

RAGSDALE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2011

**I. The October 2011 meeting of the Ragsdale PTSA Board** was called to order on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM by President Rebecca Scheffer.

**In Attendance:** Ana Atwater, Katharine Byerly, Annette Bryant, Tia Crouch, Mike Ellis, Sara Lempp, Angie Mangum, Kelly Mantek, Carole Neale, Kelly Redfern, Dr. Kathy Rogers, Kelley Schaefer and Rebecca Scheffer

**II. Reading and Approval of Minutes:** Mike Ellis distributed the minutes from the September 6, 2011 Board meeting for review. There were no additions or corrections. A motion was made by Carole Neale and seconded by Kelly Redfern to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion approved unanimously.

Also distributed the minutes from the September 19, 2011 General PTSA Meeting for review. There were no additions or corrections. A motion was made by Sara Lempp and seconded by Ana Atwater to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.

**III. Treasurer's Report:** Sara Lempp presented the Treasurer's Report for September 2011 – October 3, 2011. Income for the period was \$2,320.70 and Expenses were \$2,124.83. After discussion, Carole Neale made a motion that was seconded by Mike Ellis to approve the report as submitted.

**IV. Reports of Officers:**

**A. President Rebecca Scheffer:** Discussed Open House (Walk the Schedule) that was held on September 19<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that attendance was down over previous years and some of the feedback heard was that people were concerned with parking. Also reviewed the PTSA "Diamond" Donor program and said we have 4 donors to date and that they will be listed on the bulletin board outside of the office.

Request from the Curriculum Facilitator Deanne Lowe: She is looking for 130 volunteers to judge the graduation project speeches this year. The speeches will be done on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be needed from 5:30 PM to 8:15 PM on that date. If interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Lowe at [lowed2@gcsnc.com](mailto:lowed2@gcsnc.com).

Mentioned the SAT Prep Program: It is an excellent program and need more students to sign up to take advantage of it.

Powder Puff Football game: The game and activities are planned for Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Also there is a Homecoming Pep Rally on Friday of that week.

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

**C. Principal Dr. Kathy Rogers:** Dr. Rogers talked about the Celebrating Excellence program that was held at Grimsley. Ragsdale improved their End of Grade test scores with Algebra increasing from 40% to 80% and the Composite score was up to 73.2% from 69% proficient. For being selected as one of the schools show the greatest improvement, Ragsdale was presented a check in the amount of \$9,649. The money will be used to benefit all students, for staff development and supplies. Also received a check for \$6,500 from Labonte Chevrolet as part of the recent "Drive a Car" program. The Program gave the school money for each person who went to Labonte to test drive a car.

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**V. Reports of Committee Chairs**

- A. Membership – Kelley Schaefer /Tia Crouch:** Current membership is 337. Talked about other plans for getting more members. Possibly setting up a table at a future football game.
- B. Beautification – Katharine Byerly:** Planted 30 rose bushes in front of the Center on the softball field side of the building. Also sprayed for weeds in the “beds” on the entrance side of the Center. Looking for clubs at the school to volunteer to help plant additional plants. Will possibly approach the Key Club to see if they are interested. The Beautification committee has 30 Fountain plants that need to be planted.
- C. Volunteer Coordinator – Kelly Redfern:** For the September report, Kelly reported 91 volunteers with 807 hours.
- D. Newsletter –** No report.
- E. Publicity –** No report.
- F. Hospitality – Ana Atwater / Annette Bryant:** Provided an Ice Cream Sundae snack for teachers and staff on Early Release Day on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Also had a lunch for the Custodians to show our appreciation for all they do for the school and for the PTSA. Next Early Release day is Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and a snack will be provided for teachers and staff. Plans are underway for the first “Coffee with the Principal” which is planned for Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:40 AM to 8:30 AM at Perky’s in Jamestown. The coffee will be open to the community.
- G. Bulletin Boards – Rebecca Scheffer for Amy Petifils:** Ana is meeting with Amy on Thursday to update the bulletin boards
- H. Web Page – Rebecca Scheffer for Sam Kakanui:** Rebecca reported that the PTSA website is “up and running” and can be accessed through the Ragsdale website or at [www.ragsdaleptsa.org](http://www.ragsdaleptsa.org).
- I. Enrichment Grants –** No report.
- J. Reflections –** No report.
- K. Furniture Market – Kelly Mantek / Carole Neale:** The Fall Furniture Market is scheduled for October and they need volunteers to operate the beverage carts. Need volunteers from Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Will meet at Ragsdale at 3:00 PM and will return at approximately 7:00 PM. This is the major fundraiser for the PTSA.
- L. Awards:** No report.
- M. Programs – Rebecca Scheffer:** Counselor Alicia Brown is having a College Application night in the Ragsdale Computer Lab on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. She is inviting students to come to the lab and they will be assisted in completing college applications. Ms. Brown encourages as many parents as possible to attend and be involved in the program. It will be from 3:35 PM to 6:00 PM on the above dates.
- N. Academic Incentives – Angie Mangum:** Waiting for the first report cards to be issued. They are scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- O. Teacher Appreciation –** No report.
- P. Business Partners – Annette Bryant:** Reported that there were 208 people signed up linking their VIC cards to Ragsdale. Last year at the end of the year had 193. Presently have \$89.38 in the account. She encourages everyone to link their VIC card.

**VI. Unfinished Business –** Lisa Cook has agreed to co-chair the Extravaganza committee with Geri Sheffey.

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**VII. New Business** – Discussed the “**Special Projects**” team. This is a committee that is looking at additional items that are not included in the Construction Budget that will be needed at the school. An example of one thing the committee will explore is the possibility of including some sort of “electronic signage” at the entrance so that announcements and events could be displayed. The committee will hold a planning meeting in October and will report back to the Board with ideas.

**VIII. Announcements/Dates** –

- \* Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> – Early Release Day
- \* Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> thru Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 to 7:00 PM – Furniture Market  
Volunteers needed to man beverage carts.
- \* Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:40 AM – Coffee with the Principal @ Perky’s Cafe
- \* Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM – Next PTSA Board Meeting
- \* November 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – 3:35 to 6:00 PM – College Application Night in Computer Lab

**IX. Adjournment:** President Rebecca Scheffer adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mike Ellis  
Secretary