

## ROMS PTA Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 16, 2013

In attendance: Maryanne Van Haitsma, Teri Shaffer, Pam Lemme, Julie, Cameron, Clyde Esbri, Jeff Brinker, Joan Cutler, Cindy Stanley, Janette Catchpole, Joe Youanes, Suzanne Johnson, Jodi Tillander, Alisa Hill, Jenny Teer, Karen Eisenberg, Nelson Rosario, Terri Kuznia, Pandy Kemp, Robin Ballew, Zoe Marcus, Kathy Guest, Heather Veryser, Michelle Watson, Lisa Liu, Denise Dunscombe, Leslie Collins, Kim Sneary, Susan Hedge, Dirk Schadawinkel, Jenny Molina, Holly Toggweiler, Debbie Burke, D'Anne McNeil, David Young.

Meeting was called to order by President, Maryanne Van Haitsma, at 6:59 pm. She let everyone know that the tri fold piece of paper on the table was the agenda plus other information for the evening. Maryanne then introduced Zoe Marcus, ROMS Principal. Zoe introduced our new Assistant Principal, Joe Youanes. Maryanne then introduced Shawn Lewis-Lakin, our Superintendent.

Maryanne talked about the importance of signing up for the PTA website to stay informed. She has directions on how to subscribe to the emails. She talked about the difference between the emails and the text alerts.

Maryanne reported that we have 346 PTA members so far. 15 staff members.

She also reported that we will be running the Entertainment Book fundraiser because no other Royal Oak schools are running the fundraiser. We are hoping that it is very successful. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will receive \$10 of each book they sell toward their Washington DC trip. 7<sup>th</sup> graders will receive \$5 of each book sold toward their Washington DC trip. 6<sup>th</sup> graders will have their profits go to the PTA which will help fund the camp trip.

Spirit Wear is up and running online and the kids will be selling it at school. There is a Family Dinner Night on Monday, September 23.

KROGER REWARDS: you need to sign up each year in April. We recently received a check for \$118. GFS....same thing...you need to sign up each year. Box Tops for education...send them in to the main office. TARGET: we received \$1164. Apples for Students/HOLLYWOOD: no need for a card this year. Just tell the cashier that you are from ROMS to get credit. Cards are available in the main office. From our general fundraiser where parents are just sending in money, we have collected \$3488 already!

BULLDOG BASH: September 26. Family event. 5:30-7:30. Coney Island coming in for food, also greek salads. Girls basketball game is that night as well.

Directory: Trying to figure out how to print it inexpensively. We will be publishing the directory by the end of October.

Suzanne Johnson voted to approve the May 2013 minutes. Lisa Liu seconded the motion.

Principal's Report: Zoe Marcus. She is very pleased with the cafeteria and how polite the students are. Wednesday, September 18 is Curriculum Night from 6:30-7:55. Teachers will be sharing their websites that night. There will be a 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp meeting and an 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington DC trip meeting immediately following. On September 25 there will be a SAFE meeting about suicide from 5:30-7:30 in the auditorium. Kathy Knapp is working on a 5 part parenting series geared toward 6/7/8 grades. First evening is October 3. October 22 & 23 are parent teacher conferences. Joe Youanes is the point person for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Bill Jones is the point person for 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Zoe for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. For this late start, staff worked on technology. They are preparing for the MEAP in October.

Jeff Brinker will be our School Board Liason. Marty Cardamone was here to cover Board information but Shawn was in attendance so he covered it.

Superintendent's Report: Discussed the November millage RENEWAL. It is NOT an increase...it is a renewal. You can get all of the information on the district website. He would like us to vote yes but he really just wants us to be informed so that we can inform others. New concussion regulations. Every parent needs to sign and return the form for every child that they have in Royal Oak schools. Once they fill it out, it stays in the child's record. No need to fill it out every year. The district has gone through lot of technology changes. The technology does not replace the teachers...just enhances the learning.

IMPROVEMENT UPDATES: Many updates at ROMS and ROHS. Oakridge: HVAC, paint, flooring and updated the entry. Oakland: updated entry. Next year: ROHS parking lot, ROMS parking lot, Churchill upgrades: HVAC, electrical, Mechanical and roofing. Going to move the board offices to north part of Churchill. District has a Purchase Agreement for the existing board offices. Regarding technology for the students: they were given a power point presentation on green and red zones. These are -the areas that students can use their phones in school. Green zones are the classrooms. : Red zones are in the bathrooms and hallways. The power point presentation is on the district website.

