

REPAC Meeting Minutes - February 7, 2019

Attendees:

Sabrina Lamar, Lesley Skalla, Sharon Barrell, Tom Edds, Doreen Sanfelici, Karen Seifert, Todd Patton, Jenny Umbarger, Tim Velogel, Jeff Koweek, Jenni Owen, Alicia Pepper, Linda Alling, Michelle Rice, Jennifer Nixon, Alan W. Yueh, Kim Bowers

The January minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Committee Reports:

Programs and Grants (Kim): A grant from John Deer will likely allow two new computer science courses to be offered next year. \$20K over 3 years was awarded. Crystal met with Mr. Strand. The goal is to eventually offer the entire PLTW computer track: Computer Science Essentials, Computer Science Principles (CSP), Computer Science Applications, and later Cyber Security. CSP will replace Intro to Computer Science (ICS).

Treasurer (Todd): There's not much budget activity right now. REPAC has \$12K in the bank plus \$6K for Robotics.

REPAC Website (Tom Edds): Parents are encouraged to provide input on the outline Tom posted. The beta version will be submitted to the REPAC executive committee for initial review.

Spring Speaker Day (Doreen): Spring Speaker Day is scheduled for Feb. 22. Speakers include a Duke environmental engineer, hydraulic design engineer, structural engineer, City of Durham civil engineer and software engineers. If you know someone in STEM willing to speak, please forward their contact information to Doreen Sanfelici, who keeps a running list.

Engineering and Technology Expo (Jeff and Kim): The Expo is scheduled for April 6 at Riverside High from 10-AM-2PM. The event will be run by National Tech Honor Society students and their advisor, Ms. Brooks. DPS School board members, city council people, and others may be in attendance.

Spirit Wear (Tim on behalf of Cindie): Last spirit wear order of the year is being done now. Karen Seifert will chair this next year. Sales will be done during registration. Rising freshman will visit the school in groups according to middle school rather than alpha order of last name.

REPAC Board Positions: Jeff is talking to several people about filling the empty board and committee chair positions for next year.

Upcoming Events:

- Speaker Day (Feb. 22)
- Science Olympiad (March 2)—Hosted by Riverside; RHS has a team attending this year. Amanda Powell and Alicia Pepper leading.
- National Tech Honor Society induction (March 6)
- Incoming Student Registrations (beginning March 7) – sign-up sheet has been sent twice

- Engineering and Technology Expo (April 6)
- Carowinds Field Trip (May 17)-more info to follow.

Tim Town Hall:

- Seniors needing official transcripts need to contact their counselor.
- Students taking a year long course such as Honors/AP Chemistry combination have 3 instead of 4 classes listed on their transcript, which temporarily affects their grade average.
- Criteria for selection by the Riverside High School chapter of the National Technical Honor Society: 1) Teacher recommendation 2) Overall GPA of 3.0 3) Three CTE classes 4) Average of 90 in combined CTE classes.
- DPS's new CTE Director, Dr. Pack, has been invited to the next REPAC meeting.
- There are 140 seats open in the lottery for the program.
- Riverside engineering seniors did especially well on the Work Keys test.
- Tim will send emails regarding college credit for engineering test scores in August.
- Tim expressed appreciation for the teachers and REPAC parents.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 PM

Next meeting is March 14 in the media center.