

Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2020 REPAC Meeting (Held via Zoom due to COVID-19)

Agenda:

1. Review and Approved October REPAC Meeting minutes

- Doreen Sanfelici made motion, 2nd by Michele Guilmette
- Minutes unanimously approved

2. Review REPAC Monthly Financial Report Linda Walters, Treasurer

- Not many changes from last month's statement, we have taken in \$919 on the spirit wear sale this past month and a \$40 donation. The only expenses were credit card fees related to the sales
- \$26,617 balance
- Prior to the general meeting the REPAC board approved expenses for the Engineering Staff to get equipment to enhance remote learning (microphones, headsets etc.)

3. REPAC Board openings

- Future Leadership Needs - Please reach out to Tim or Karen for more information of the current position holder – all email are located <https://www.repac-riverside.org/copy-of-repac>
 - Open Board Positions (elected):
 - President (2021-2022 school year)
 - Vice President (2021-2022 school year)
 - Secretary (2021-2022 school year)
 - Joy Moffett Interested
 - Committee Positions (non-elected):
 - Science Olympiad Concessions (February 2022)
 - Durham Bulls Coordinator (April through September 2021)
 - Senior Celebration (May 2021)
 - Welcome Picnic (August 2021)
 - Grants and Proposals (2021-2022 School Year)
 - Thank you to those who have stepped up
 - Jill Foster - At large
 - Renee Moore – Hospitality
 - Karrie Comatas – Speaker Days
 - Kathy Holt – Volunteer Coordinator
 - Teri Lowder – Spirit Wear

4. Upcoming events:

- Everyone who ordered the recent sprit wear should have received direct communication on times/location to pick up the merchandise.
- Volunteering Opportunities – Kathy Holt
 - Nov 21 – Freshman workday at Triangle Land Conservancy (FILLED) All those who are going must complete the sign up on the land conservancy site that Kathy sent
 - Nov 21 – Mountain to Sea Trail – FILLED
 - Dec 18 – Diaper Bank 9:30-11:30 – Diaper Bank in the morning on a Friday – limited to 10 people and 1 must be Adult – SIGN UPS COMING SOON.
 - This is an “outdoor” activity as it stands now 😊

5. TSA –Technology Students Association: Russell Stand-Poole

- National organization for students across country for any student in CTE programs or classes
- Currently about 9 students regularly attending. All students can join even if they can't make the Friday meeting time.
- Future goal is to fold in makers club and possibly the robotics club
- REPAC has sponsored this group and students are able to join for free.
- Any students interested should email Mr. Strand-Poole
- Monthly competitions open to the members and opportunity to put on resume
 - This month competition is an essay of only 250 words.
 - Last month was the creating a board game
 - Just a few examples
- There are also Regional Competitions
 - Things like webmaster, cyber security, board games

6. Investigating interest in restarting the Robotics Club - REPAC Parent Stephanie Simon

- Stephanie reviewed the interest of her son in restarting this and could this be brought back?
- From Tim:
 - Little history is that there used to be a club that was associated with First Robotics and lasted 3 years and completely driven by 10 NC State students who got it all up and working and investments
 - When those 10 NC State students graduated it was too difficult to have it exist due to the enormous work efforts and costs of how much work and interface with the national/state organizations
 - The only reason Tim was able to be the “teacher sponsor” was due to these 10 students who really did the bulk of the work and he was purely administrative. He estimates it's at least 20 hours a week for 5-10 adults to support the type of team we had previously
- From Mr. Davidson
 - Agrees that without the mentors that came in to support this, it would not have been possible
- From Mr. Strand-Poole
 - Late nights and large time commitment from the advising staff
 - Just noting that for this year, it definitely requires more in person work that isn't possible.
 - When we are in person, Maker Club would appear to fill the gap that Stephanie is looking for with more “hands on” opportunities for the students
- The first Robotics club needed \$10-12K per year to run and that didn't include individual travel expenses. Fundraising has to be a huge part of this club.
- Staff advised that if we restart Robotics Club to look to do it through TSA so it will be less intense (time commitment) and would still need newer “Vex” equipment
- Review of the difference of Maker Club and the less time, cost options and the possibility of folding that in with TSA also. Huge benefit of putting Maker Club under the TSA umbrella- enables students to put the official TSA on their resumes
- **Next Step:** Mr. V is going to send out google form for folks to sign up if they are interested parents and students for Stephanie to reach out.