Jodi Tillander talked about the parenting workshop that she is putting together on November 9 from 9-2:30. It deals with transitioning from middle school to high school. There will be a keynote speaker, Bob Sornson. One of the topics will be "Low stress parenting for raising highly effective kids".

Jeff Brinker/Marty Cardamone reported on Lansing Legislation. Lansing is still wrangling with the Common Core Standards. They are in pause mode on this issue. The National/State PTA can help you understand the Common Core Standards.

Maryanne presented the annual audit for approval. Julie Cameron, the ROMS PTA Treasurer, came to the meeting and was able to present the audit and explain the entries and deductions. On 6/30/12 we had \$6116.90 and on 6/30/13 we had \$4085.09 in our account. Clyde made a motion to approve the budget with the change to cost of directory. We have quotes for the directory of \$450-600. We are still looking for quotes to get the cost down. Therefore the budget line item for the directory needed to be changed. Pam Lemme seconded the motion.

GREEN TEAM: Kathy Guest, Terri Kuznia and Lisa Liu. Kathy reported for the team. They will be at the Bulldog Bash. They have a food bank garden. They are looking for volunteers to get involved with that. Wednesday, October 9 9:00-11:00 there is an educational seminar to get you involved with Michigan Green Schools.

NEW BUSINESS: Jodi Tillander: wanted to know if we followed an even day for Curriculum Night. Per Zoe, we do. Janette Catchpole: What is the cost of the DC trip? Approximately \$900. Chaperone is approximately \$1000.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31.

## ROMS PTA MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Maryanne Van Haitsma. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

In Attendance: Maryanne Van Haitsma, Lisa Liu, Pamela Lemme, Jeff Brinker, Clyde Esbri, Janette, Catchpole, Joe Youanes, Michael Corridor, Rachel Forsyth, Tammy Ristau, Cindy Stanley, Teri Shaffer, Terri Kuznia, Julie Cameron

Maryanne's Report: We have 34 staff members and 387 general members signed up for the PTA. Our fund drive has generated \$3965 to date. We are selling bulldog car magnets for \$5. We have sold 59 so far. We would like to have them at the parent teacher conferences for students to sell. For next year's board we need a treasurer, president, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, and 2 members at large. We are not doing Project Healthy Start next year. Maryanne is discussing events with zoe and the staff for next year. Parenting Series next session is November 21. It is FREE and we really need to promote this!! It was lightly attended in October. For November, the topic is "The Ties that Bind". There is a basketball workshop coming up. Pizza kits and Butter Braid fundraisers are due October 23. These are to raise funds for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington DC trip. Spooktacular event in downtown Royal Oak this Sunday. November 7 is the Uncle Andy's pizza fundraiser. For the directory, she has a quote of \$475. She is trying to reformat it so that there are less pages but the print gets too small. She was hoping to make it less expensive.

Clyde Esbri approved the minutes from September. Pam Lemme seconded the motion.

Entertainment Books made \$9700 so far. More orders coming in. \$2500 has gone to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders for the Washington DC trip. There was an idea discussed to sell the Entertainment Books on payschools next year. Joe Youanes would check in to this.

There was a budget change proposed. Change the budget amount for printing the directory from \$200 to \$500.

Joe Youanes: PBIS: He would like to increase the End of Month award for each grade level. Maybe \$5 gift card to 7-11? That would be \$150 per year. Maybe do class prizes for the LEAP class with the most "positive" stamps. They are doing pizza/water sales on October 30 to make money for PBIS. They would also like money to purchase some stamp pads for "stamping" the kids. Parent/Teacher conferences are Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:00-7:00. Late start on October 23 and 30. They would like to start calling it Professional Development Day so that people realize that the teachers are actually coming in early that day and working. They do not get a late start!! Tuesday, October 29 has an orchestra concert rescheduled date. November 13-15 is 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp.

Jeff Brinker: spoke about the millage renewal. IT IS NOT A NEW TAX....IT IS A RENEWAL! Please try to educate people on this. It would be 18 mils for business owners, 3.4 mils for homeowners. Without this renewal we cannot operate the

budget!! Regarding fundraising and the school board guidelines, you have to get administration approval before you run the fundraiser. This is to prevent too much fundraising from going on.

Julie Cameron/Treasurers Report: Rachel Forsyth made a motion to increase the budget for the directory to \$500. Clyde Esbri seconded it.

Michael Corridor: FORTIS leadership program that he is trying to put together. He is trying to get groups of students together who are "socially isolated". The teachers would run the program. It would be about 25 minutes per week but the teachers are already so busy and it is a volunteer program so it is tough to get volunteers.

Julie Cameron suggested asking parents to volunteer.

