

# RCV PTA Meeting

## February 2, 2010

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

**Terri Reese, Second Vice President** moved to accept the December minutes and it was seconded.

**Karen Halverstadt, Assistant Principal**, noted that RCV's auction/fundraiser is this coming Friday, class pictures are February 11<sup>th</sup> and the Valentine parties will be the following day on the 12<sup>th</sup>. The global screening for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will begin for gifted and talented. The terra nova which is a nationally standardized test will begin in April. There are 5 parts to the test and it will be given to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders over a span of 3 days.

**Martina Skoglund, Gifted and Talented**, made hand-outs available listing upcoming Gifted and Talented events during February and March.

**Meg Goodman, President**, reported that membership is presently holding at 111 .

**Colleen Anderson, First Vice President**, reported that the trees are wrapped up for the winter and she needs to review green school certification to see about getting RCV recertified.

**Meg Goodman, President**, reported that Orit and Pam have a couple of events in the works for cultural arts.

**Greg Williams, MCCPTA delegate** brought a schedule of workshops from the Parent Academy in case anyone was interested. A resolution was passed supporting a bill submitted by the Maryland legislature for a waiver on the maintenance of effort. MCPS has been fined 46 million.

We voted on 2 resolutions: The first resolution concerned Proposed Bylaws Amendment for MCCPTA . This resolution hopes to redefine general membership voting. We voted in favor of the amendment. The second resolution is to Propose Changes to the definition of Serious Incidents in Regulation COB-RA. MCPS Regulation COB-RA defines serious incidents for purposes of reporting to an appropriate MCPS office. A compilation of serious incidents is the data that is provided for each school in the School Safety and Security at a Glance publication. We voted in favor of the resolution to make the definition more descriptive. The delegates from county PTA's will vote at the delegates assembly on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A bylaw was passed eliminating Sherwood Cluster and entering it into the Northeast Consortium along with Blake, Paint Branch and Springbrook high schools.

**Meg Goodman, President**, gave the treasurer's report. We received a donation of \$20.00.

**Terri Reese, Second Vice President** commented that it looks like we'll have \$5000 in the bank by next year. Not sure if there will be a need for another fundraiser.

The new grading system was discussed and the confusion that exists for some using a standards-based scoring system (Score 1-4) through the OARS system. The Cloverly Elementary School PTA drafted a letter provided to us by their PTA President Kim Billok, concerning the problems they see with the new grading system and possible modifications or solutions. They wanted to know if we supported their views. Some viewpoints were agreed upon by us. We took a vote which included Elaine Parks by speaker-phone to achieve a quorum to decide on whether we should support and sign off on the letter. The majority voted not to support the letter as it stood. Meg Goodman will contact the Colverly PTA to update them on what we support, what we might change, and what would need to be modified for us to support it.

International night will be on a Saturday evening in May. If anyone has any ideas for it contact Rosa Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sylvia Lee, Recording Secretary RCV PTA