

RCV PTA Meeting September 1, 2009

Meeting commenced at 7:02 in the Media Center.

Catherine Jaspers Principal comments included gratitude to the breakfast staff participants, appreciation for the PTA's generous support of the school, and news about a new promethean board; an interactive teaching tool for teachers and students. A demo will be given in the future. RCV now has a science lab thanks to 2 small grants the school received during the summer. There are approximately 400 students enrolled at RCV which is an increase from previous years. The Montgomery County Dept. of Health and Human Services will offer a free seasonal flu mist vaccination to all MCPS elementary schools. RCV is scheduled for September 30. Ms. Jaspers discussed the course-related fees do's and don'ts—RCV is complying.

Ms. Jaspers also addressed the new dismissal procedures and explained its implementation in large part was due to a parent survey response which indicated concerns and the request for a more orderly and safer dismissal. A lively discussion ensued offering various options to enhance streamline and improve this new procedure.

Meg Goodman, President approved the minutes from the last meeting (May). Sally Foster Fundraiser information is being sent home in the Friday Folders.

Todd Breach, Treasurer presented 2009–2010 budget. The budget increased by \$3000. Budget was approved with 1 change to increase the cost of the book fair by \$100.00 to cover pizza night. In the interest of time, discussion for a grill purchase for RCV will move to the next meeting.

Trish Safford, Membership; 5 more members joined the PTA.

Sylvia Barnes, Scholastic Book Fairs are to begin September 14-18th. Sign up sheet sent around for volunteers.

Michelle Brami, After school science is in contact with Mad Science program. Two sessions, K-2 and 3-5 will be offered. Discussion was had about which day the course should be held in order to minimize conflicts with other after school programs.

Karen Halverstadt, Assistant Principal spoke about Green School. There is a new fence on top of the amphitheater. Talks are happening with landscaper parent about shade trees and other options. RCV needs to file its annual SERT (School Energy and Recycling Team) Action Plan with MCPS, showing our plans for recycling and saving energy. This year, we also need to work on renewing our Maryland Green Schools certification. Colleen Anderson suggested someone document what we do regarding green schools like a scrap booking volunteer.

Orit Golan and Pam McHugh, Cultural Arts; referrals of artists, dance companies, etc., who could offer reduced prices would be appreciated.

Greg Williams, MCCPTA delegate spoke of upcoming BOE all day business meeting September 8th where 15 people would have the opportunity to speak for 2 minutes each. PTA Fall Training to occur September 12th with 3 sessions. The 3rd annual kids count – special education – tribute to Blair Ewing to occur September 13th at Rock Creek Church. Printout of upcoming workshops was made available to view.

Elaine Parks – Cluster Representative – nothing new to report. Regarding **Reflections** Elaine explained what the arts based composition is and that this year the theme is Beauty is . . . with two divisions, K-2 and 3-5. Participants are increasing every year and RVC has had students move onto the state level in the past. Committee members are being sought.

Beth Morey, Directory, too soon for any directory news; school list and withholdings are not available yet.

Additional Business - Next meeting will be October 6th. Mr. Goldberg will show off the new science lab which was partially funded with PTA funds, and Mrs. Gail Valle (Ms. Handwerker) will speak about changes to the Peace Program and the new Second Step program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Lee,
Recording Secretary RCV PTA