He also spoke about grounds clean up this year again. It was very successful last year.

Clyde Esbri: Monday February 3 is Founders Day Dinner. It will be at the Emagine Theater!!! It will be \$27.50 per person which is only a \$2.50 increase. There will only be 200 spots available.

Rachel Forsyth: She is on the committee to get conference food for the staff. The PTA supplies this food and the teachers really appreciate it!

Meet in adjourned at 8:15

**ROMS PTA MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, November 18, 2013**

Meeting was called to order by Maryanne Van Haitsma at 7:25

In attendance: Maryanne Van Haitsma, Teri Shaffer, Lisa Christie, Kris Woodham,  
Susan Hedge, Terri, Kuznia, Jeff Brinker, Clyde Esbri, John Houghton, Julie Cameron,  
Laura Burleigh, Anke Moellenhoff

Maryanne's Presidents Report: she introduced John Houghton, our substitute principal since Zoe is on medical leave.

PTA membership update: 393 family members and 53 staff members.

General donations have brought in \$4059. Directories have been distributed. Final cost for the directories was \$475 for 500 directories. Regarding Entertainment Books; the 8<sup>th</sup> graders raised \$2600 toward their Washington DC trips. There are some 8<sup>th</sup> graders who have sold books but have not registered for the trip so the PTA will hold on to that money until they register.

IDEAS that have been tossed around for future events: Scavenger Hunt in January.  
Triathlon in April. Student Council will do a gator ball tournament again.  
She went over the calendar of events for the district and for the schools. Also all of the city wide events that are going on.

Clyde Esbri approved the October meeting minutes. Terri Kuznia seconded it.

Treasurers Report: Income \$18914, expenses \$9157. Balance: \$17253

Principal's Report: John Houghton. This is the beginning of his second week so he is just getting his feet wet. Kids are recognizing him in the halls from being Principal at Keller. We have a consultant coming this week to talk about the MYP program. They were looking for some parent involvement and input for this program. Anke Moellenhoff said that she would be at that meeting.

Board Report: Jeff Brinker. Thank you for the millage renewal. December 7 at 8 am the Board will have a meeting about what needs to be repaired in the district. They are looking to bring ASD (special education) kids back into the district. As of now, they send them out of district after 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04

## ROMS PTA 12-13-13 Minutes – Clyde Esbri for Teri Shaffer

### Membership Update

Approximate numbers 400 families, 55 staff

### Motion to accept minutes

1<sup>st</sup> Clyde Esbri, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff Brinker

### President Report

See membership above

### Founders Day

At Emagine, limited to 200 people, vegetarian available, cash bar, 6:00 pm social hour, 7:00 pm dinner, 8:00 pm awards

### Fundraising

Little over 4k in donations (cash)

### Events:

Feb 7-Benefit for RFPE at Holiday

Dec. 19 -Jingle Bell Jazz at Farmers Market 6-9 pm

\$15 adults/ \$8 kids/\$12 seniors

Orchestra concert @ ROMS 7pm 12-17

Optimist scholarship due 1-20-14

Parent group meetings tues Jan 21- 6<sup>th</sup> grad only

March 17 for 7<sup>th</sup> grade

April 21 for 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Jan 23 parent café series ABCs of Child Development 7pm (light dinner)

Jan 17 scavenger hunt 3-5 pm

May 9 Triathlon Mr. Jones coordinating

### Treasurer's Report/Julie Cameron

15,191.66 balance

Income 19,570.00

Expenses 10,361.57

**Principal Report/John Houghton**

Professional development Wednesday

Working toward certifications

Key Concepts/Global concepts

Goal is to have unit 1 complete by Jan/Implement Feb

IB Learner profiles being injected into the classrooms

Collaborative unit planning

**Shawn Lewis Lakin-Superintendent**

Board organizational meeting Jan 8 at 6pm, regular meeting 7pm

Return to school after holiday break is Jan 2/not 6<sup>th</sup>

Legislation in Lansing

EEA expansion was stalled, likely will resurface next year, mandatory 3<sup>rd</sup> grade failure if standards aren't met. Pappageorge is supporting measure. McMillan proposes a 7 or 8 statistical approach to measure school progress.

EPI pen legislation is on Governor Snyder's desk-TBC

Jeff Brinker-Board Report

Final pupil count

5035 FTE this year

Budget was \$2.2 million deficit; it was amended at 1.6 million, \$600,000 improvement

Administrative changes coming/Different org chart

Curriculum director will report directly to Shawn Lewis-Lakin

Cheryl Goodgine is retiring at the end of June which is prompting changes at the board office



ROMS PTA MEETING MINUTES March 17, 2014

The next café series will be Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 6:30-8:00. They will be discussing social and emotional issues in middle school. Next PTA meeting is Monday, April 21.

