of what to do with the extra funds above the original budget. She has received individual several requests.
  - Meghan Manges suggested that we revisit the idea of more intentional alignment with SLT and Mr. Bambauer. This would also include recommitting to having an SLT liaison participate in PTO meetings. Lia Benton will look into this.
  - Staff Liaison David Slater suggested funding a cover for the walkway from the main building to the trailers. Beautification Chair Heather Terrell shared that Mr. Bambauer may have already had some discussions about this with the RMS property manager. Lia Benton will explore.
  - President Elect Diane Crowther suggested also implementing a Teacher Grant Committee, composed of both PTO members and RMS staff. This committee would review teacher grant requests as a method for disbursing a portion of funds going forward.
  - Sarah Morgan suggested revisiting improvements to the eighth grade graduation celebration.
  - The PTO also noted that there is not an active athletics booster club at this time.
  - Lisa Landrum requested an additional \$1000 be moved from Unallocated Funds to Staff Appreciation to better cover staff lunches. Staff Liaison David Slater confirmed that the staff particularly enjoys the lunches. The Board voted to approve this reallocation.

## Committee Reports

- **President Elect** Diane Crowther asked each Vice President to contact the committee heads under their purview to see if they want to repeat their current position next year, change to a new position, or roll off. Planning is under way for next year's positions. It was noted that lottery results for new students will not be known until March. Diane asked that we be intentional about considering incoming parents from a cross-section of our elementary schools.
- On behalf of **Scholarships** Chair Andee Smith, President Lia Benton reported that all class trip scholarships have been determined. One recipient is now unable to go so those funds will remain unallocated for the time being. Staff Liaison David Slater noted that the Atlanta CTE trip was cancelled due to low interest; it may be revisited and better communicated next year or opened to a wider audience. The board discussed a goal of increasing available scholarship money for next year.
- On behalf of **Direct Giving** Chair Robin Hill, Lia Benton reported that the official end of the campaign will be February 28. Donations will be accepted after that time but there will be no more publicity. The campaign had 183 donors this year, a 15% increase over last year. Corporate matches comprised 25% of total receipts to-date.
- **Beautification** Chair Heather Terrell reported that she is continuing to work with Mr. Bambauer and RMS Property Managers about the drainage issues on the basketball court.
- **President** Lia Benton noted that there will be an AB Honor Roll celebration on February 13. 652 students at RMS will qualify.
- On behalf of **Prospective Parents** Chair Shelia Poku-Kankam, Lia Benton reported that the last Prospective Parent night (Raider Roundup) is in March.
- **Bleacher Project** Chair Meghan Manges reported on her continued efforts related to the bleachers and drainage problems at the football field. The issues are many and complex. Certain improvements put the area into ADA protocol requirements, which the school will be unable to meet, while other improvements do not. However, all options identified thus far are very expensive with unsure certainty of success. Meghan has more meetings with additional professionals from within our RMS school community on Friday, February 10.
- **Secretary** Mary Rantala discussed the need for a Charitable Solicitation License from the NC Secretary of State, as required by all 501(c)3 organizations raising donations over a certain threshold. The board agreed that we should pursue this. Mary will research and will work with the President and Treasurer to file.
- **VP of Fundraising** Sassy Lojko suggested bringing Kona Ice truck to appropriate RMS events, such as a multi-sport evening at the school. RMS has no financial obligation to the truck but gets a portion of the receipts. The group agreed that she should look in to this. It would be financially beneficial and fun.
- **Parent Coffee and Seminars** Chair Heather Gunter proposed bringing a program entitled "Screenagers" to the RMS community. It is a one-day workshop for both parents and children comprised of a movie, discussion and panel. Several members of the board were already familiar with it from its implementation at other area schools or organizations. The cost of the program is \$650. The board discussed the logistics of implementation at RMS and

thinks it is doable and of definite interest. The board gave Heather the approval to move forward.

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Mary Rantala, Secretary

*Attachments:*

*Agenda*

*Financials*