

**REPAC MEETING – Thursday, Sept. 12**

- Attendees: Full List following minutes
- Approved minutes May 9 by unanimous vote of those who attended in May

**Vice President/Spirit Wear:** *Karen Seifert, First year of 2 yr term*

Status update on spirit wear orders and the changes/updates from prior years for new/different options

**Hospitality Chair:** *Jill Bosecker*

- October 25 speaker day signups coming up to help serve lunch and attend for setup/clean up etc

**Secretary:** *Alicia Pepper, First year of 2 yr term*

- Science Olympiad Feb 29 this year – will be looking for assistance and kids to volunteer

**Program and Grants Coordinator:** *Kim Bowers*

- No date set yet for the first P&G Meeting with Mr. Davidson
- Last year they were able to secure over \$15,000 in grants
- Always need help searching and google searches to find grants and things that are out there. Everyone can do this part without even attending the meetings. If you see something out there, forward email to Jeff/Mr. V and the team can investigate.

**Speaker Day Coordinator:** *Doreen Sanfelici (unable to attend Jeff reviewed the role)*

- Organizes and arranges 6-7 speakers to come in and talk with the kids and explain/talk what they do and give kids ideas/exposure to other views
- The way set up for the kids (for new families) 3 speakers during 1 & 2 period and then 3 more speakers do 3 & 4 period. If you have engineering class that semester you go during that period. If they don't have engineering class – they work with Mr. V to get a pass to attend the appropriate session based on speakers
- If anyone knows of someone who would be great speaker etc. please let us know.

For the Fall Session:

AM

1. **Dr. Hilda Goins**, Research Associate, Center of Excellence in Cybersecurity Research, Education, and Outreach (CREO), NC A&T
2. **Dr. Kenya Odour**, Human-centered Solution Architect and People Leader, and Adjunct professor at NC State Computer Science Department (she sounds fascinating about what you can do within the field of engineering and not be an engineer - the human side of engineering)
3. **Graham Summerson**, Civil engineer with City of Durham focused on stormwater infrastructure and floodplain management (spouse of Mandy Summerson)

PM

4. **Phillip Jefferson**, program director and associate professor at Wake Tech CC, in the architectural technology program. Also has his own business as an architectural designer
5. **Thomas DeFrantz**, professor of African American studies and Dance at Duke and collaborates with engineering students to make unusual inventions - What can technology offer contemporary performance?
6. **Chris Schmdt**, RHS Alum and Automation Engineer at UL

In addition, I would say it is a very diverse slate - two African Americans in the morning AND the afternoon. Two women in the morning.

Doreen

**Student Volunteer Activity Coordinator:** *Meredith Marley (unable to attend – Jeff reviewed)*

- Organizes opportunities for the kids to volunteer outside. Habitat for Humanity, food bank etc.

Date	Activity	Times	# of Vols needed	Ages	Chaperone

8/24/19	Urban Ministries	8-10:30 am	6 to 8	all grades	Mary
10/5/19	Food Bank	9:00am - 12:00pm	25	all grades	
10/19/19	Eno River Association	8-12pm	20	all grades	Meredith
10/26/19	Urban Ministries	8-10:30 am	6 to 8	all grades	Mary (?)
11/9/19	Diaper Bank		20-25	all grades	Maggie
12/7/19	Habitat	1-4pm	8	16 -18	
2/22/29	Urban Ministries	8-10:30 am	6 to 8	all grades	Mary
2/22/19	Habitat	1-4pm	8	16 -18	
4/25/19	Habitat	1-4pm	8	16 -18	Meredith

**President:** *Jeff Koweek, Last year of 2 yr term*

- We are in the search for Bulls Games Coordinator/Captain – Main fundraiser if we lose this.
- New website to rollout by October. Designed by REPAC parents for REPAC parents.
  - Looking for BETA testers – reach out to Jeff or Mr. V
- REPAC started funding a part time administrative to help Mr. V to document and the program and the work. DPS funding won't be funding a person. After the funding is used the person filling position will be complete by January or so.
- Jeff's personal Goal for 2019/2020 school year. How do we get this program to attract more diverse community?

