


RPMS PTA – Board Meeting	
Tuesday September 13, 2016 7:30pm – 9 pm at the RPMS – Media Center	
Attendees: Gina Woodward, Robert Tucker, Brian Lopes, Chey Perera, Jewel Sanders, Suzanne VanDusen, Nicole Daniel, Khristy Kartsakalis, April Major, Tracy Onslow	
Agenda:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to order by Ms. Woodward at 7:32 pm. 2. Approval of agenda and 8/9/16 meeting minutes (see below): moved by Ms. Onslow and seconded by Ms. Kartsakalis. All in favor. 3. Guest Speaker – none this month. 4. President’s Update – Discussed open vacancies - Special Ed Parent Rep, SGA Student Rep, MCCPTA Delegate. Ms. Onslow has agreed to be MCCPTA alternate delegate .Ms. Karstakalis agrees to serve until replacement found. Two more needed. Board will continue to work to get the message out. Ms. Sanders asked if student rep needs to be an SGA member also. The committee indicated a need to hear from the student SGA as the idea is to share information between PTA and SGA. Ms. Woodward will look into job description of Special Ed Parent Rep and share with communications members. September is Hispanic Latino month. Discussed alternatives regarding 11/8 PTA meeting conflict with elections. Board decided to cancel the meeting (see motions approved). 5. Vice President – Diane Fisher is the speaker for October meeting on “Grief” (20-25 mins). Topic selected due to significant number of losses at the school (close family members and a staff member). Encouraged all to spread the word through word of mouth/social media. Fall leadership training update was useful. Brief discussion on membership and ways to grow. 6. Treasurer’s Report – Gross funding received to date approx.. \$5500 including direct appeal money. More checks to be deposited and not included in this number. Last year the PTA had established a \$7500 goal from membership funds. Ms. Sanders reported enrollment numbers at approx. 256 in 6th grade, 300 in 7th and 314 in 8th grade – much higher compared to PTA membership numbers. Financial audits for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 are complete and ready to be filed. Confirmed sign up for PTA insurance coverage. Briefly discussed types of coverage – i.e. green (default coverage), yellow, and red (riders and notification needed for activities such as Moon Bounce). Ms. Sanders agreed to PTA’s suggestion for a PTA membership sign up competition by class to increase membership. 7. Secretary’s Report - Bylaws were last updated in 2015 and good until March 2018. Bylaws shared with board via email and posted on PTA website. PTA website is up and running now and kept up to date by Ms. Perera in her webmaster role. 8. MCCPTA Delegate – The county budget was approved with a \$12,000 carryover at the 9/1/16 meeting. Parents with a strong opinion on the school start proposal are encouraged to go to the Board of Education website and leave comment on the site. Next Delegate Assembly is on 9/27 at 6:30 where Dr. Smith will be speaking. The Olney area schools are not identified for new development upgrades until 2022 when Belmont is considered for a 	

development upgrade. BOD approved to hire a new office manager for MCCPTA at the 9/1 meeting.

9. NAACP Rep – see email update regarding next meeting on 9/15/16. Discussed Dads take their child to school on 9/30/16 and increasing participation of dads in the school through the WATCH D.O.G.S program. Ms. Sanders expressed support for the program. Board discussed the pros and cons of the WATCH DOGS program and requested Ms. Major to provide a write up about what it takes to implement the program, cost, volunteer needs, commitment etc for the board to consider for funding approval at the next meeting.
10. Principal's Report – Smooth transition for new school year. PTA efforts are appreciated by the staff. Reiterated support of the Watchdog program. School has received positive feedback on back to school night such as changes in the media presentation layout vs. in person meetings in gym. Continuing to receive ideas for and work out improvements. Drop off/ pick up management continues to be an issue and a reminder for parents will come out soon through the school. The sixth grade dance tonight was successful. Eleven (11) more chrome book carts have been provided at various sites and the school is doing well on the technology side. PTA asked where else in the school chrome books are needed as the MCCPTA budget was funded and MCCPTA is pushing for everyone to have access. Ms. Sanders agreed to provide an update. The Parent Handbook was not available on time for Back to School Night and is forthcoming. The Expectations Assembly for all students as well as a follow up for 6th grade students was conducted where students were briefed on being model students. The school has reached out to all 6th grade parents via ConnectEd as well.
11. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Membership – latest numbers 212 members including 23 staff. 14 in process. Board discussed that membership cards need to be handwritten this year and did not come pre-printed. PTA is set up to take care of this, however the printed cards were preferred.
 - b. Volunteer coordinator - email to the board on volunteer needs will be provided shortly.
 - c. Grade Liaisons – discussed 8th grade spirit wear.
12. Unfinished Business – Interim budget to be finalized and approved by November 2016. The PTA must pay \$150 to the October speaker for the speaking engagement.
13. New business - Ms. Woodward proposed change of meeting times effective next meeting. Ms. Sanders requested one PTA meeting slot to discuss school numbers with the PTA and community. The March 14, 2017 meeting was set aside (in lieu of guest speaker).
14. Motions proposed/ approved:
 - a. Change of meeting time – Moved by Ms. Kartsakalis. Seconded by Ms. Onslow
 - b. Cancellation of November meeting due to election conflict - Moved by Ms. Kartsakalis. Seconded by Ms. Onslow
 - c. Payment of \$150 to Oct speaker - Moved by Ms. Kartsakalis. Seconded by Ms. Onslow
 - d. Registration for the holiday wreath fund raising project by Ms. Kartsakalis - Moved by Ms. Major. Seconded by Ms. Onslow
 - e. Watch dogs – discussed and deferred for next meeting
15. Next meeting on 10/11/16 and adjournment at 9:18 pm.