

RAGSDALE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2012

I. The February 2012 meeting of the Ragsdale PTSA Board was called to order on Monday, February 6th at 6:30 PM by President Rebecca Scheffer.

In Attendance: Ana Atwater, Donna Blizard, Annette Bryant, Katherine Byerly, Mike Ellis, Joelle Fucini, Sara Lempp, Angie Mangum, Kelly Redfern, Dr. Kathy Rogers and Rebecca Scheffer

II. Reading and Approval of Minutes: Mike Ellis distributed the minutes from the January 10, 2012 Board meeting for review. There were no additions or corrections. A motion was made by Kelly Redfern and seconded by Joelle Fucini to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report: Sara Lempp presented the Treasurer's Report for January 2012. (attached) Through February 6, 2012 we have recorded \$10,229.21 in Income versus the annual budgeted amount of \$10,599. We have recorded \$5,052.78 in expenses versus the annual budgeted amount of \$10,599.00. The Checkbook balance as of February 6th was \$11,438.25. Joelle Fucini made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Anna Atwater seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

IV. Reports of Officers:

A. President Rebecca Scheffer:

Discussed the "We R Ragsdale" campaign with the Board. A committee was formed to look at fundraising to provide some additional items for the school that are not covered in the Bond Improvements. Although the "new" school will be a much improved facility there were some items that are not going to be included in the construction that were felt to be things that would add value to the campus upon completion of the construction. Items discussed were an LED sign instead of just the normal sign with letters to be put on by hand, directional signage for the campus, picnic tables for the outdoor seating area outside of the lunchroom, trash receptacles for outside and other items. The We R Ragsdale committee is made up of representatives from all key Ragsdale support groups (i.e.; Athletic Boosters, Band Boosters, PTSA, Administration, Alumni, etc). In order to handle the donations and expenses from the We R Ragsdale campaign, Annette Bryant made a motion to amend the PTSA budget to include an Income Category titled We R Ragsdale Income in the amount of \$49,000 and an Expense Category titled We R Ragsdale Expense in the amount of \$52,000. All funds for the We R Ragsdale campaign would be accounted for in those two categories. As part of the motion, it was also agreed to adjust income as a carryover from the previous year's funds by \$3,000 to be used for We R Ragsdale Income making the total Budgeted Amount for We R Ragsdale Income \$52,000. Donna Blizard seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously by the PTSA Board. It was further discussed after the motion passed, that the Amended Budget would be presented to the full PTSA Membership at the Open House scheduled for Monday, February 27th at 6:00 PM.

B. Vice President Ana Atwater: See below for reports from Ana.

- C. **Principal Dr. Kathy Rogers:** Dr. Rogers gave an update on the construction of the “new Ragsdale”. Everything is currently on schedule and the projected end date for the construction is June 30, 2012. She reported that there was a worker who was injured on January 27th when he fell from the scaffolding. OSHA is reviewing the incident and the worker is still hospitalized although he is expected to recover. The current seating capacity in the new gym is 1600 minus 57 seats that they decided to remove by taking out one row. The removal of the one row allows more space between the basketball court and the bleachers. The drama department will get their “Black Box” theatre in the new construction.

Every 11th Grader will get more info on the ACT on February 14th and will fill out a pre-test survey in English 11. The ACT test score will be available to be sent to Colleges. ACT is becoming more prevalent than SAT.

Testing in Algebra 1, English I and Biology all showed improvement. In Algebra I, 70% passed the 1st time; English I, 88.6% passed first time and in Biology, 70% passed the first time.

Hoping to add AP Chemistry next year. It would be a 2 block course. Would like to have 20 students sign up to take the course.

V. Reports of Committee Chairs

- A. **Volunteer Coordinator – Kelly Redfern:** Reported that for the month of January there were 110 volunteers working 420 hours.
- B. **Newsletter – David Drewery:** Rebecca reported that the Winter 2012 Newsletter is scheduled to be out around February 10th. (Note: Actually came out on February 20th)
- C. **Publicity – Donna McLamb / Carole Kennedy:** In the “Chairs” absence, Rebecca talked about the article in the Jamestown News with pictures about the Construction and that the newspaper has done an interview about the We R Ragsdale campaign.
- D. **Hospitality – Ana Atwater / Annette Bryant:** Committee has plans for snacks for staff on Early Release day which is Wednesday, February 15th. Also are doing “treats” for teachers and staff on Valentine’s Day.
- E. **Enrichment Grants – Joelle Fucini:** A discussion was held concerning amending the budget to increase the Enrichment Grant amount. The Board felt that with the interest expressed in this category by teachers who have submitted requests, it would like to make additional funds available for the second half of the year. Annette Bryant made a motion to amend the Budget by adding an additional \$1,000 to the Enrichment Grant Expense Category. This would be covered by adjusting the income line item for Enrichment Grants by \$1,000 as a carryover from the previous year’s funds. Angie Mangum seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by the Board. The amended Budget for the Enrichment Grant category will be presented to the full PTSA Membership for consideration.
Deadline for submission of requests for Enrichment Grants will be February 24th.
- F. **Reflections – Mary Platek:** Mary was not in attendance, but Rebecca told everyone that the theme for the 2012 Reflections would be “The Magic of a Moment.
- G. **Awards – Lisa Cook / Adele McGugan:** Rebecca advised that they are working on the awards and will meet all submission deadlines.
- H. **Academic Incentives – Vicki Ebright / Angie Mangum:** Have received Sheetz Coupons to be distributed as part of the rewards for Academic Incentives.
- I. **Teacher Appreciation – Jennifer Sparks:** Rebecca advised that Jennifer is working on but nothing to report at this time.

- J. Business Partners – Annette Bryant / Jami Adams:** Planning on another effort at Harris Teeter to get more people enrolled. Have received \$994.33 from Harris Teeter.
- K. Beautification – Katherine Byerly / Donna Blizzard:** Committee is working with Coach Maness to do some landscaping around the baseball field. They have planted all of the plants that they have and will meet with Patrick Kane (in charge of Construction for GCS) about what landscaping will be done as part of the construction “budget” so that they can work with him on their plans for further beautification projects.
- L. Senior Extravaganza:** Lisa Cook had sent a report to Rebecca since she was not able to attend. March 3rd is Applebee’s Flapjack Breakfast which will cost \$7.00 for all you can eat. Committee will also be selling carnations on Valentine’s Day. Outback Dinner is scheduled for April 3rd. The Faculty/Student basketball game will be announced soon.

VI. Unfinished Business - None

VII. New Business –

Discussed the Open House that is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2012. The format will be different than the previous “Walk the Schedule” formats. Rebecca and Ana will meet with Dr. Rogers to request that we be able to have a brief General PTSA meeting in the Auditorium prior to the Open House to vote on the Budget Amendments. Following the PTSA meeting, parents can visit their student’s teachers at their leisure. There will also be four programs called Teen Talk for parents and students to attend. Details about the programs and the times will be provided in an upcoming Connect Ed and on the RHS website.

VIII. Announcements/Dates –

- * Monday, February 27th – Open House / General PTSA Member Meeting – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- * Monday, March 5th –PTSA Board Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Media Center
- * Saturday, March 3rd – Extravaganza Fundraiser / Applebee’s Flapjack Breakfast
- * Tuesday, April 3rd – Outback Dinner

IX. Adjournment: President Rebecca Scheffer adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mike Ellis
Secretary