7. "Tim Time" - Town Hall discussion with Tim

- Principal Williams-Leathers will be moving to assistant superintendent position with Johnston County Schools. As always with transition, there is uncertainty, but this will be the 5th principal that Tim/Adam transitioned through in their time with the program and there are changes but usually for the better. Very hopeful the school board will find replacement to fill large shoes
- Exams:
 - Tim sent email today regarding Exams and various options/permutations of what this could potentially look like. Remember ALL OF THIS IS TENTATIVE and he is just sharing what he knows as of now.
 - To DPS credit they are doing everything they can to stay in front of the process so plans can be in place and ready for the end of the semester.
 - Officially exam week is tentatively planned for Jan 11-14. The idea would be that no student would have to take 2 tests on the same day with respect to the End of Course tests. DPS is working on a comprehensive plan around transportation for this.
 - VERY TENTATIVELY as far as the PLTW course exams testing will be administered in person on Friday, Jan 15 and again Wednesday, Jan 20. There is a lot of federal funding tied to this testing requirement and they do not intend to do a waiver for the students. They do acknowledge this will be poor data to compare to prior years of student who had in person class. There are 525 students impacted by needing to test on these 2 days.
 - This may change the first day students attend 2nd semester class but since Wednesday is Wellness day would not be schedule impacting and provide some leeway.
 - The 5 standardized tests that are regularly administered in the Spring/March. The Testing coordination Kara Robinson at RHS is the best resource for any information on this testing. Students in grade 10 – Pre-ACT, 11 – PSAT & ACT, 12 – Work Keys. (All of this is connected to federal funding of the schools)
- National Technical Honor Society Induction this past Tuesday, for the Seniors from the spring that were unable to do in person. Junior parents - the teachers are going to resubmit student recommendations for an NTHS event in the spring
- November is "Career Development and Awareness Month"
 - Engineering students are leading the way with the Xello participation and exposure to careers and opportunities. Tim encourages you to chat with your kids, this is intended to be a conversation started for what they plan to do in future
- NCTAP – NC Triangle Apprenticeship Program
 - Tim sent details in email this week about opportunities for students who, while capable of entering college, can take classes and work directly with a company for hands on work
 - Information session will be sometime next week – look out for emails with more details
- College Information Session
 - In prior years, REPAC has sponsored presentation from A2Z College Planning to help prep 9, 10, 11th graders on college planning.
 - This was historically in October and we are going to see if we can still get this worked out for virtual session in the spring, more to come!
- As of now the original plan for spring was to get K-5 back in schools with rest continuing remotely but with the recent COVID-19 cases unsure what impact this will have. Another school board meeting is set for Nov. 19.

Next REPAC Meeting (will not meet in December due to Holidays) ... Since our typical 2nd Thursday January 14 is during finals we are going to push to **Thursday, January 21 at 6:00 PM via Zoom**

Attendee list (REPAC Board members in bold)

Alicia Pepper	Brantley Blackwood	Jamie Baize Smith
Tim Velegol	Tage Honore	Lorraine Horgan
Karen Seifert	Michelle Guilmette	Stephanie Simon
Linda Walters	Michelle Rice	Nancy Kaiser
Kathy Holt	Michele Kloda	MJ Dunnington
Doreen Sanfelici	Joy Moffett	Kristen Brigman
Jill Bosecker	Dawn Wilcox	Patience Vail
Kim Bowers	Steve Bradley-Bull	Heather Gavilan
Mandy Summerson	Sara Patillo	Jennifer Hervey
Teri Lowder	Jill Foster	Linda Alling
Todd Patton	Jeff Blackwood	Meta Kuehn
Adam Davidson	Amanda Sublett	Patricia Knaudt
Russell Strand-Poole	Michelle Dennis	Deborah Ballard

REPAC Monthly Financial Report - November 9, 2020

	2020-2021 BUDGETED	2020-2021 ACTUAL
Previous Year End Balance (actual):	25,366.36	25,366.36
Revenue		
Corporate Donations/Amazon Smile	100.00	17.41
Individual Donations	1,000.00	110.00
Picnic - Shelter Reservation Refund	n/a	75.00
REPPP Designated Fund Balance	276.13	276.13
Sales and Use Tax Refund	n/a	505.89
Science Olympiad Concession Sales	1,200.00	0.00
Senior PLTW Honor Cords	600.00	60.00
Spirit Wear	2,500.00	1,288.60
Support our Schools (Bulls Fundraiser)	0.00	0.00
Total Assets	31,042.49	27,699.39
Operating Expenses		
Bank Maintenance Fees and Charges	25.00	0.00
Credit Card Processing Fees	75.00	36.00
Curriculum-specific PLTW Classroom Supplies	1,000.00	0.00
Director's Discretionary Fund	500.00	0.00
Equipment/Maker Space	9,000.00	0.00
Hospitality	100.00	0.00
Insurance	300.00	0.00
Office Supplies/Postage	100.00	3.00
Picnic (Food, supplies, rental, prizes)	75.00	0.00
Robotics (Future use)	3,000.00	0.00
Science Olympiad Concession Supplies	900.00	0.00
Senior Celebration Night	2,500.00	0.00
Senior Honor Cords	760.00	0.00
Speaker Day	150.00	0.00
Spirit Wear	2,500.00	632.65
Student STEM Clubs	1,500.00	410.00
Teacher Appreciation	200.00	0.00
Total Operating Expenses	22,685.00	1,081.65
Total Assets	31,042.49	27,699.39
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End of Year Balance (carryover):	8,357.49	26,617.74
Designated Funds:	Balance:	
Disney Trip	5.14	
Kings Dominion Field Trip	180.00	
	<u>185.14</u>	