

# RCV PTA Meeting March 2, 2010

Meeting commenced at 7:08 in the Media Center with Meg Goodman, President presiding.

**Colleen Anderson, First Vice President**, moved to accept the February minutes and it was seconded.

**Catherine Jasperse, Principal**, spoke about the county wide survey of school environments that is being sent out randomly to parents and how important it is to log in to the MCPS website and complete it.

The BOE can grant waivers for up to 5 days to county schools for snow days and we are expecting that we we'll get the waiver and not have to make up days at the end of the school year in June. We have missed 9 days but are allowed 4 that don't have to be made up.

RCV's live and silent auction was a success. We raised \$9,000 this year and last year we raised about \$7,400. We have about \$300 in prep expenses to be deducted and we received \$300 in donations for Haiti relief. With the amount the auction raised we can by a prometean board and fund the summer program. MSA testing is beginning shortly. Some classes like ESOL and instrumental music will be impacted because those faculty members will have to be pulled to help with the testing; some classes will be juggled as well. There is a discussion to start having the newsletter (Eagle Eye) translated into spanish and made available to appropriate students/parents.

Parents of ESOL children were invited to a meeting at RCV. Topics discussed were what to expect for your ESOL child and whether parents should be reading to their kids in Spanish especially if they can't read to them in english. About 25 families attended and important feedback was gained.

Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> graders had a brainstorming meeting to discuss end of the year activities. The idea of participating in a confidence team building course was well received and other ideas are being considered. A car wash is being planned for May to help defray the cost.

**Colleen Anderson, First Vice President**, regarding green schools, due to the snowstorms a couple of trees have to be straightened out and some of the shrubs attended to. April 10<sup>th</sup> is the Stream Clean Up by the Friends of Rock Creek Environment. It will be from 9am to 12 noon and the RCV community is encouraged to participate.

**Orit Golan, Cultural Arts**, the Green Magic show at RCV presented by Joe Romano was well received.

**Greg Williams, MCCPTA Delegate** reported that the Senate voted by 200/4 to waive the \$46 million Maintenance of Effort (MOE) fine for this year's budget. It still has to get passed the House.

**Catherine Jasperse, Principal**, said that the resolution to Propose Changes to the definition of Serious Incidents in Regulation COB-RA was approved by the Delegates Assembly. They want Principals to report all incidents of bullying.

**Todd Breach, Treasurer**, reported that we sold some spirit wear, fundraisers are coming up in the Spring and we paid dues for MDPTA; bylaws are in good shape.

**Elaine Parks, Reflections**, the county award ceremony is coming up this month. Awards and certificates were given out in February at the assembly. We had 6 students advancing to the state level and others who received honorable mention.

Elaine Parks and Rosa Hall agreed to be on the nominating committee for next year. International night is coming up May 15. Rosa would like to attract more people to the event and is considering ideas.

The Cloverly ES PTA wrote a letter describing their frustration with the new standards-based report card through the OARS which was presented to RCV PTA in February to see if we wanted to support their position. Changes were suggested from our PTA for the letter before we could sign on but the Cloverly PTA declined to make any changes so we didn't sign it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Lee, Recording Secretary RCV PTA