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

In attendance: Teri Shaffer, Maryanne Van Haitisma, Jeff Brinker, Clyde Esbri, Terri Kuznia, Susan Hedge, Julie Cameron, Judi Rosas, Cynitra Anderson, Kris Woodham, Lisa Liu, Joe Youanes

**Membership:** 0 new members

**Founders Day:** Lisa Liu was awarded the PTA Distinguished Service Award.

**Fundraising:** no update

Maryanne will be sending requests for volunteers for next year.

**Boys and Girls Club Walk for the Future** is on May 10. Maryanne sent an email for parents and students to sign up and donate.

**Gator Ball Tournament** is FULL! It will be held on March 28. There will be 20 teams raising money for Relay for Life. They will sell t-shirts for the Relay for Life as well.

**Blood Drives:** Oakland Schools will be March 29 and ROMS will be March 28.

Instrument fittings were done for the elementaries this week.

Dream Home Expo is this Saturday

BULLYCIDE program will be on March 19 at 6:30

ROHS Open House is March 20 from 6:00-8:00

ROHS has a production of "You can't take it with you" this weekend

Scavenger Hunt was on February 14, 2014. Over 250 kids participated! Great turnout!

Book Fair: March 31-April 2. It is sponsored by the teachers.

Motion to accept the February minutes by Lisa Liu; seconded by Clyde Esbri.

**School Board Report:** Jeff Brinker. The district is changing its name to "Royal Oak Schools". It used to be called "The School District of the City of Royal Oak". There will be 3 big projects this summer: paving at ROMS and ROHS, and the Churchill renovations. MEAP scores are above state average. 8<sup>th</sup> grade did well in reading. They are working on a 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment for the 2013-2014 budget. There was 1.4 million more spent than was brought in so they will dip into the fund equity. The Board is working on ideas of how to close that gap for next year.

Judi Rosas asked Jeff why it was taking 4 million for the Churchill renovation? Per Jeff: 75% of the 4 million is for updates to the building. The other 25% is the cost for moving the board offices to Churchill. It will eventually save the district money over time by moving to Churchill.

**Treasurer's Report:** Julie Cameron. Checking balance is \$12,473.99

**Principal's Report:** Joe Youanes. ROHS teachers are coming to ROMS on March 19 to talk about the high school curriculum and how it relates to ROMS. They will also be discussing the IB programme. They finished up the elementary orientations this week.

There was an idea presented to invite all incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents to the May PTA meeting. Joe said that he would send a memo to all of the elementary principals to get it out to their 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents.

ROMS PBIS store will be open 3 times per month. Students are able to purchase things with the stamps that they earn in classes for good behavior.

There will be a tornado drill on May 18.

**Lisa Liu-PTA Scholarship:** There will be 5 \$800 scholarships awarded to high school seniors. The due date to get applications in is April 16, 2014.

Maryanne presented the PTA slate for next year's PTA Board:

President: Maryanne Van Haitsma

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Terri Kuznia

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Keri Derminer

Treasurer: Jeff Eisenberg

Member at Large: Susan Hedge

Secretary: Teri Shaffer

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

**-Unapproved-**  
**Royal Oak Middle School PTA**  
**Monday April 21, 2014**  
**General Meeting Minutes**

Present at meeting: Maryanne Vanhaitsma, Kathy Guest, Jeff Brinker, Clyde Esbri, John Houghton, Lisa Liu, Pam Lemme, Kim Gollon, Tammy Ristau, Donna Schmidt, Susan Hedge, Terri Kuznia, Cindy Stanley, Nancy Rickle, Kim Sneary, Kerry Derminer

Meeting was called to order at 7:21PM

The March meeting minutes were reviewed and motioned to approve by Clyde Esbri, seconded by Tammy Ristau.

**PRESIDENT REPORT – Maryanne VanHaitsma**

An invite to attend the May 19<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting has been sent to incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade families.

Check the e-folder for many upcoming community events  
PTA Blood Drive is May 28<sup>th</sup>. In need of volunteers.

ROMS will be selling Entertainment books next year, but a preview book will NOT be sent home with each student.

May 10<sup>th</sup> will be the Boys and Girls Club Walkathon. Please donate or walk. Mr. Lewis-Lakin donated \$100 to every R.O. School team.

Relay for Life is June 14<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up to walk!

