

## **REPAC Meeting – Thursday, March 12, 2020**

- Attendees: Full List following minutes (we apologize for any spelling mistakes)
- Approved minutes Feb 13, minutes approved by unanimous vote, no abstention

## **Volunteer gaps: REPAC needs you!**

- Science Olympiad 2021 \*appointed chair
- Vice President 2020-2021 \*board position
- Webmaster/assistant 2020-2021 \*appointed chair
- Hospitality Committee Chair 2020-2021 \*appointed chair
- AT large member (prefer Freshman/Sophomore parent) 2020-2021 \*appointed chair

## **Recent and Upcoming events:**

### **Feb 28 Speaker Day – Doreen Sanfelici (unable to attend), Karrie Comatas & Jill Bosecker (Hospitality)**

- Positive response from the faculty on the Speaker day from the students stating “best set of speakers”
- Feedback from parents – kids raved about the Railroad speaker and the Alumni speaker
- Thank-you to all parents who donated goodies or contributed to the day in some way
- Next one will be October 2021

### **Feb 29 Science Olympiad – Alicia Pepper & Linda Walters**

- Event cleared approximately \$700. Not really intended as a “fundraiser” but to assist and support DPS and the Science efforts but still good return.
- We are still looking for someone to take on leading this in 2021
- 4<sup>th</sup> year that we’ve done this. We received Volunteer appreciation award from the North Carolina Science Olympiad

### **Friday, May 22 – Kings Dominion Field Trip**

- At this time, we have until May 1 before deposits must be submitted. We will make decision at that time and if canceled will offer refunds to the families who have paid (or they are welcome to provide it as REPAC Donation 😊 )

### **Friday, June 5 – Senior Celebration – 80 seniors in 2020 – Terri Lowder & Karen Seifert**

- Ebenezer Baptist Church center has been reserved again
- For those unaware this is a STEM specific senior event for all seniors and their families (parents, siblings, grandparents). Awards and presentations etc. Really nice event for culmination of the 4 years in STEM.
- Mandy Summerson will be putting together a video for the Senior Class if anyone has pictures
- Closer to the event there will be another ask for volunteers to help with setup/clean up.
- RSVP will be created around May 1- be on the lookout.

### **Sunday, August 23 – Welcome Freshman & Welcome back Picnic at Eno River**

- On target will be more in coming months – Save the date!

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Treasurer: Todd Patton**

- See sent budget report

- Todd reviewed the items that have been paid out and deducted in the course of the last month.

**Student Volunteer Activity Coordinator: Meredith Marley unable to attend, Kathy Holt stepping up for 2020-2021**

- Tentatively March 28 – Keep Durham beautiful – more tree planting, need adult chaperone with the group
- CF Walk HAS BEEN POSTPONED FROM APRIL 4
- Tentative April 4 – Food Bank opportunity
- Tentative April 25 – Habitat for Humanity

**Durham Bulls Fundraising: Jeff Koweek (unable to attend) & Mandy Summerson (unable to attend) will be Group Leaders**

- We submitted the commitment package for 11 Saturdays only in April, May, June, July and August
- 5 people for each of the 11 games
- Given the recent COVID-19 issues, we are unsure if this will progress starting in April or be delayed or canceled. At this time, we have to assume funds for next year will be impacted due to the fundraising loss.
- We are still waiting on training date for the stand leaders from the Durham Bulls

**Sprit Wear – Karen Seifert – Thank-you Terri Lowder taking on 2020-2021**

- Car magnets are in \$6 each
- Decals – bigger \$2, smaller \$1

**Program Grants – Kim Bowers – unable to attend**

- Potted Pirate project is moving forward. REPAC previously agreed to provide \$300 once they prepare their presentation/supply list.

**REPAC Website – Linda Walters (unable to attend tonight)**

- Repac-riverside.org is live – check it out for updated information
- We are looking for interested party in assisting and working as webmaster. If interested let Karen or Linda know.

**TIM TIME:**

- Parent discussion just verbally thanking Principal Williams for all she does and how responsive she is to parent concerns.
- Meeting after school today with faculty regarding the COVID-19 approach:
  - Message to the faculty was to stay open minded, don't jump to conclusions until officially notified
  - EMPHASIZED that everything isn't just "canceled" until the end of the year. We are going to keep operating like this will be lifted
  - Stay tuned to the NC School board and announcements
  - Can RHS support web-based learning/self-paced learning? Due to our socio-economic spectrum at RHS this may not be possible for our classes/students.
  - Meal accessibility
- School registration is proceeding as paced. All current 9-11 graders should have entered classes into Power School for the 2020-2021 academic year. At last count, 30 of the 110 engineering rising seniors have not entered classes into Power School.
- Check transcripts for CPR certification completion that is a requirement for graduation.

- Registration/open house for the incoming freshman families have started this week
  - We had very high attendance, 5 more sessions to go
  - Monday/Tuesday are tentatively on for the choice schools
  - Following week, the regular Durham public schools
  - Thank-you for those parents who have signed up to assist/be here for these nights
- All 5 students who got selected for Governor's school are Engineering program kids (and all girls). 26 from DPS overall – 5 from RHS.
- We've had a lot of response from the students on the summer programs that Tim has been sharing. The feedback from the programs is very positive on the interest.
- National Technical Honor Society – is in transition with faculty member.
  - More of an “academic” organization
  - Faculty member MUST nominate the student. Criteria: 3.0 GPA overall, 3 CTE classes completed with an average of at least 90.
- National Honor Society – invitations went out to the current Sophomores and Juniors with minimum 3.0 GPA requirement to apply; students have to submit an application which includes teacher recommendations.
  - Service organization part of the larger national organization
- Parent Question regarding the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) – College Credit for the courses that qualify. Based on how well the student does on the end of grade PLTW national test and also earns a minimum course grade of 85. Must pay a fee to receive the college credit. It is very uncertain which schools will transfer/accept the college credit. They do transfer as elective credits that can help reduce later course loads. RIT does send our STEM program \$20 kick back for every student who pays the college credit fee and this money is used to purchase graduation stoles for engineering students.

**- Next general meeting is April 23 at 6pm!!! (After spring break!)**

**- May 14 would be last meeting of the year and Board Elections if anyone is interested in joining the board!**

Board Attendees:

- Karen Seifert
- Todd Patton
- Alicia Pepper
- Tim Velegol
- Jill Bossecker
- Mandy Summerson

General Attendees:

- Kathy Holt
- Karrie Comatas
- Brian Ridder
- Lindsay Vail
- Jim Nonnemaker
- Sabrina Lamar
- Jenny Umberger
- Michelle Guilmette
- Gwen Yueh
- Cyrus Dastur