

# RCV PTA Meeting

## January 5, 2010

Meeting commenced at 7:10 in the Media Center with Meg Goodman, President presiding.

**Catherine Jasperse, Principal** mentioned that the silent auction will be February 5<sup>th</sup> and the theme is Space: Rocket to the Moon. MSA testing will be beginning soon. Parent volunteers would be helpful for reading assessments.

**Elaine Parks, Cluster Representative**, moved to accept the December minutes and it was seconded.

**Greg Williams, MCCPTA delegate** said that it is a bad year fiscally for the county and the schools. The operating budget for FY 2011 is 2.2 billion which is a 1% increase from the previous budget for FY 2010. This is maintenance of effort MOE budget. MCPS experienced a 2% increase in enrollment this year. The # of students receiving FARMS and ESOL services continues to rise. Greg also mentioned the 46 million dollar MOE fine the state may impose on MCPS. Ms. Jasperse elaborated on the basis of this fine. The BOE is appealing it.

**Trish Safford, Membership**, said PTA membership us up to 111.

**Colleen Anderson, First Vice President**, is still looking for book fair and school dance volunteers.

**Karen Halverstadt, Assistant Principal**, reported that RCV received awards for the green schools program. The 1<sup>st</sup> award was for a 10% decrease in the use of kilowatt energy and the 2<sup>nd</sup> award was a 36% increase in the amount of recycling.

**Elaine Parks, Reflections**, submissions from RCV will move onto the county level tomorrow. The top 4 entries will go onto the state level. There will be a reception in March at Montgomery College, Germantown campus to recognize winners.

**Meg Goodman, President**, reported for Todd Breach regarding our budget that we had \$10,800 in the bank at the end of December.

**Pam Loebach, ICB Coordinator**, mentioned that the spring book fair is coming and that we're not doing entertainment books this year for fundraising.

**Catherine Jasperse, Principal** spoke about the discipline policy for bullying county wide. This discussion came up in response to a story about a bullying incident at a county middle school. Policies can be found on the MCPS website and more information in the Students Guide to Rights & Responsibilities handout on page 11. Every year a school climate survey is sent out to parents for input which in turn can help improve educational programs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sylvia Lee, Recording Secretary RCV PTA