

## Meeting Minutes

### October 8, 2020 REPAC General Meeting (Held via Zoom due to COVID-19)

#### Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions:
  - All you need or want to know about REPAC can be found on our website [www.repac-riverside.org](http://www.repac-riverside.org)
2. Motion to approve the Minutes from September 10, 2020
  - We will review the circumstances regarding Oct. 19 Teacher Work Day. Mr. V will send update. Is it a “day off” for students or a “asynchronous learning” day?
  - Linda Walters made a motion to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Dennis
  - Minutes unanimously approved
3. Review REPAC Monthly Financial Report (October 5, 2020): **Linda Walters, Treasurer**
  - Added two new revenue lines. One for refund from picnic shelter cancellation and one for sales tax refunds
  - Current Balance \$25,694.14
4. Future Leadership Needs - Please reach out to Tim or Karen for more information on the current position holders – all emails are located <https://www.repac-riverside.org/copy-of-repac>
  - President (2021-2022 school year)
  - Vice President (2021-2022 school year)
  - Secretary (2021-2022 school year)
  - Science Olympiad Concessions (February 2022)
  - Durham Bulls Coordinator (April through September 2021)
  - Senior Celebration (May 2021)
  - Welcome Picnic (August 2021)
  - Thank you to those who have stepped up
    - Jill Foster - At Large
    - Renee Moore – Hospitality
    - Karrie Comatas – Speaker Day Chair
    - Kathy Holt – Volunteer Coordinator
    - Teri Lowder – Spirit Wear Chair
5. Recent REPAC Events:
  - Community Service: Mountains to Sea Trail (MST): Saturday, September 19 (all slots filled); Thank you to Kathy Holt and parent chaperones!!
    - The kids did a great job with real heavy lifting/hard work
6. Upcoming REPAC Events
  - Spirit Wear order in October
    - Mr. V sent the email about the Inventory sale – only selling items we have on hand at this time. This sale is live now, first come, first serve and 10% discount on t-shirts!!
    - Teri is hoping to do another order sale in time for the Holiday season
  - Community Service: Mountains to Sea Trail (MST): Saturday, October 17 (all 25 slots filled!)
    - 9:30-12:30 and fill out form that was supplied in email
    - Possibly another date this fall

- Community Service: Little River Park: Saturday, November 7
  - Time tentatively 9-12 but will be confirmed. Work scope will be determined and # of volunteers needed TBD
- The options are bit limited with recent events
  - Habitat is not doing any work days, Diaper Bank is only doing Wednesday/Thursday mornings and Food Bank is limiting to 18 and over
  - Still working on dates/times with the Triangle Conservancy and not heard back from Keep Durham Beautiful
  - TORC – Triangle Off Road Cyclist group may need help to clean up trails
  - Parents suggested that Hub Farm and SEEDS might be looking for volunteers

## 7. Town Hall discussion with Tim Velegol

- COVID Climate:
  - The DPS decision that we are going to stay virtual until the end of the semester was well received by the Teachers, but we understand mixed feelings from families and students.
  - Engineering teachers specifically are very happy with how things are going for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester and how the kids are showing up and getting the work done/participating.
- Ignite Program Questions
  - DPS is trying to get an idea on how many parents/kids are wanting to keep kids virtual no matter what when 2<sup>nd</sup> semester starts
  - If Plan B (hybrid model) is approved, high schools will continue online in this plan. Elementary/middle would have to be thinned out and possibly use facilities like RHS to achieve recommended social distancing.
  - At this point, Mr. V feels the plan is that we will be online the entire year for RHS to eliminate the transition and combined online/in person.
  - What does this mean to an Engineering Student?
    - Reality is that staff will be limited, and teachers won't be able to do both virtual and in class learning. There is no way to guarantee we can deliver both in person and online – and even fund both
    - Further complicated because to teach these PLTW courses, teachers have to be PLTW certified not just online teacher accredited
    - If students do shift to the Ignite Academy, they won't be removed from the Engineering Program. Hopefully missed classes could be doubled up or picked up in a subsequent year.
- Schedule Change rumors have been being heard. This is coming from a push from the school district that EVERYONE observe lunch from 11:45-12:45.
  - Nothing has been 100% decided on this
  - There is some discussion on starting at 8:30am and maintain first/second period the same length and conform with the lunch requirements
  - Or sticking with 9am and end 11:45 am and shaving off minutes in 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> period classes and keeping 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> period classes the same
  - Very unusual set of circumstances and we are just going to have roll with some of this. This wouldn't go into effect until the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 10/19.
  - There will be a 7pm meeting with Principal Williams-Leathers on October 15 \*look out for info on this in the weekly message & PTA emails
- Engineering Program updates
  - National Technical Honor Society is moving forward
    - Students are eligible after they take 3 CTE classes

