

PTSA Meeting Minutes
Radnor High School
November 14, 2007

ATTENDEES

Virginia Vivino
Lisa Chirlian
Judy Tolan
George Peckham
Jackie Baver
Jane Rosen
Debbie Farnish
Leroy Turner
Carol Turner
Kathleen Enicks

Board Members – Robin Dyroff, Chris Kingsbery, Kim O'Neill, Lydia Solomon, and Kathy Link

WELCOME

Kim O'Neill called the meeting to order at 8:11 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER – DR. RICHARD MCADAMS, INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

He handed out a list of topics that parents bring up to him.

1. Strategic Plan - Curriculum and Technology Proposals
The plan started 2 years ago. Introduced October 23 and the public has 30 days to review and comment. The plan will be presented to the school board November 27th for approval. The plan is due to the state by January 1st. A 5-year plan depicting how much money will be given for each year was created. A lot of money invested in technology like computers, hardware, fiber optics, etc. The Strategic Plan knocks our budget up over a 4.4% tax increase. The board does not have to implement the plan but will probably have to trim the budget in other places.

2. Budget Outlook for 2008
Budget will need to be cut but programs will not be. Salaries and fringe benefits account for 77% of the budget. Who trims

the budget? McAdams will work with his top cabinet. He has met with principals to discuss staffing projections. Positions to be trimmed without affecting the overall value of learning. One idea is to increase class size. Teaching positions will be lost by attrition, no furloughing.

3. Effects of Act I on School District Funding

A new law that reins in school costs. Pennsylvania officials will use various factors to determine how much Radnor's school taxes may increase. If taxes increase over that figure (probably around 4.4%), a public referendum will need to be sought from the residents.

4. Superintendent Search

He is not involved but has some idea of what is going on. Search firm was hired months ago to develop criteria. Talk to school board to get final criteria. December 20th is the deadline for applications. Then the search firm will reduce candidates for interview based on set criteria. 3 or 4 finalists will be determined from here. A finalist will be identified by the end of February. Then the new superintendent will have a 2 to 3 month transition so he/she will be up and running by June.

5. Security at the High School

A proposal with recommendations requesting more man-power during the school day and hardware-type of things like security cameras. A parent asked if there was a security room that displayed the cameras. These items are not in the preliminary budget but will need to be added.

6. Other Topics

- a. Senior Musical – The musical is being brought forward for a vote to be fully funded.
- b. Diversity Issue – There are 55 volunteers throughout the schools and Character Counts Program is being driven through. Bullying policy is being developed.

STUDENT REPORTS

No students present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the 10/14/07 meeting were motioned by Lisa Chirlian, seconded by Virginia Vivino, and approved by attendees. Minutes are for review at www.radnorptsa.com.

TREASURER'S REPORT/BUDGET APPROVAL

The financial report was approved by a motion by Virginia Vivino and seconded by Lisa Chirlian. Robin moved about \$26,000 to a money market fund.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STAFF APPRECIATION DINNER

Jackie Bayer is requesting help for the dinner by brining a dish or volunteer.

SCHOOL STORE

Kathy Enicks reports that sales are going great. She has a lot of volunteers and is working on scheduling volunteers. P.E. uniforms are being stolen from students; many students need to buy a replacement uniform.

RADNOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Secret Santa and Gingerbread Workshop is planned for Dec 3rd.

CONFERENCING SCHEDULING

The new process had no problems and few calls to call center.

HOLIDAY BASKETS

Thanks for those who have volunteered and donated.

RADNOR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Ann Herron is the representative.

PARENT COUNCIL

- Freshman Class of 2011– Judy Tolan reported that the students will impose dues as opposed to holding fundraisers.
- Sophomore Class of 2010 – No report.
- Junior Class of 2009 – Virginia Vivino reported that the senior prom is planned for Friday, May 29, 2009, at

Bellevue Hyatt. A few fundraisers are in the works as well as a service idea.

- Senior Class of 2008 – Kathy Enicks reported a successful homecoming and LM week. Parent social is planned for this weekend. A service project is being planned with the freshman class by sending shoe boxes filled with miscellaneous supplies to Iraq. Social service project planned for after Thanksgiving.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A Middle School Mural meeting is planned for December 12th, in the RMS cafeteria at 7:30 pm. Director of mural art and lead project will be there. Tomorrow morning at 11 am, the League of Women Voters is sponsoring an informational session with Lisa Williamson, RTSD Director of Communications. She will provide an overview of her role in the district and address issues of on-going and emergency communication. The Middle School Craft Fair is this weekend. Best Buddies, a Disney Sing-a-Long, will be held on December 14th in the RHS auditorium; this program pairs individuals with learning disabilities.

ADJOURNMENT

Kim O'Neill adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Next meeting is scheduled for January 9th.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Kathy Link
PTSA Secretary**