

PTSA Meeting Minutes

Radnor High School

October 10, 2007

ATTENDEES

Linda Thiel	George Deckham
Kathy Enicks	Barb Sweeney
Carol and Leroy Turner	Carol and Fred Smith
Jill Stavrakos	Pattie Booker
Virginia Vivino	Jane Rosen
Lisa Chirlian	Missy Deck
Jini Loos	Sue McKelvey-Goggins
Sarah Geary	Don Foster
Lynn Hernandez	Jackie Baver
Judy Tolan	Michael Luskin
Dana Berstein	Lisa Goldstein

Board Members ~ Kim O'Neill, Robin Dryoff, Lydia Solomon, Chris Kingsbery, and Kathy Link

Administration ~ Joseph Cannella

Guest ~ Roberta Winter

WELCOME

Kim O'Neill called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES – JOE CANNELLA

Mr. Cannella introduced Naviance, which is an online program to aid in a student's search for colleges. Parents can access Naviance at <http://connection.naviance.com/radnor>. Parents will need to call the guidance office for their child's access code.

A new parent conference scheduling software is being introduced this year. This software enables parents to schedule teacher conferences anytime and anywhere, no more busy telephone lines. You will be notified and instructed via emails, newsletter, and mailings. Mr. Cannella encouraged attendees to participate in the demonstration site <http://www.pickatime.com/demoteamconferences.htm>.

GUEST SPEAKER – ROBERTA WINTER, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Dr. Winter shared last May's exit poll results with the board and attendees. In looking for a superintendent, the voters want the school board to search nationwide with diligence, to preserve institutional memory, not to be hasty, to look for a team, to work toward collaboration, and lastly to communicate. Radnor superintendent needs to possess integrity, engender trust, demonstrate good management abilities, exhibit strong communication skills, and possess a sound educational background.

The League of Women Voters does not endorse candidates but inform the public about the candidates. In the upcoming election, the residents will be voting for commissioners and directors. Keep in mind the following:

- The Board of Commissioners consists of 7 members for 4-year terms. The November elections are for electing Commissioners for the first, third, fifth, and seventh wards and seeking applicants to appoint for second ward.
- The Board of School Directors consists of 9 members and are elected in November of odd-numbered years for 4-year terms. The directors are on a 5-4 rotation of members to ensure continuity.

A public forum for School Board Candidates will be held Tuesday, October 16th, at 7 p.m. in the Black Box Theater at RHS. The public will have the opportunity to meet the candidates; hear their positions on key questions; and become an informed voter.

Key notes:

- Register by October 9th
- Request absentee ballot by October 30th
- Mail absentee ballot by November 2nd
- Elections are held on November 6th

HONOR CODE UPDATE - CARL ROSIN AND NICK

The council consists of a president (student held position), vice president (teacher held position), students, and teachers with Mark Schellenger as an aficionado. The goal of the council was to create an

honor code that was positive, affirmative, and supportive. An introduction was presented to the students at the beginning of the year. Confusion and resistance is expected in the first two years. A reasonable expectation by the council is for this code to be fully supported by the students in its third year of implementation.

STUDENT REPORTS

No students present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the 05/11/07 meeting were approved with a motion by Lisa Chirlian and seconded by Lisa Goldstein. Minutes are for review at www.radnorptsa.com.

TREASURER'S REPORT/BUDGET APPROVAL

The 2007-2008 budget was passed around for approval. New principal reception and new directory software line items were added to the budget. A suggestion was made for all Radnor schools to use the same software to streamline work and use grant money. Motion to approve the budget was made by Virginia Vivino and seconded by Jane Rosen. A show of hands approved the motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RADNOR EDUCATIONAL FUND

The committee is looking for volunteers for the auction. *All Aboard the Radnor Express* on Saturday, February 9th, from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m.

HOLIDAY BASKETS

Sue McKelvey-Goggins is looking for volunteers to donate baskets.

ABC HOUSE

Jill Stavrakos reported that this is the organization's 35th year. The gala will be held on March 8th at Valley Forge Military Academy. This committee is looking for volunteers; contact Lois Wysocki at lois.wysocki@rtsd.org. Radnor has two new freshmen - Victoria from Queens and Joseph from the Bronx.

SCHOOL STORE

Kathy Enicks reports that sales are going great. Lot of volunteers; working on scheduling volunteers. Sweatshirts are for sale this year; forms will be sent with the newsletter.

PARENT COUNCIL

- Freshman Class of 2011– No report.
- Sophomore Class of 2010 – Pattie Booker along with two teacher sponsors Kelly Ryan and Charlene Roth are heading up this committee. Kathy Levenick has volunteered to be a co-parent sponsor. Homecoming theme is *Hercules*. Parent social to be planned. Semi formal is in conflict with band trip; the new date is TBD. Service project is to be a hands-on project.
- Junior Class of 2009 – Missy Deck working on fundraiser as well as a class service project. Homecoming parade theme is *The Lion King*. Junior barbeque is this weekend at 6 p.m. Friday night before the game. LM hall way theme is *Hairspray*. April 26th is when the junior prom is scheduled. Senior prom will be away or here at school. Party busses for the senior prom versus limos have been suggested.
- Senior Class of 2008 – Matt Tenero is class president. Parade theme is *Mulan*. Parent social being planned for November. Service project in November will be a winter clothes drive and back pack drive. Senior semi is in February. Senior prom is Crystal Tea Room.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Kim recognized Stephanie Metter for her work on the directory, Virginia Vivino for her work on the planners, and Laura Alexander and Pam Lyons for providing food for the open house. Drug and alcohol task force is being brought together by Jeff Smith. A survey will be issued to a quarter of the student body. Mr. Smith is looking for a PTSA representative for this committee. Mural project is also looking for volunteers. PTSA website is up and running at www.rtsd.org (click on schools, Radnor High School, and then Radnor PTSA). Lydia doing the newsletter; if you have anything for it, please get to her by the 12th.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - MARK SCHELLENGER

Mr. Schellenger is pleased with the students and their attitudes. His new initiatives are working really well. He is happy with the open campus sign out/in procedure in the cafeteria and front hallway (IDs are left) and the technology zones. The three lunch periods provides more table space for everyone. Bomb threat proved no evidence of a bomb and the administration is trying to move forward. The

investigation is still ongoing, nothing definitive yet. New procedures for a bomb threat are being created. School will not be dismissed the next time a bomb threat is made.

ADJOURNMENT

Kim O'Neill adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled for November 14th. Dr. Richard McAdams will be addressing questions; please email Kim O'Neil with any questions you may have.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Link

PTSA Secretary