

**ROTH PARENT GROUP**  
**MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2016 MEETING**  
**Roth Middle School - Conference Room**

**I. Welcome & Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.. Amy Rowe asked for a roundtable introductions and handed it over to Ms. Zeh for her report. Diane McBride, Board of Education President was in attendance.

**II. Principal's Report - Denise Zeh**

Ms. Zeh shared details on upcoming events and activities:

- *Sweethearts and Heros* anti-bullying assemblies, 3/16 (3/17 at Burger)
- Student Survey due out soon. Ms. Zeh shared that a group of 7<sup>th</sup> graders are helping in the survey data analysis.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington, D.C. trip parent meeting – April 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.
- *The Wizard of Oz* is the spring musical. Performances will take place Friday, March 18 and Saturday, March 19 at 7 p.m.

For those unable to attend the January Parent group meeting Ms. Zeh shared answers to your Frequently Asked Questions about Common Core Learning Standards, state assessments, and Annual Professional Performance Review. Ms. Zeh reiterated that these efforts are important and help the school monitor instruction, curriculum, and individual student progress. These questions and answers are available using the following links:

- Common Core Learning Standards -  
<http://www.rhnet.org/instruction.cfm?subpage=69470>
- State assessments, including an update to last month's posting -  
<http://www.rhnet.org/instruction.cfm?subpage=69515>
- Annual Professional Performance Review -  
<http://www.rhnet.org/instruction.cfm?subpage=69623>

Other Topics of Discussion:

- Preliminary environmental testing of air, water, and soil at the school have come back negative.
- In the recent Parent Leadership roundtable some concerns were raised about some teachers not putting grades into SchoolTool timely. Although this feedback wasn't focused around Roth necessarily, Ms. Zeh shared that if parents are having issues with grades in SchoolTool they should first contact the teacher to check in on status. Copying Ms. Zeh, if needed. She doesn't have direct access to student details as the teachers do. Then, if no progress, contact Ms. Zeh for assistance.

- School reconfiguration plans still in progress. Ms. McBride shared that the transition is on track.

### **III. Treasurer's Report – Mark Tanner**

Mark presented Treasurer's Report. Beginning balance as of 09/01/2015 was \$2709.22. Income as of 03/06/2016 was \$2264.46. Expenses as of 03/06/2016 is \$1632.79. Group preliminarily approved the purchase of the sling bags for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade moving up ceremony. Amy Rowe took action item to facilitate the process. Estimated costs, based on previous year's expense is about \$780.

### **IV. District Committee Reports**

#### **Budget Advisory Committee (BAC)**

Dan Hentschel shared that the next budget meeting is set for 3/10 at 9 PM at district headquarters. The 2016-2017 school vote is set for May 17<sup>th</sup>. The district is looking at a budget shortfall of @\$800,000 this year. The NYS Gap Elimination line item is of concern and is still up in the air. The Technology line item and reserve funds may be looked more closely at as contingency should that Gap Elimination item not come through. A 1% tax increase is proposed.

#### **District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)**

School safety topic around locking of doors was discussed at the last meeting. This will likely be an ongoing discussion.

#### **Rush-Henrietta Music Parents Association (RHMPA)**

Rush-Henrietta will be hosting the All County Music Festival this year on 3/10 and 3/18. Volunteers to help are needed.

#### **Space Committee**

No report.

#### **Shared Decision Making (SDM)**

Ms. Zeh shared that the group will meet sometime after the student survey is conducted.

## **V. Discussion – Revision of RPG By-Laws**

Samantha Singhal shared efforts around updating the Roth Parent Group By-Laws. These by-laws were deemed out of date and not reflective of current RPG set up and mission. Some of the changes were highlighted. This will move to another meeting for further input and discussion time.

## **VI. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities**

- Open position: (FILLED) Box Top Volunteer Coordinator - Cheryl Ellsworth.
- Open position: RPG Board Secretary - Rhonda Boas-Blue is aging out of Roth in 2016.

## **VII. Open Discussion – Kudos/Concerns/Challenges**

N/A

## **VIII. Adjournment**

The next Parent Group meeting will be held on **Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda L. Boas-Blue, Secretary

### Attachments:

[Treasurer's Report](#)

[RPG By-Laws](#)

[Common Core Learning Standards – Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[State Assessments – Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Annual Professional Performance Review \(APPR\) Frequently Asked Questions](#)