



RHS PARENTS' CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

Meeting attendance captured via sign-in sheet. Not captured were Board members, Faculty (including Counselors). Meeting was in high attendance.

I. PRIOR BUSINESS:

- a. December 2013 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Karen Bower moved to approve meeting minutes, Seconded by Keri Hunt. Minutes were passed without changes.

II. PROGRAMS TO SPONSOR - PHILOMENA CRONE/COUSELING TEAM:

- a. Introduced **College Visits Fieldtrip**: Use school buses to transport students to 3-4 colleges.
 - o Gives students the opportunity to personally experience a variety of college campuses.
 - o Cost is about \$30 per student. Bus tour would be scheduled for the spring of 2015.
- b. Introduced **Naviance PrepMe** (test prep component): RHS already paid for \$6,500 for basic program. Could add **prep-me** for an additional \$7,000.00
 - o PrepMe offers a unique approach to PSAT, SAT, and ACT test preparation -- It individualizes instruction based on strengths and weaknesses of each student.
 - o Naviance has not been communicated to the entire school. RHS is looking at it as a pilot year.
 - o Mrs. Crone will send out a school-wide message to introduce platform, as well as login instructions.
 - o Mrs. Ash, used Naviance for 3 years at Granite Bay in her culinary class and felt it was a great tool.
 - o Naviance would need to be purchased every year.
- c. Introduced **ACT Aspire**: School would sponsor \$4,500. Parent's club would cover the balance of \$7,500.
 - o ACT Aspire is a new tool designed to prepare students for the ACT test. It's designed to provide feedback based on student's skills.
 - o It's being tested as a pilot. All of the information that's available is in the handout they provided.
 - o Would recommend that 10th graders take ACT test, and the 11th graders to take the SAT test.
 - o AVID schools (which RHS is), qualifies for an ACT Aspire discount.
 - o ACT Aspire would need to be purchased every year.
 - o If we were to sponsor the ACT Aspire it would be done in the spring of 2015.
- d. Kaplan has a free (less comprehensive) PSAT, ACT, and SAT online course prep study.
- e. College board has some options for about \$69.00, depending on selected course.
- f. Instead of sponsoring the entire cost, Mrs. Cooper suggested the possibility of sponsoring some seminars, as well as sponsoring students who can't afford programs.
- g. **Next Steps**: It was suggested that comparison data and statics be provided on how either test would align with the Common Core program.
 - o Mr. Bradley to check if Naviance offers a full-length test.
 - Will try to get a rep from Naviance to offer more information by March 10th.
 - Will talk about Naviance with counselors from schools to get their feedback.
 - o Mrs. Crone to obtain more information on ACT Aspire. Will try to get more information from rep.

III. FUNDRAISING - MARIE ORTEGA:

- a. It's important that we start fundraising now, regardless of approved initiatives.
- b. Already acquired \$800 in donations. Have reached out to Boosters club and Alumni. Will also apply for Wal-Mart grant.
 - o Working on Family dinner nights, eScript, Target red card, Girls' basketball tournament, and others.
- c. Cindy Solso – introduced eScript: Application has been submitted, will take about 5 days. Can start receiving money in as little as 90 days, then once a month, electronically. Can register debit and credit cards online. Escript will keep about 15% of profits. Can ask parents relatives, and neighbors to join.

IV. TRESUREE'S REPORT - BY LORI CARMENA:

- a. Current Balance is \$2,777.20; this includes a \$500 and a \$300 dollar donation from Eagle Mortgage and Econo Lube N' Tune & Brakes.
- b. Included in the report were the previously approved budget items.

ADJOURN - Next Meeting Monday, March 10, 2014 in the library (Meeting at 6:30 PM)