

RIS PTA Meeting
October 3, 2013 7:00 PM LMC

Present: Lauren Boyle, Stephanie Burns, Tracey Jaeger, Kristin Larson, Kim O'Rourke, Laura Taylor, Anne Uberti, Lisa Wallace, Jeanie Yetkofsky, Janet Ziperstein,

1. **Welcome** (Tracey Jaeger and Lisa Wallace, Co-Presidents)
2. **Meeting Minutes** (Kristin Larson, Secretary). Review of Meeting Minutes from June 5 2013. Motion to accept minutes. Minutes approved.
3. **Review of 2013/14 PTA Budget.** (Kim O'Rourke, Treasurer). Have decreased budget by \$2100, assuming less income from pie fundraiser and donations. Reduced amounts allocated for Reed scholarship, Spending Committee and Chinese visit. Motion to accept the budget. Budget approved unanimously.
4. **Principal Update** (Anne Uberti).
 - Successful locker days for incoming 5th graders. 2 day sessions, 1 evening session. Over 300 kids visited.
 - Successful walk through for 5th graders the day before school started. Worked well to follow the picnic for the 5th grade families.
 - Looking for feedback on 5th and 6th grade open houses. Possibly include time to meet specials teachers.
 - New pick-up procedure is in place. Working well.
 - All parents will soon receive parent badges from Life Touch.
5. **SHS Referendum.** The referendum to accept the funds for the new SHS building will be on Saturday October 5th. Motion to approve the RIS PTA advocating "Yes" in support of the referendum. Motion approved unanimously.
6. **RIS PTA Financial Review** (Kim O'Rourke). Holding \$17,000 in a technology fund. Technology needs have changed, as wireless was improved throughout the school over the summer. Mrs. Uberti will review new needs with Tim McGuire. Possible needs may be additional iPad carts and new projectors.
7. **Introduction of "Constant Contact."** The RIS PTA will use "Constant Contact" to generate emails to PTA list regarding the budget process. The According to state law, the PTA is not allowed to use the school's email system to advocate for the budget.
8. **Committee updates.**
 - Movie Night. First movie night will be "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" on Friday, October 11th.
 - 5th Grade Geography Program. There are two new geography program chairs – Lisa Romano and Abby Hill.
 - Jeanine Pie Fundraiser – Orders are due on October 4th. Orders will be distributed on November 22nd. Still need volunteers to help with distribution.