

RHSA PARTS JANUARY 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 10, 2017

Location: Renaissance High School for the Arts, School Library

In Attendance: Board Members: 4, Faculty: 3, Students: 1, Other Members: 3.

Elaine Del Bello, Mary Barber, Lianne Rugeroni, Teresa Bohman, Chris Jordan, Amanda Wells, Tom Kearney, Sofia Del Bello, Kim Holland, Alison Hart, Maria Dowell. A quorum was present.

Called to Order at: 6:30 pm by Elaine Del Bello

Sign In, Welcome, and Introduction of Members: Members went around the room and introduced themselves, stating their name and student or school position and what their favorite thing about Renaissance is.

Principal's Report: Ms. Holland mentioned important dates, including the end of the Semester on January 27th, the special schedule for finals week. A Principal's Advisory committee is starting next week, with representatives from each grade, and help first Thursday each month. A Parent Education Day led by staff on March 18th, from 8:30-12. Rotation stations will be covering a variety of topics. Lunch and babysitting will be provided.

Member Ratification: The Minutes from the January PARTS meeting were approved as posted online. There were two separate treasurer reports. The June to November 2016 Treasurer's report was for the previous school year's PARTS account. It was read and showed an ending balance of \$17.39. The report was approved. The Treasurer's Report for January was for the current account. The report was read and showed available funds of \$5327.65. The report was approved.

Fundraising Report: The "Raise Our Voices" fundraiser brought in slightly more than \$2000. Approximately 24 people participated. The prizes were not implemented immediately due to performances and holidays. Help with prizes and donations are still needed and Mary will be calling volunteers to assist. A new fundraiser, a Raffle with a big ticket item that would appeal to everyone was presented. Parent or community donation of a prize with a minimum value of \$100 would be necessary and students and families would be asked to help sell the raffle tickets. This would be implemented as soon as possible in order to increase funds available for scholarships this year. Other fundraising suggestions were also made which included a silent auction at open house, sale of DVD/CD of student performances, a face painting booth at 4th Street Fair, a booth featuring student artwork at 1st Fridays in Bixby Knolls or another fair.

Requests for Funding: Mr. Tran's request for reimbursement of incentives for Habits for Success, which benefits 140 students, was presented and tabled at past PARTS meetings due to lack of funds available. The request for \$300 was approved.

Scholarship Committee: It appears there will be money for senior scholarships. Volunteers are needed to help with assembling packets and to later spend a few hours reading and scoring the essays. Volunteers may not be parents of Seniors. Tom, Amanda, and Mary volunteered.

Talent Show in March: PARTS sponsors the Talent Show and its open to all students. Tom Kearney is coordinating and it has two show times, 4 PM and 7 PM, on March 31st. Auditions are on March 15th and 16th. Rehearsals are on the 29th and 30th. Judges and parent volunteers are needed. Mary and Amanda volunteered. Teresa might also be able to help. Sign-ups will be on the PARTS website.

PARTS Community Discussion: Time was set aside to share homework and time management tips and methods to succeed or ask questions. Time management suggestions were made regarding focusing. Teachers gave tips for communication, including texting apps, and coming to talk to the teachers.

Other: It was mentioned that a Seal Beach Animal Shelter has offered to sell PARTS two new Fender guitars, valued at \$2000, for \$500, and maybe later be used as an incentive, school supply, or auction item.

Announcements: Next meeting Tuesday, March 14th, in the Library.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 PM
Submitted by Lianne Rugeroni, Secretary