

Richard Montgomery High School

# PTSA Meeting Minutes

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**March 15th 2016 / 7:30 PM / Cafeteria**

## ATTENDEES

All attendees signed in.

## Notes

PTSA President, Nancy Downing, welcome, call to order, declaration of quorum and introductions.

Call for approval of minutes from December 15th, 2015. Seconded and approved.

### **Treasurer's Report** Jan Spencer

- General PTA activity and Post-Prom
- Major expenses associated with Career Day
- Finances in good shape

### **Principal's Report** - Damon Monteleone, RMHS Principal

- Shared quarterly general performance data at the school. Simplified snapshot. Benchmark and milestones come from the county for all high schools.
- At the end of this year data will look at college and career readiness 3 on lit exams, 4 on IB english exam, a benchmark score on SAT and ACT. Accuplacer score determines if students are ready for college credit bearing classes.
- Shared charts for trends in grades over 3 years school wide and then by race. Too high for AA and Latinos but continue to go down. GPA Ranges for last year and this year shows slight increase in the higher GPA ranges for 2nd quarter. GPA Ranges disaggregated for sub populations. Shows an encouraging trend for this year compared to last year.
- Question - for the kids who are struggling how are they helped. Student Voice, parent voice surveys, staff surveys, teacher surveys. PTSA conducted focus groups for ESOL students and recently exited ESOL students who are a big number of the ineligible students. Surveys were about engagement, relationships and race to help students work through barriers they have outside of school. So staff can build relationships and set expectations.
- Making a concerted effort to spread opportunity across staff

### **Career Day Follow-up**

- Huge success - kids loved it
- Covered by local news
- Had a better fit of people to subjects
- Spanish speaker came to ESOL classes

### **Outreach** - Staff - Mr. Coleman

- Students approached Mr. Coleman to sponsor a group - Let's Talk

- During lunch once a week on Wednesdays. Mostly minority kids who have concerns about learning, achievement gap. Listen to concerns and support them to determine what impacts their performance in the classroom. Generally 30 students are in the group, and 4-5 staff members. Students come up with a topic if not there is a contingency plan.

### **Old Business**

- Nominating Committee - need volunteers - May meeting is election.
- Message to listserv

### **Post Prom - Rori Kochman**

- Is in 2 months
- Trying to get business sponsors
- Fundraisers - iDriveSmart - new driver package - will raffle and announce winner at PostProm. \$50.00 off at iDriveSmart
- Fundraiser - at Trappezeria - buffet 23.00/person + wine or beer.
- Fundraiser - Chipotle after Spring Break - 50% to school
- Mellow Mushroom - 20% of sales - pizza, salad place
- GoFundMe site - raised \$3000.00 on that.
- Volunteers needed to solicit for prizes.

### **New Business**

- Exploring Diversity
- Home Stretch Treats for Students - goody bags for students to encourage the end of year push. Will put a Signup Genius together.
- Staff Appreciation - Breakfast in May and Thank You Notes to teachers - last year was 300 notes. Need to set up more locations during the day. Maybe distribute during post prom sales while students are in line.
- New Grocery Funds Chair - get in touch with grocery stores and get numbers from Ms. Fu.

Meeting ended at 8:34p