**Treasurer:** *Todd Patton, Last year of 2 yr term*

- Reviewed last year budget and the proposal for this year
- Robotics team has folded due to staffing/support for it unavailable so those funds rolling into our funds. The NC State mentors and prior alumni that were serving as mentors unable to backfill themselves. Never really a "Riverside" group but headed by First Robotics.
  - Mr. V answered question about if anything should be reserved if there could/should be robotics in the future
  - The Mentors/club agreed that the leftover funding expressly wished that this be spent to fund the kids and the way we've ear marked it on the equipment etc. line items
  - There is a chance that in future that some form of robotics club/team may resurrect. We have several new teachers who aren't able to do guide/facilitate clubs in the first year.
  - Parents interested in collaborating to maybe brainstorm on how to bring this back next school year and in future definitely should start now. Also kids really interested should also be open to the NCSSM robotics team is willing to accept team members from Riverside
- Jeff raised the issue to verify we aren't into any trouble with the tax 501c3 status on accepting their funds and any tax ramifications.
  - Discussion talked through that all checks were written to REPAC but earmarked for Robotics
  - Bulls fundraisers were staffed by Robotics parents
  - Discussion on verifying that the parents who volunteered are OK with them moving it to REPAC
  - Pending some due diligence we will bring back and report on the research
  - Motion to re-vote/re-propose next month unanimous -1
- Right now the Estimated bulls money \$11,000 from REPAC and Robotics

## TIM TIME:

- Tim reviewed PPT on “Why REPAC” vs. just the general PTA at Riverside
  - When PLTW came in and helped set up the program 12 years ago the first thing they said was that getting parents involved would be the #1 key to successful program.
  - PLTW is built around national curriculum but this is only a small part of what the kids experience everyday. Through parent support we have been able to build the “extras” that the kids experience as part of this program that doesn’t exist anywhere else in DPS or the state of NC
  - Only 6 schools in NC have been designated as distinguished schools and we are one of them.
  - No graduation requirement at RHS for community service but we push to make better people out of the students and there are rewards (Mayors) and college views.
  - Thank-you to all the parents that help and offer solutions and ideas.
- Ronda McRae – A to Z College planning seminar Sept 24 6:30-7:45pm
- PSAT deadline is tomorrow for JUNIORS \$17 waived in the case for top 10% of the class and if qualify for scholarship
  - Sophomores are NOT encouraged to take it
- Pre-ACT for Sophomores will be week of Oct 21 and is required for all sophomores
- Counseling department is going to make themselves more available to students for “Counselors Corner” during SMART lunch. 5 of the 6 counselors will be available each day during lunch to hang out talk. We have to encourage the kids to get to know the counselor!!!
- Senior interviews start on Monday and will continue before the Oct 15 deadline for early action
- Juniors will interview in December
- New computer science classes being piloted this year of the 4 courses. State of NC has 16K open jobs in the computer science field.
  - Computer science essentials
  - Computer Science Principles
    - Designated as one of the 4 classes to be able to take the AP computer science principles test. WE require them to take the PLTW test but historically not the AP exam. As other schools have adopted the class we are being asked to take the exam – we are being asked to encourage that test. IN future we will do this but since the beta version here not aligned with AP version
  - Cyber security
  - Applications (will come down the road) – Java programming course
- All students all loving SMART lunch
  - Input on incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grader from smaller school that next year maybe either engineering or the school host some way for them to all meet and not be so overwhelmed
  - Mr. Carlson noted that as tutoring and clubs ramp up in the coming weeks with teachers be available. His view SMART lunch so far has not exacerbated any conflicts over prior years
- Freshman Orientation Changes
  - Feedback so far that this was much more successful than the summer alternative
  - While still details and work to do on it, much improved. Senior/Junior captains gave a ton of feedback that this was much better than summer.

Board Attendees:

- Jeff Koweek
- Todd Patton
- Karen Seifert
- Kim Bowers
- Jill Bosecker
- Alicia Pepper
- Tim Velegol

General Attendees:

- Michelle Dennis
- Sabrina Lamar
- Becca Crowder
- Sabine Schoesach
- Stephanie Simon
- Sharon Barrell
- Kelly Rimer Surles
- Kennedine Mack
- James Nonnemaker
- Kathy Holt
- Donna Clark
- Bill Clark
- Matthew Lowder
- Paula Hawkins
- Patt Dutile
- Brian Bortz
- Tony Campione
- Joanne Campione
- Michelle Guilmette
- Elisa Ackerman
- Michelle Rice
- Judy Horton
- Jill Foster
- Tracy Pleasants
- Karrie Comatas
- Jenny Umbarger
- Martha Payne
- Alyssa Perz
- Thomas Daniels
- Stephanie Austin
- Cyrus Dastur
- Barry VanDeman
- Lisa VanDeman