

## REPAC Meeting – Thursday, February 13, 2020

- Attendees: Full List following minutes (we apologize for any spelling mistakes)
- Approved minutes Jan 9, minutes approved by unanimous vote, no abstention

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

- Senior Celebration – Friday, June 5
- Hospitality Committee
- Science Olympiad

## **President: Karen Seifert**

- Noting to everyone that this month is REPAC's 12 year anniversary since the founding!

## **Upcoming events:**

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

- Sign up genius is almost full, Karen will resend this week!
  - Breakfast items
  - Ice with a cooler
  - Host from 8-11 to assist Doreen
- All of the speakers are confirmed!
  - Several construction related roles – Civil Engineer
  - First African American PhD in computer Science from NC A&T
  - Railroad engineer
  - Alumni of RHS Freshman from UGA

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

- Our fundraiser with concessions will continue and we are looking for someone to be willing to join us.
- Even if you aren't willing to take on leading this in 2021, we will be sending out a sign up genius for volunteers to help on February 29, 2020
- Sabrina Lamar is willing to do the Costco run

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

- Confirmed the cost will be \$100 per student which will include ticket to the park, bus and food with a bottomless drink
- This is the Friday of Memorial Day weekend
- Mr. V will be sending the sign up and forms with payment due date of March 31. First come, first guaranteed.

### **Friday, June 5 – Senior Celebration – Terri Lowder & Karen Seifert**

- Ebenezer Baptist Church center has been reserved again
- For those unaware, this is a Riverside Engineering 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
- Closer to the event there will be another ask for volunteers to help with setup/clean up.

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

- Caryn Rossi is willing to co-chair again with someone who will be willing to take it on.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Treasurer: Todd Patton**

- See attached budget report
- Very little in/out in the month of January
- REPAC Executive Committee voted in a meeting one hour prior to the General REPAC Meeting on 2/13/20 to extend the REPPP contract until June 30, 2020. The remaining \$800 worth of hours for the REPPP will be used to complete a manual on how to administer the PLTW Program at Riverside (Tim Velegol's current role). We all agreed the role is not in conflict with Linda Walters' board position.
- On-going efforts to get administrative assistance for the STEM program has been unsupported in the Durham Public School system. Gwen Yueh is willing to help spearhead this for us and will get with Mr. V.

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

- See recent emails with upcoming dates and opportunities
- Kathy Holt is stepping up to work with Meredith and plans to take this committee on as Meredith rolls off with her Senior
- Feb 22 -Habitat for Humanity confirmed (urban ministries possibly)
- Feb 29 - Science Olympiad @ RHS will need student volunteers
- March TBD - Book Harvest
- April 4 - Food Bank opportunity
- 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
- The Stand Leader for each of these 11 dates need training that has not yet been announced by DBAP.
- We will be sending sign up genius and more information coming for 4 "workers" in each stand.

### **Spirit Wear - Karen Seifert**

- We've decided to do no spirit wear order in February. We are going to wait until after the March Freshman meetings to see what we've sold out of etc.
- We have finalized the car magnet to add HS and the consensus was to move forward with just Riverside. We are ordering black and purple along with decals/stickers in 2 sizes.
- There will be signup genius for those willing to sell spirit wear during freshman orientation nights in spring - be on the lookout.

### **Program Grants - Kim Bowers**

- The Green House efforts are on-going with the "Potted Pirates" club and they got 18 student volunteers!! They have split the volunteers into 2 groups and they are meeting with Jenny Bailey (head of OCS) and Adam Davidson to build and complete the vertical growing system project.
- DPS has agreed to buy cases for the tablets that were bought with the John Deere Grant. The wish list from DPS is still unaddressed for dust collection mats and air compressor
- Fathom AI, a company from RTP donated a 3-D printer and some other electronic equipment! The company told us that Duke University directed them to us for donation!

- Library Makers Space hasn't had much movement forward since the report in January meeting. It's still on "the list" but the loss of library staff has reduced the ability to push this forward.

### **REPAC Website – Linda Walters**

- Repac-riverside.org
- Site is ready to go LIVE!!! Tim will be sending this out any day!!
- Keeping in mind that it will always be a work in progress. We have to work on a few links and mobile viewing!

### **TIM TIME:**

- Thank-you again to all of the parents who continue to join the meetings and support not only REPAC & STEM program but RHS! Thank-you and encourage everyone to stay involved and look at your local politics and supporting public schools.
  - Gwen added that you can look on the Durham County website and put in your address to see all the ballots in your area.
  - Just as example, there are currently 15 people on the democratic ballot for Durham County Commissioner.
- **As just FYI one of the Vice Principals is unexpectedly going to be out of the school on medical leave.**
- **Only 35 of 110 interviews left!**
- **Lottery closed!**
  - 375 applied for 140 seats, 174 picked as the first choice
  - We will only be able to accept 140 but the hope is that with people electing other options etc. that the ones who want it will be able to get in.
  - 72 of these are filled by in-district students (if they claim them).
  - Once we get the March orientation dates we will have a sign up genius to come as Parents for Questions and to sell REPAC spirit wear.
- **Fall Registration starts tomorrow!**
  - There is a schedule posted on the front office door displaying which home room visits will be completed when.
  - HUGE number of new classes being offered!
  - Review the required classes and if the students are unsure of what levels they should progress to next year they need to talk to that subject matter teacher.
- **Fall Final exams** were successful and Thank-you to all of you who proctored!
  - Kara Robinson – testing coordinator has done a great job in picking up from her predecessor
  - As discussed last month, Mr. V reviewed how the team elected to use the new PLTW ranges into the final exam grades on the fall report cards. Response seemed to be positive and understood by everyone.
  - There are still open questions on the recognition program for the stoles/cords at graduation for the seniors. Previously, there was "average" system so that you could "bounce back" from a lower score.
  - Freshman and sophomores will be in the new PLTW ranges with new programs. If your child gets a Distinguished score in the key classes and in any of other for the 4 will get the "stole" for graduation. To qualify for cords it will be distinguished or accomplished scores in any all of the 4 (any mix) will entitle student to wear the cords.
  - Just noting of the 260 tests in fall, only 12 got practice and 0 got novice. All rest got distinguished or accomplished.
  - Additionally, as long as they get accomplished or distinguished they qualify for the credit.

- Juniors & Seniors will have a combined old/new and the staff will do some combined method to determine stole/cords. If you have questions please contact Mr. Velegol.

**Next general meeting is March 12 at 6pm**

Board Attendees:

- Karen Seifert
- Linda Walters
- Todd Patton
- Kim Bowers
- Alicia Pepper
- Tim Velegol
- Jill Bosecker

General Attendees:

- Gwen & Alan Yueh
- Teri & Matthew Lowder
- Brian Bortz
- Karrie Comatas
- Brian Ridder
- Michelle Guilmette
- Linda Ailing
- Lindsay Vail
- Kathy Holt
- Michelle Dennis
- Jamie Baiz-Smith