

Royal Oak Council Meeting
October 6, 2014 – Royal Oak High School Media Center

Present at the meeting: Cindy Stanley, Lisa Liu, Candy Drouillard, Amy Gaynier, Kara Vos, Elizabeth Czarnik, Maryanne Van Haitsma, Jeff Eisenberg, Laura Brewer, Megan O'Shea, Terri Kuznia, Marty Cardamone, Jenni Tracy, Julie Cameron, Shawn Lewis-Lakin, Mike Van Camp, Jodi Tillander

Welcome - 7:03 meeting called to order

Presentation of the Minutes – Jeff Eisenberg motions that the minutes from the September meeting be approved. Second: Marty Cardamone. No discussion; motion passes.

Treasurer's Report – Julie Cameron

We have switched banks. We currently have a balance in the checking account of \$8761. Plus we have also had a \$500 check for Parent U. Next, we will be sending invoices for council dues to the elementary schools. The budget has been approved via email and google docs. All present have given verbal approval of electronic voting.

Superintendent's Report – Shawn Lewis-Lakin

Advocacy meetings are a critical role of the PTA. On December 1, I would like Royal Oak to go as a group to a public advocacy meeting at Bloomfield Hills Middle School, sponsored by Oakland Schools. (See attached flyer) We should beware of the upcoming lame duck session of the state legislature. Motion by Candi Drouillard to attend this event in lieu of Council's December meeting. Second: Julie Cameron. Discussion: Can everyone make it? The meeting starts at 6pm and it might be hard to get there in time. Vote is tabled until next month.

The first Tuesday in November is Election Day. On the school board, we have 4 seats and 4 people running: Allison Sykes, Jeff Brinker, Carrie Beerer, and Deb Anderson. Please acknowledge these volunteers with your vote.

The Administration will complete their move to Churchill on January 3rd. Until then, all operations are still on Lexington. The new offices will be on the north side of the Churchill building and will have their own separate entrance. The mailing address is: 800 De Villen Ave, Royal Oak 48073.

Last Wednesday was student count day. Compared to February, the count was up 15 kids. October to October, however, was down 40 kids, but that it not as big a loss as had been predicted. We have large kindergarten classes and more elementary students. Overall, the news is good for enrollment.

Question for Shawn: Can you comment on the police presence incident at ROMS?

Answer: I would refer you to the police department's statement. We enjoy a good relationship with our first responders and are grateful for their assistance.

Another question: What about the Healthy Snack Initiative?

Answer: The USDA website can be helpful in determining which snacks can be offered and which cannot. Federal money could be withheld if we do not follow the guidelines. This covers food sold or given away for immediate consumption before 6pm on school days. Please honor the intent of the law. Comment by Marty Cardamone: Smart Snack on the Michigan PTA website also has useful information.

Administrator's Report – Michael Van Camp, ROHS Principal

Points of Pride at ROHS: PBS Newshour was here working with some of our AV students; Senior Ben Hill was champion of the Cross Country Meet. He is ranked 30th nationally and set a new state record. Teachers are working hard at vertically integrating the curriculum. At the 11/4 PD session, assessment experts will be working with staff at ROMS and ROHS. Staff are working on "Make it Stick" on their own time. Over 150 10th graders have signed up to complete their personal projects. InterAct Club has raised over \$2000 for charities. An Acorn Magazine student has won a \$1000 scholarship to study in Washington, DC. Acorn is moving to an online publication. On September 21, the ROHS Hall of Fame inducted 20 new members. ROHS is hosting 11 marching bands tomorrow night at the MSBOA. It starts at 5pm and Royal Oak plays at 6pm.

Council President's Report – Maryanne Van Haitsma

The first Parent Café Series was a success. We had 25 reservations and 12 walk-ins. The next one is December 4th.

Presidents' Reports

Keller – Megan O'Shea

Our Picnic and Fun Run had to move inside because of the weather. Our fundraiser at Noodles raised \$200. Coming up: Go Comedy parent/community night, Trunk or Treat, and Book Fair. We are getting more parent volunteers; I think offering rewards is generating more interest.

Northwood – Laura Brewer

Membership is at 425. Our efforts are paying off, and all full-time staff has joined the PTA. Apple Fun Fair was a success. We had a lot of donations and made a \$2000 profit. The new playground will soon begin installation on the north lot. We have \$30,000 to spend. Fun Run brought in over \$16K in pledges. We've had \$630 in Spirit Sales. Triple Thread has been awesome and I would recommend them to everyone. Coming up: Square One Art, Restaurant Night at National, Mom's Night Out at Vinoteca, Noon Walkers, and Trunk or Treat. We are also planning a Parent Night – Road Rally event.

Oakland – Amy Gaynier

Membership is ongoing, although we are still a few short of our goal. Enrollment is up. Our Fun Run was a success. Our Red Wings Assembly competed somewhat with the Fun Run – people were asked to pledge money and then buy Red Wing Tickets. We've been doing some Restaurant nights - "Eat Out for Oakland." We made \$400 at Oberweis. We had a Michigan CSI Assembly last week – cyber safety for all grades with a parent seminar in the evening. Watch Dogs kicked off, and 27 guys enrolled for a total of 40 Watch Dogs. Book Fair is going on now, Oct. 24 is Trunk or Treat, and we have a Family Game Night coming up.

Oak Ridge – Kara Vos

No Trunk or Treat because we are a peanut free school. Fun Run is coming up, and we are hoping to raise \$13,000. Wednesday is Walk to School Day, and we are walking with our mascots at the firemen. Green team is collecting gently used costumes for a sale on 10/10. We are also participating in Restaurant Nights.

ROHS – Marty Cardamone

Conferences are October 7 & 8. The PTA will be providing dinner to the teachers. Homecoming is the 17th v. Seaholm at 7pm. This is a great family event. The dance is on Saturday night. The ROHS Craft Show is November 22 from 10am to 4pm. The PTA is offering free tables to any community group. Contact rohscraftshow@aol.com for more info.

ROMS – Terri Kuzina, 1st VP

Bull Dog Bash was a great event. Entertainment book sales have been a success. 630 were sold. The PTA will be donating \$1000 to 6th grade camp and eight \$100 scholarships for the DC trip. The 6th grade parent support group will meet on October 20 at 6:30pm. Parent/Teacher conferences are October 22 and 23.

Upton – Jeff Eisenberg

Book Fair ran last week. Friday we had movie night – the Lego Movie. The Boys and Girls Club will run a bus from Upton afterschool for \$300/year. We are looking into that. Trunk or Treat is coming up. Young Rembrandts is running. Kindergarten has 2 new iPads thanks to a grant won by the teacher.

Addams – Jenni Tracy

Book Fair and Trunk or Treat are at the end of October. We had great weather for our Welcome Picnic. Mom's to Mom's Sale is sold out with 96 tables. 50 kids during lunch participated in our Math Olympiad. November 14 is our Auction, the first time we are having it as a stand alone event. The Pixie Shop is the the first Friday in December. We will be selling tables to independent crafters.

Committee Reports**Parent U** – Jodi Tillander

Funds are still needed for this event, which is scheduled for November 8. We still need \$2500. A lot of people have registered. Corporate partners are needed. The deadline is October 12. If the funds are not found, the event will have to be cancelled.

Scholarship – Lisa Liu

Representatives from Oakland and Upton are still needed. Presidents, please let me know if you have any candidates.

Old Business – none**New Business** – none

Meeting is adjourned at 8:25pm.