**Minutes of the Ridgeview Middle School Parent-Teacher-Student-Association Meeting**

**March 13, 2018**

A called meeting of the RMS PTSA was convened on March 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center of Ridgeview Middle School in Gaithersburg, MD, pursuant to notice duly given.

Attendees: Ms. Sherri Wood-Powe, President; Ms. Jill Fleisher, Second Vice President; Ms. Laura Bookman, MCPTA Delegate; Ms. Dee Tomasetti, Treasurer; Ms. Mary Jane Kissel, Secretary; Mr. Daniel Garcia, Principal; Dr. Matt Paushter, Assistant Principal; Dr. Carla McNeal. Assistant Principal; Ms. Feri Jahanmir, RMS Office Assistant; Rafael Mason, RMS Security; Jonathan Greer, RMS Security; Officer Lowery, QO Cluster Security Resource Officer; Rosemary DeRose, Renee Enright, Tara Kavadias, Carrie Lagas, Andrea Pasekoff, Sumbal Sheldon, Heidi Weiner; Student Representatives, Phillip Bonner, Justin Miller. Rich Powe

1. Welcome/call to order: The meeting was called to order by Sherri Wood-Powe at 7:00 pm.
   * The PTSA minutes from the November meeting were approved in an Executive Session in order to expedite their distribution,
   * Ms. Wood-Powe reminded attendees about picking up the meeting handouts and information.
2. Treasurer’s Report

* Ms. Tomasetti gave the treasurer’s report.
* Ms. Tomasetti reported that income from the Community Nights out are a little behind this year, but that Spirit Wear sales reported at $1000 profit.
* The 3 v 3 basketball tournament also posted a $300 profit.

III. Membership Report

* Ms. Fleisher gave the membership report.
* Membership is going well. We have passed our membership goals for the year.

IV. QO Cluster Report

* Ms. Bookman reported that there was a cluster meeting held in the beginning of March to discuss school safety procedures within the cluster.

V. School Safety Report

* Mr. Garcia was joined by Drs. Paushter and McNeal, as well as the RMS Security team in a presentation regarding the school safety procedures that are in place at Ridgeview.
* These discussions were held in response to parent and community concerns in the wake of recent events such as the Parkland tragedy.
* Officer Lowery gave a report on safety procedures within the QO cluster as well as within MCPS.
* Currently Officer Lowery is the dedicated SRO (School Resource Officer) for the Quince Orchard Cluster. He is a police officer, whose duty station is Quince Orchard High School, but he is available to any of the cluster schools as needed.
* Ridgeview Security is staffed by Mr. Mason and Mr. Greer. They work in conjunction with Officer Lowery. They are continually monitoring RMS students via cameras and also by patrolling the school.
* Monitoring also happens at the county level.
* Full details on MCPS security procedures are available at http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/security/
* Mr. Garcia also discussed specific things that are being done at Ridgeview during a lockdown such as the door magnets that allow doors to be locked quickly from inside a room.
* Mr. Garcia reviewed the upcoming school safety rally that will be taking place on 3/14.

VI. Front Office Report /Announcements

* Ms. Jahanmir gave the front office report.
* She asked that volunteers submit their volunteer hours to her.
* The following events are coming up:
  + March 14, Safe Schools Rally
  + March 15, CNO at California Pizza Kitchen
  + March 21, 8th grade college/career day
  + March 23, Volleyball Jamboree
  + March 26- April 2, Spring Break
  + May 8, Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
  + 6/1, Kings Dominion Trip for the Music Department

IX. Comments/Updates

Ms. Wood-Powe thanked the security staff for attending.

X. Adjournment

Ms. Wood-Powe adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Jane Kissel, Secretary Date: 5/8/18