

## RHSA PARTS FEBRUARY 2018 MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** February 13, 2018

**Location:** Renaissance High School for the Arts, Library

**In Attendance:** Board Members: 6, Faculty: 3, Students: 11, Other Members: 2.

Elaine Del Bello, Mary Barber, Amanda Wells, Sandi Jenkins, Lianne Rugeroni, Tom Kearney, Kim Holland, Ryan Byrne, Michelle Rosenquist, Sofia Del Bello, Arthur Kaczmariski, Brianna Lindsey, Sanyah Williams, Akira Dogonyaro, Megan Mosica, River Collins, Emily Jenkins, Citlali Inigues, Jose Angulo, Mikayla Ford. A quorum was present.

**Called to Order at:** 6:00 pm by Elaine Del Bello

**Sign In, Welcome, and Introduction of Members:** Attendees went around the room and introduced themselves, what their relationship is to Renaissance High School, and one thing they love about Renaissance.

**Principal's Report:** Ms. Holland shared details about the second semester assemblies for academic achievement and improvement. She mentioned the quarterly meetings with Superintendent Steinhauser and some of the Renaissance staff to discuss and get an update on school improvement goals. WASC accreditation is coming up on March 11<sup>th</sup> through March 14<sup>th</sup>. WASC is Western Association of Schools and Colleges and every six years each high school goes through the process of accreditation. The committee will be interviewing staff, students, and parents. Ms. Holland is asking for parents to be available to give their feedback to the committee on Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:00pm. She passed around a handout that summarized the important points of Renaissance's mission, vision, and action plan that are covered extensively in the 200 page report for WASC. Ms. Holland also stressed parents take the CORE survey. The school needs to get 20% response for it to count. Currently only 14% of parents have completed it.

**ASB Report:** ASB President Arthur Kaczmariski shared upcoming school events and some ASB hosted activities including: Valentines Day Activities with a mock marriage ceremony, Prom planning and count down started and the location was announced, ASB is selling snacks during lunch, the Dance Show is next week at Poly, the Spring drama of Almost Maine was last week, Senior Ads for the yearbook are now available, Jostens is coming Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> for cap and gowns orders for graduation, and the Senior Panoramic Picture was last week. Authur also talked about ASB's "Pennies for Patients" drive just beginning, Port of Long Beach summer internship information night February 15<sup>th</sup>, and events for March are Cabaret Night, Fashion show, and WASC.

### **Business:**

**Member Ratification:** The Minutes from the December PARTS meeting were approved as posted online. The treasurer's reports were read online at rhsaparts.org and presented for the months of December and January. The reports were approved.

**Presentation and approval of budget requests:** In October PARTS approved Mr. Tran's request for \$400 reimbursement for expenses for his "Habits for Success" incentive program for his 9<sup>th</sup> grade English students. The amount being needed ended up being \$416.64. The additional amount of \$16.64 was approved for a total of \$416.64. ASB has asked if PARTS can help fund PROM by paying for a DJ with a photo booth included. The amount requested is \$600. The amount was approved.

**Report on financial status of PARTS and December Board meeting:** The PARTS Board met in December. The acronym of PARTS was discussed and it was decided by the board to put the name change up for a vote to the members. The vote was conducted via email. The change was approved by unanimous vote and the PARTS acronym is "Parents for the ARTS". The renewal with Parent Booster was \$270 and was voted and approved via email and paid in December.

**Scholarship Update:** Parts scholarship applications were passed out in Mr. Byrne's classes to seniors on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Applications are due back by March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Parent readers are needed to score essays. Evaluators must be a parent of Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior to help. The scholarship evaluators will get the packets in mid March and then meet as a group a few weeks later to decide on which students to recommend for scholarship and how much, prior to the April PARTS meeting. Scholarship award amounts typically range from \$100 to \$500 each.

**Talent Show update:** The PARTS Talent Show is on Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00PM in the Cafetorium. It is open to everyone.

**Nominations for next year's board:** The majority of board members have been in their positions for two years or are parents of graduating seniors, therefore people are needed to help fill most positions. Please contact Elaine for more information about the time involved and what each position entails. Nominations should go out by the middle of March.

**Dance Show:** The Dance Show is scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at Poly. Some parents have already signed up to help. More chaperones are needed. PARTS will be selling flowers, water, candy grams, and maybe some refreshments. Look for a sign up email in the next few days.

**Report from School Site Council and Superintendent's forum:** Sandi Jenkins shared details on how the school site council is involved in decision making about how money is spent at school. The current focus is on professional development areas, especially in areas that will help with student achievement. One teacher is being sent to Safe and Civil training. She also gave an update on emergency supplies, funding for field trips, an additional college aid to help with tutoring, supplying planners to any students that want them, and CSO and stage tech to provide security at evening performances. Twenty students are being sent to "Building Bridges" camp. The SSC would also like to fund an additional parent information night and more parent education workshops. Ms. Holland mentioned that the upcoming parent workshop on February 24<sup>th</sup> might have to be cancelled or rescheduled due insufficient sign ups.

Elaine Del Bello reported on the Superintendent's forum. Mr. Steinhauser informed parents that enrollment is rapidly declining in the district. He talked about the budget and making projections about staffing in the future. He discussed with the forum how LBUSD had a similar decline in the past and how it was managed. Last fall, at the superintendent's forum, parents were shown a new college and career readiness guide for the students and asked for more career focus. A guide was sent to families about college readiness, but based on parent feedback, a revised form will be sent out in the future. Some of the changes include information about career and work based learning opportunities, and the addition of estimates of typical career salaries based on level of education completed. It will be emailed out in April. Students have asked for the information to be available in an app, possibly next year.

**Announcements:** See meeting minutes and financial reports on the [rhsaparts.org](http://rhsaparts.org) website. The next PARTS meeting will be on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. There is no meeting in March due to WASC activities. The Dance Show will be at Poly on February 22 and 23.

**Meeting Adjourned At:** 6:46pm