

Minutes for the RCMS PTA General Membership Regular Meeting

Date:	Tuesday, March 15, 2016	Time:	6:30 p.m.
Meeting Chair:	Elaine Tilton, PTA President	Location:	RCMS Library
Attendees:	19 members, including Executive Committee members: Elaine Tilton, Barry Tilton, Kiran Pothapragada and Kathy Brown. Staff was represented by Gordon Stokes. A complete attendance list is appended to the record copy of minutes. The quorum was met.		
Notice of Meeting:	Adequate notice was provided: It was advertised on the website, in the Courier newsletter and in weekly KIT emails.		

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Welcome:	Meeting was called to order by Elaine Tilton at 6:36 p.m.
Principal's Report: Gordon Stokes, Principal	Mr. Stokes reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff is investing in teaching project-based learning. • RCMS has more than just an excellent education: music program has excellent ratings; theatre program has received high ratings for performance; and modern UN/TCA are doing well. • Writing SOLs are done. • Student versus staff volleyball game planned for afterschool May 4th. Open to parents to watch. • Most up-to-date information: twitter Account: @RachelCarsonMS – or live feed on website.
President's Report: Elaine Tilton, President	Mrs. Tilton reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involvement matters. There are lots of ways to volunteer even if you work outside the home. Looking for key chair positions for PTA next year. If you cannot chair, please help. • Milar Canon – Reflections Chair for 2015-16 school year has agreed to stay for 2016-17. Several entries from this year made it to regionals. There was a small party to congratulate the authors of the entries. • Hospitality is hosting a luncheon on Friday, May 6th. Look for the signup genius.
Treasurer's Report: Renee Williams, Financial Asst	In Mr. Banga's absence, Mrs. Williams reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The annual budget is around \$50K. • We can expect more income to post from ticket sales for the 8th Grade Celebration. • Many of the expenses will be posting now because we are in the season of spending.
8th Grade VP's Report: Barry Tilton, 8 th Grade VP	Mr. Tilton reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Smith will present 8th Grade Celebration information later. • The college funding speaker he was going to bring into a meeting is travelling around FCPS speaking. Look for a meeting near you. • X2VOL representative, Patricia Silverthorn, will present after close of PTA General Meeting.
7th Grade VP's Report: Kiran Pothapragada, 7 th Grade VP	Mr. Pothapragada reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dining for Dollars not successful. • Barnes & Noble fundraiser coming up in April/May. Possible talent show at B&N? • TSA needs parents to volunteer to oversee the participants on Wednesdays @ 2:30

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Old Business:	Approval of the minutes from February 11th, 2016 meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved for approval by Barry Tilton and seconded by Kiran Pothapragada. The minutes were unanimously approved and will be posted to the PTA website.
New Business:	8 th Grade Celebration – Amy Smith: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online ticket sales will start after spring break. \$20. Must have signed waiver online. • Theme: Neon Nights. Festivities include: DJ/Dance/Inflatables/Karaoke/Photo Booth/Quiet Room. Food will be pre-packaged snacks donated by parents. • Held all over school: Cafeteria, gym, hallways, clinic. • Party held on Wednesday, June 22nd. Nomination Committee (Kiran Pothapragada, Renee Williams, Elaine Tilton) proposed slate of officers for 2016-17: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ President – Malathi Gorbham ○ 8th Grade VP – Kiran Pothapragada ○ 7th Grade VP – Lisa Fee ○ Treasurer – Raghu Rayan ○ Secretary – Alesia Suh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved for approval by Kathy Brown and seconded by Barry Tilton. The slate of officers for 2016-17 was unanimously approved.
Adjournment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business concluded at 7:36 p.m.

Prepared by: Kathy Brown, Secretary