

Draft RPM General DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting on 11/14/11 @ TJHS Little Theater

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 pm by RPM co-Vice President Dan Papke.

FALL SPORTS STUDENT RECAPS:

Leah Kiyohara and Amanda Ditzhazy were in attendance for the 2011 SPSL North League Champion and 9th Place state finish girls cross country team. They noted their season start with a running camp at Gonzaga and pre-race pasta feeds. They also thanked the school and all who supported the team this year.

Katelyn Bird, Chelsa Jensen, and Kasey Carrel thanked their coach Lauren Gehring and for support showed for the girls' soccer team. Setting goals for the season lead to the team making the playoffs this year.

TJ football team seniors Kyle Williams, Gunner Sonnenfeld, and Ian Tougher reported on a very successful season that included a playoff appearance for the first time in 42 years, a 5-3 league record, and wins over Auburn and Kentwood.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Thomas Jefferson High School principal Liz Drake reflected on her first month at TJ. She has experienced excitement, pride and team spirit at the school while getting to know the students and faculty. Activities have included special departmental meetings, use of an instructional coach, looking at grading standards, and focusing on on-going student progress. Principal Drake responded to many questions including homework philosophy, honors classes, and a parent action committee.

MEETING MINUTES: RPM secretary Kelly Thoreson read minutes from the October 17th general RPM meeting. Joe Williams motioned to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Steve Mayer and passed unanimously by show of hands.

TREASURY REPORT: RPM Treasurer Karen Wylie presented the monthly accounts summary. An overall RPM tracked balance of \$64,387 exists as of 10/15/11, of which \$16,294 resides within RPM specific control. Karen reported payments to Emerald Downs (\$1,000 auction down payment), Allstate safety grant distribution to Traffic Safety (\$1,000), wrestling mat payment, school beautification (\$100) payment. Karen noted that a recently received check from "Levy Restaurants" was placed with the cross country team and the cheer team who had worked concessions. Paul Nichols motioned to approve the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Chet Johnson and passed unanimously.

RPM COMMITTEE STATUS:

Co-VP Susan Hendricks provided status of the following:

- The RPM Facebook site provides additional link to TJRPM website, as does the TJ high school home page.
- November 14th campus beautification day – Michelle Tirhi reported that there were only 14 volunteers clearing ground, planting bulbs and spreading bark. There remains much more to be done on a follow-up day.
- Australian Exchange – Although not RPM sponsored this year, Susan noted that 4 more kids need to be placed as additional kids were accepted due to other schools backing out.

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NEW BUSINESS:

RPM BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Dan Papke suggested creation of a nominating board to identify candidates for next year's RPM board. Dan proposed that a new board should be voted on in April in order to have turnover time with the existing board. A nominating committee of 4 to 5 people is suggested. Michelle Tirhi and Pam Ditzhazy volunteered to participate.

AUCTION STATUS: Karen Wylie noted that the contract has been signed for the use of Emerald Downs for the March 3rd event. The procurement letter is complete and ready for use. Ticket prices will be set at \$35 this year to cover set-up expenses. Most auction leader positions are filled, however there are a number of group liaisons that need to be filled yet.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: The next general RPM meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 9th at 6:30 pm.

ATTENDANCE: There were 30 RPM members in attendance.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35 pm.

Submitted by
Kelly Thoreson
RPM Secretary