- The first round of induction will be for the 60 eligible seniors (that should have been inducted in Spring 2020)
- The plan is to have another induction ceremony in Spring 2021 for other students that are eligible and recommended by teacher/staff
- There is nothing a student can do to advocate for this nomination – purely teacher nomination and average CTE of 90 and 3.0 overall grade point average.
- If you think your kid should have been nominated be sure you have your kid check their emails!
- Honor Cords/Stoles achievement based on PLTW final exam scores
  - We are facing some challenges on how we are going to apply these requirements this year. The current class of '21 has had 3 possible ways to be evaluated in their courses.
  - Distinction level on PLTW final exams – stoles
  - Achievement level on PLTW final exams – honor cords
  - PLTW staff has been working on determining how this will play out and are trying to be as fair as possible
  - 13 seniors already qualified for Distinction – 20 possible, 70 eligible for honor cords
  - The plan is for all students to be tested in the traditional end of course and CTE classes. The NC final exams won't be done this year for the other classes. Most students will have teacher-made or department-made final exams for at least 1<sup>st</sup> semester. Plan is that the CTE and Core classes will be administering some kind of exams. The wrinkle is we don't know what those exams will look like.
  - PLTW is giving school systems the option to administer the final exams remotely and virtually as long as the school system agrees to purchase a virtual proctoring application. Not sure the application is supported on existing chrome books
    - If we don't use PLTW administered exams then we won't be able to submit PLTW courses for college credit
    - Recognition program issues as we move forward
- Senior Interviews have been almost completed – 35 or so left before end of October.
- Junior interviews starting some time in December
- Check out all the enrichment programs that we've sent out recently!

#### 8. Open Questions:

- Parents asking about the original plans about possibly opening the building and options to conduct some hands-on activities like labs and programs. This was a possibility under Plan B but not an option under plan C which we are currently in. We definitely won't see anything like this until 2<sup>nd</sup> semester if Plan B is undertaken.
- Mr. V was very positive and excited about the clubs that have been popping up and the participation. Students are reporting to him that it's been a positive experience.
  - See the long list of clubs in the Canvas Student Center or through the school website.
- Technical Student Association – TSA (see September minutes, REPAC paid the fee for all students to be able to participate). 1pm on Fridays
  - It's a global organization that has literally 100's of online competitions in information technology. Mostly related to computer science/cybersecurity type activities.

#### 9. **Next Meeting**, Thursday, November 12 at 6:00 PM via Zoom

**Attendee list (bold board members)**

**Alicia Pepper**

Amanda Sublett

Bill Jenniches

Charles Stern

Chuck Solomon

Cyrus Dastur

Dawn Wilcox

Deborah Sorin

Don Moffitt

Doreen Sanfelici

Emily de Leon

Gillian Williams

Jamie Baize-Smith

Jenn Hervey

**Jill Bosecker**

Jill Foster

Jim Nonnemaker

Joanne Campione

**Karen Seifert**

**Karrie Comatas**

**Kathy Holt**

Kelly Powrie

**Kim Bowers**

Kristen Brigman

Kristin Bradley-Bull

Laura Ades

Laura Hennessee

Linda Alling

**Linda Walters**

Lindsay Vail

**Mandy Summerson**

Martha Payne

Michelle Dennis

Michelle Guilmette

Robin Crawford

Sabrina Lamar

Shannon Boyles

Teala Spitzbarth

**Teri Lowder**

**Tim Velegol**

**Todd Patton**

Wendy Edds

**REPAC Monthly Financial Report - October 5, 2020**

	<b>2020-2021 BUDGETED</b>	<b>2020-2021 ACTUAL</b>
Previous Year End Balance (actual):	<b>25,366.36</b>	<b>25,366.36</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Corporate Donations/Amazon Smile	100.00	17.41
Individual Donations	1,000.00	70.00
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	369.00
Support our Schools (Bulls Fundraiser)	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>31,042.49</b>	<b>26,739.79</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Bank Maintenance Fees and Charges	25.00	0.00
Credit Card Processing Fees	75.00	0.00
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
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>22,685.00</b>	<b>1,045.65</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>31,042.49</b>	<b>26,739.79</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>22,685.00</b>	<b>1,045.65</b>
<b>End of Year Balance (carryover):</b>	<b>8,357.49</b>	<b>25,694.14</b>

<b>Designated Funds:</b>	<b>Balance:</b>
Disney Trip	5.14
Kings Dominion Field Trip	180.00
	<u>185.14</u>