

### Minutes for the RCMS PTA General Membership Regular Meeting

<b>Date:</b>	Monday, September 15, 2015	<b>Time:</b>	9:30 a.m.
<b>Meeting Chair:</b>	Elaine Tilton, PTA President	<b>Location:</b>	RCMS Cafeteria
<b>Attendees:</b>	53 members, including Executive Committee members: Elaine Tilton, Barry Tilton and Kiran Pothapragada. Staff was represented by Gordon Stokes, Brenda Humphrey and Stacy Kirkpatrick. Complete attendance list is appended to the record copy of minutes. The quorum was met.		
<b>Notice of Meeting:</b>	Adequate notice was provided: It was advertised on the website, in the Courier newsletter and in weekly KIT emails.		

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<b>Welcome:</b>	<p>Meeting was called to order by Elaine Tilton at 9:36 a.m. PTA Officers and Committee Chairpersons were introduced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Barry Tilton – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade VP – Speakers and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Party, Kiran Pothapragada – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade VP – Fundraising, Monish Banga – Treasurer (not present), Kathy Brown – Secretary, Financial Assistant and Webmaster – Renee Williams</li> </ul> <p>Committee Chairpersons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Book Fair – Craig Taylor and Elizabeth Taylor, Cookie Fundraiser – Jill Mancusi and Jennifer Elder, Hospitality – Kim Policiccio, Sonja Jansons, and Kara Hayden, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Party – Amy Smith, Membership – Sarah Riccardi</li> </ul>
<b>President's Report:</b> Elaine Tilton, President	<p>Mrs. Tilton reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thank you to all in attendance. PTA is made up of volunteers. With FCPS funding shortfalls, the PTA is needed more now than ever before.</li> </ul>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade VP's Report:</b>  Barry Tilton, 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade VP	<p>Mr. Tilton reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He was able to procure Kwame Alexander, author of the RCMS summer reading book <i>The Crossover</i>, as the guest speaker for the students this year.</li> <li>Will be working with 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Party committee chair, Amy Smith, to begin preparations for the big event.</li> </ul>
<b>Approval of minutes:</b>	The PTA General Meeting Minutes from the May 18, 2015 meeting were moved for approval by Tina Kenny and seconded by Elaine Tilton. The Minutes were unanimously approved and will be posted to the PTA website.
<b>Old Business:</b>	<p>Approval of the minutes from June 15, 2015 meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moved for approval by Barry Tilton and seconded by Tina Kenny. The minutes were unanimously approved and will be posted to the PTA website.</li> </ul>
<b>New Business:</b>	<p>Bus Driver Appreciation Week (Hospitality Committee):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It will be held during the week of 10/19. There are more drivers this year ~ 40. Gift will be a candy jar/treat bag for each driver. Donations will be requested via signup genius.</li> <li>Event following will be the Holiday Bake Shop. Baked goods will be requested via signup genius for teachers to select from to fill their treat boxes.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>New Business (cont'd):</b></p>	<p>Cookie Dough Fundraiser (CDF Committee):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brochures will go home with students on 10/5.</li> <li>• Monies earned from cookie dough sales will be used to support technology request from RCMS for 16 laptops and cart.</li> <li>• Fundraiser will close 10/19. Monies are due with order forms.</li> </ul> <p>Membership Report/Online Registration/Donations (Webmaster):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calendar on rcmspta.org site now synced with FCPS calendar.</li> <li>• Currently 348 members/25 teachers.</li> <li>• "Friends of Carson" fundraising efforts at \$2901. Goal: \$5000. Hope to achieve goal by end of October. Thermometer on website visualizes current status of effort.</li> <li>• Join online thru Pay4SchoolStuff on website. Memberships and donations accepted.</li> <li>• If you had an account last year and your 7<sup>th</sup> grader is now an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, please update.</li> <li>• PTA members now receive priority notifications for 8<sup>th</sup> grade service hours as part of the incentive to join PTA.</li> </ul> <p>Dining for Dollars and other fundraising opportunities (7<sup>th</sup> Grade VP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current restaurants include Chipotle and Lucia's Italian Ristorante. Full list on website.</li> </ul> <p>Don't forget to register with your favorite grocery stores, target and amazon. A list of participating stores is available on the website.</p>
<p><b>Guest Speaker:</b> Shritha Mandava, Ambassador of VA Girls' Summit</p>	<p>Ms. Mandava reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virginia Girls' Summit meeting planned for October 10, 2015 at George Mason University from 9-4. Register at VirginiaGirlsSummit.com.</li> <li>• Not endorsed by FCPS, PTSA.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b>  Monish Banga, Treasurer (absent)</p>	<p>In Mr. Banga's absence, Mr. Barry Tilton reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget has increased from last year. A copy of the proposed budget is attached.</li> <li>• Moved for approval by Kiran Pothapragada and seconded by Tina Kenny. The budget was unanimously approved.</li> </ul> <p>In Mr. Banga's absence, Mrs. Elaine Tilton reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No discrepancies were noted in audit report from 2014-15. Moved for approval by Barry Tilton and seconded by Kathy Brown. The audit was unanimously approved.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Administrator's Report:</b>  Gordon Stokes, Principal  Stacy Kirkpatrick, Director of Student Services</p>	<p>Mr. Stokes reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More students at RCMS than ever ~ 1470; 2 new pods; 25 new teachers.</li> <li>• Trying to connect with the kids and community.</li> <li>• Two main areas of focus: Sense of Community and Love of Learning. How do we sustain a strong sense of community? How can we foster a love of learning?</li> <li>• Show learning through the 4Cs: Communicate, Collaborate, Creativity, Critical Thinkers.</li> <li>• Want to change focus of Veterans' Day to Veteran-oriented. Looking for speakers to accommodate that initiative.</li> </ul> <p>Mrs. Kirkpatrick reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upcoming Events. A copy of the list of upcoming events is attached.</li> <li>• SIS parent accounts. If you have not registered, a new mailing will go out next week to initiate enrollment.</li> <li>• Will continue to email progress reports this year to bridge the gap between Progress Reports and SIS.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Adjournment:</b></p>	<p>Business concluded at 10:48 a.m.</p>

Prepared by: Kathy Brown, Secretary

Approved:  
11/11/16