

RHS SCC Minutes

January 11, 2017

Attendance:

Carolyn Gough – Principal
Melinda VanKomen – Chair (Parent Rep)
DeeAnne Gibson – PTA President
Bridget Cornish – Parent Representative
Shauna Eccles – Parent Representative
Amy Merit – Administrative Intern

Janilee Taylor – Assistant Principal
Brenda Bingham – Vice Chair (Parent Rep)
Katie Borgmeier – Teacher Representative
Beth Kunz – Parent Representative
Rhonda Spivey – Parent Representative

Welcome: Carolyn Gough

Approval of September 2016 Meeting Minutes: No changes were requested to the minutes. Beth Kunz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and DeeAnn Gibson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Fundraising Report: Janilee Taylor handed out a fundraising report for all to review. Carolyn noted that if a group is doing a fundraiser they need to make sure that it is approved. Bridgette asked if we can see the results of the fundraisers, not just the anticipated results. Carolyn said that they haven't been putting the final numbers on the spreadsheet. The financial secretary helps each group track what they brought in and the spending.

Silver Rush Report: RHS SBO's came into the meeting to speak about the results of Silver Rush. Adam Murray (SBO President) explained what a blessing it is to be part of RHS both academically and with Silver Rush. The SBO's want to thank everyone in the school and the community for a successful fundraiser. The charity chosen this year was Millie's Princess Foundation who helps with childhood cancer. Seven local families were identified and introduced to the students. One element that was new this year was the addition of Oquirrh Hills Middle School, South Hills Middle School, and Rose Creek Elementary. This allowed the entire community to be involved in one charity. The SBO's thought it was beneficial to involve the other school as it helped get the word out to more people. In addition, it introduces the middle school kids to Silver Rush. Can Southland Elementary also join next year? Possibly have it under the SCC umbrella (since the PTO already has a fundraiser for the school). We will need to contact Southland. The comment from the group was it was nice to have the whole family focusing on one charity. RHS final total (without the supporting schools) was \$191,274.17. Ideas on how to further spread the word to the community were discussed. Possibly put the information on neighborhood facebook pages and the Riverton City Newsletter (in November) so people understand what Silver Rush is when the students come around for odd jobs. One nice recognition came when we had an away boys basketball game at Lehi and RHS was recognized by the Lehi staff and students as one of the Lehi Coaches had a child that was one of the seven families helped through Silver Rush. The administration was thanked for allowing Silver Rush to dominate the school landscape for three weeks as it causes disruption and headaches for staff but it is one of the best things the students can be involved with and learn from.

Graduation Rates: Carolyn reviewed graduation rates from the past few years and the significance of this data compared to other data points we can review. In 2016, we had a 93% graduate rate. This year we have 40 kids that potentially will not graduate. Administration cares as much about the kids that

don't graduate as those that do, and it is not just about the numbers. Carolyn explained the importance for these students to receive their high school diploma and the struggles they will have ahead of them if they don't graduate. The staff works with these students to get them through the needed classes all the way through the summer if they attend South Point Adult High School. If they can complete before school starts the next year then they can still graduate. Carolyn explained that RHS has a study skills program in place as well as a credit recovery class software. Staff is still working on trying to get the program running better and more teacher training.

Hope Month: RHS has decided to run a Hope Month rather than a Hope Week for suicide prevention. The State requires that we have training on suicide prevention for the students. RHS spends 1st period once a week to talk about suicide prevention and have video shorts that accompany the discussion. The Hope Walk is January 28th. The Hope Walk is where students wear something yellow and walk to the Spirit Corner and the City provides donuts and hot chocolate. This year RHS will also hold an evening event (January 31st) where Greg Hudnall, founder of the Hope Squad, will speak to us. Discussion was held how many students talk to counselors about being depressed and upset about the expectations placed upon them. It is good for the kids to know that failure is ok, and that it is ok not to be perfect. Too many kids and parents have expectations that are too high.

JATC Applications: JATC is now accepting applications for next year.

Bond Information: Now that the bond has passed there will be several new schools starting construction. The new high school hopefully will be open Fall 2019. With this new school a discussion will begin on boundary changes. RHS probably will not have a huge impact from boundary changes. In upcoming board meetings discussion will be held on what capital improvements can be completed now that the money set aside to help with new schools can be covered by the bond. RHS needs a new roof. It is not an exciting expenditure but a necessary one. This is how the bond benefits everyone, not just those who will be attending the new schools but that money is now available for much needed improvements at existing schools.

Arena Scheduling: Arena scheduling is now open and will close at 11:59 p.m. on January 19th. Only semester classes can be changed through arena scheduling, any full year classes must be done through the counseling center.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be February 15, 2017. We also have a meeting on March 29th and if needed April 26th.

Adjournment: Shauna Eccles made a motion to adjourn and DeeAnn Gibson seconded the motion.