The Triathlon will not be happening this year. Something smaller will replace it.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade ceremony and celebration will be June 11. PTA handles the celebration. Contact Paula Messner to help! A letter will go to all 8<sup>th</sup> grade families about the expectations for the day.

**Legislative- Jeff Brinker**

State has 2 items for next year student budget. 1. \$111 per pupil increase for next year. 2. \$291 per pupil- reallocates (not tax) funds. This is better for Royal Oak. Contact Pappageorge and tell him to approve Classroom for Kids.

Approved new technology funding at School Board meeting.  
Negotiating the tax rate on the bonds. Will lower taxes for taxpayers.

Royal Oak Foundation for Public Education is funding new AV for ROMS auditorium.

This summer will see paving projects at ROMS and ROHS.  
Also roofing at schools.

There is a reorganization of personnel at the Board Office  
Next meeting is May 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Principal's REPORT – John Houghton**

MYP Coffee on April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10-11. Meet and ask questions about what is happening with the MYP program and future.

Bullycide event was on March 19<sup>th</sup>

GatorBall Event was on March 28<sup>th</sup>

Open House is Wed. from 7-8. There is a mandatory parent meeting for students going to DC from 8-8:30.

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Green team updates from Kathy Guest

Mr. Icsman did a great job with the Ecology club this year.

Mrs. Landis and the garden club also did wonderful with the food bank garden. Volunteers will be needed for the summer. A sign up will be created.

### **TREASURER REPORT – Julie Cameron**

Report is thru March 31, 2014. \$10,745 is in the bank. On the report, \$1800 is on the wrong line. Should be on Education support not on 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance.

A motion to approve \$700 to be used for hospitality was introduced by Terri Kuznia. It was seconded by Susan Hedge.

A discussion followed about the amount needed for the event.

A new motion was made for Up to \$300 for sandwich/fruit/water to be bought at Costco for the next meeting by Clyde Esbri.

Seconded by Jeff Brinker. A vote was taken and all approved.

### **Old Business –**

Slate was presented.

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2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Kerry Derminer

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Secretary – Teri Shaffer

Slate was accepted as proposed.

### **New Business –**

24 scholarship applications for PTA scholarship this year.

Next meeting is May 19<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:31PM

UNAPPROVED  
ROMS MEETING MINUTES MAY 19, 2014

In attendance at meeting: Teri Shaffer, Maryanne Van Haitsma, Judi Rosas, Joe Youanes, Mia Gutierrez, Caroline Guns, Scott Guns, Tom Ellis, Rick Barrer, Diana Barrer, Laura Foster, Beth Vanderwill, Ron Arnold, Denise Renton, Holley Matthews, Bill Jones, Clyde Esbri, Linda Simonsen, Leonie Teichman, Beth Sowulywski, Kathy Guest, Pam Lemme, Jodi Tillander, Terri Kuznia, Marnie Pinho, Tony Pinho, Jeff Brinker, Shawn Lewis-Lakin.

Parents of incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents were welcomed to ROMS. Discussed 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp dates of November 17, 18, 19. Monday-Wednesday. Also, gave dates for next year's schedule pick up: August 25 & 26. Then answered general questions from the incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents.

General meeting called to order at 7:20 pm. Minutes from April meeting were presented and approved. Diana Barrer moved to approve and Pam Lemme seconded the motion.

**Superintendent Report: Shawn Lewis-Lakin.** Talked about the survey that gave Royal Oak a top 10 rating for cities with kids. Legislatively, he talked about the state budget. There is less revenue coming in than we had thought. The biggest discrepancy was in the general fund so the state took money from the school fund. He is asking us to contact John Pappageorge and Jim Townsend and share your thoughts. State of Michigan is debating about the Common Core Standards. Some want to repeal it.

Clyde Esbri motioned to add \$200 to the 8thj grade budget. Jodi Tillander seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Shawn Lewis-Lakin motioned to add a line item to the budget of up to \$300 for the printing of 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation certificates. Terri Kuznia seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Maryanne Van Haitsma went over the Treasurer's Report for Julie.

**Principal's Report: Bill Jones** They are field testing the Smarter Balance program which is part of the Common Core Program. There have been a

few glitches but that is to be expected. The Smarter Balance Program requires more critical thinking on the student's part. They have asked for student feedback. They found that both the students and the staff are encouraged! Bill also spoke about the Washington DC trip. He spoke about the Parenting Workshops run by Kathy Knapp. They were very successful and are taking topic ideas for next year. He gave us an update on Zoe Marcus. She is having another procedure on May 29. Go to [Caringpages.com](http://Caringpages.com) to check on her progress.

Jodi Tillander: installation of officers for 2014-2015 school year.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm