

September 10, 2020 REPAC General Meeting (Held via Zoom due to COVID-19)

Agenda:

1. Introduced all attendees and the board members and what each board member does
 - Board members attending: (Vacancy Next Year**)
 - Kim Bowers – Grants Committee **
 - Amazing way to bring in funds for our students and teachers to enhance program
 - Doreen Sanfelici – Speaker Days Coordinator ** (Karrie Comatas shadowing this year)
 - Mandy Summerson – Vice President / Durham Bulls Coordinator **
 - Sabrina Lamar – At large member (Freshmen/Sophomore Class)
 - Jill Bosecker – Hospitality** (Renee Moore will be shadowing this year)
 - Todd Patton – At Large Member (Junior/Senior Class) **
 - Alicia Pepper – Secretary** (must transition after 2 years)
 - Teri Lowder – Spirit Wear Coordinator
 - We will be planning to do another spirit wear order in the fall – be on the lookout for online methods!
 - Linda Walters – Treasurer
 - Kathy Holt- Volunteer Events Coordinator
 - service days upcoming, Sept 19 Mountain To Sea Trail, Nov 7 Little River Park
 - Kathy needs some chaperones for Sept 19 with the # of kids if you are willing to help
 - Karen Seifert – President **
2. Motion to approve the Minutes from May 14, 2020
 - Michelle Dennis made motion, 2nd by Linda Walters
 - Minutes unanimously approved
3. General overview of REPAC (Riverside Engineering Parent Action Council) for new members
 - See below slide shared by Karen

Riverside Engineering Parent Action Council (REPAC)

- Originally formed in February 2008 for the purpose of supporting and advocating for the accreditation of Project Lead the Way (PLTW) at Riverside High School.
- July 2016: REPAC registered as a North Carolina non-profit corporation and was approved as a 501(c)(3) in September 2016
- All engineering parents are members of REPAC. Parents are encouraged to participate as volunteers.
- REPAC meeting dates, event notifications, volunteer sign-ups and other important REPAC information are sent through Google Group emails.

Annual Events/Activities sponsored by REPAC include:

- Welcome Picnic in August
- Fall and Spring Speaker Days
- Engineering Student Volunteer Opportunities
- Riverside Engineering Spirit Wear Sales
- Programs and Grants for Riverside Engineering faculty
- Senior Celebration for Engineering Students
- REPAC Website www.repac-riverside.org



- All parents of Engineering students are members of REPAC but need to get added to the REPAC Google Group to receive email updates and meeting notices. For information, go to <https://www.repac-riverside.org> click the “Repac google group sign up” on the left menu
- The new **Family Networking List** that parents opt-into by filling out a google form (sent by Tim Velegol) is a way for parents to network. The information is stored on the REPAC website and those who opt-in are sent a password. This was an attempt at a work around since we couldn't hold the August picnic for parents to meet/ask questions. Joining the Family Networking List is not the same as joining the REPAC Google Group!
- The annual dues for REPAC members have been set to \$0 for this year and years past, donations are welcome.

4. 2020-2021 REPAC Budget approval

- See proposed budget for 2020-2021 school year (page 5 of these minutes)
- Special Thanks to Todd Patton our exiting treasurer for the last 2 years of service!
- Linda highlighted
 - Due to COVID-19 we lost our entire fundraiser with the Durham Bulls, but because of COVID-19 we really didn't spend any money in the spring either. Coming in with large balance at this point
 - Operating expenses stayed about the same
 - For new members: we are saving the Robotics line item of \$3,000 again this year from last year's dissolving Robotics Team and the turnover of their remaining funds to REPAC in case that team is revived in the future
 - Senior Celebration went up significantly this year for two reasons. We have a lot more seniors (+27) and in Spring 2020 we provided Gift cards to Pomodoro (who was planning to cater) to each senior Engineering student as a way for them celebrate. Should we have to provide the same again this year, this line accounts for it.
 - Student STEM clubs being added back again this year. This will be used to purchase memberships to the Technology Student Association (TSA) for \$400 for all engineering students (anyone at RHS) can be members with no fees. The TSA offers a lot of opportunities for remote events etc. The other \$900 can be used for students who submit grants to the board to seek REPAC funds.
 - Karen noted the over \$5,000 you see on donations in last year's income was primarily due to the Kings Dominion trip being canceled and parents choosing to donate fees to REPAC.
- Michelle Guilmette motioned to approve the 2020-2021 REPAC Budget, Michelle Dennis 2nd
- Approved by all attendees

5. REPAC Future Plans and Activities

- Already done this year:
 - Spirit Wear & Engineering Note Book distribution went well on August 15, 2020
 - Virtual Picnic for Freshman families on August 30, 2020 (about half attended with great feedback)
- Doreen working with the teachers to incorporate speakers into the virtual classes as relevant
- Fall Spirit Wear Order
- Volunteer Events (see above)

6. Town Hall discussion with Tim Velegol

- Please we are open and welcome to any ideas from the attendees. As the Riverside Engineering Program has evolved and grown, we always struggle with communication and best ways to get word out.
 - With this growth comes major changes in demographics. 40% of RHS is now of Latinx decent, 30% African American, 25% Caucasian, 5% other
 - We did have a Spanish language translator available at all of the Engineering information nights but no attendee needed or took advantage of it.
 - Tim highlighted how many of the existing functions (like volunteer opportunities) have been driven by parents filling gaps and needs to meet our students
 - Please communicate ideas and concerns. This group relies completely on the participation of the parents with the “revolving door” of students/families leaving.
 - We strive to spread a culture of celebrating achievement
- Just got word that the Official Progress Reports will be delayed for 1 week. There are some issues with Canvas and Power school working properly together and causing some issues.
- Testing Plans at this point
 - NC Final Exams have been eliminated (this was already a plan at the end of 2020 and is official) so all finals will be teacher exams. This doesn't apply to the 3 EOC Math 1, English 2 and Biology – they will be tested to verify they've learned content of these.
 - PLTW exams are also up in the air at this time but we are still planning for these to be administered this year. If PLTW doesn't administer them, then there will be some type of Teacher made exam that will have to be given to keep all the appropriate funding.
 - Standardized tests like ACT, pre-ACT etc. Traditionally the pre-ACT for sophomores and the PSAT for Juniors are administered in October.
 - College Board says that they intend to do some form of these tests but the timing has not been established. There is also a review from DPS on if it would be safe enough to administer these – possibly sometime in February.
 - At this point in time ACT is still on track for Juniors in February or March
 - Work keys exam for Seniors are usually in December but up in the air or maybe move to spring
 - Senior interviews are being scheduled and then move to Juniors interviews sometime in December.
 - ACT average for class of 2021 is 19.3 - a two-point jump over last year; Engineering student average = 27. RHS composite drops to 14 when 107 engineering scores are removed.

Questions:

- October 19 still shows Teacher workday which will be “no class- no school day”
- Discussion around the various communication channels this year from the school itself. The former weekly school newsletter from Ms. Stephens is not going to be continuing as an email to parents. Instead, the weekly school newsletter will be posted on Canvas and is titled, “Pirate Insider Weekly Bulletin.” Tim will continue to send “Engineering Currents” like he did on August 30, 2020.
- Historically, engineering faculty collected non-DPS emails due to large number of problems but DPS seems to have been able to work issues out with move to Canvas.

Next Meeting, Thursday, October 8, 2020 6pm via Zoom

Attendee list:

Laura Ades

Linda Alling

Deborah Ballard

Jaime Baize Smith

Brantley Blackwood

Jill Bosecker

Kim Bowers

Kristen Brigman

Steve Bradley Bull

Karrie Comatas

Cyrus Dastur

Michelle Dennis

Jill Foster

Michelle Guilmette

Andrea Hoff

Kathy Holt

Susan Honore

Judy Horton

Colleen Johnson

Shawna Johnson

Emily Katz

Michele Kloda

Patricia Knaudt

Sabrina Lamar

Teri Lowder

Joy Moffett

Sarah Musser

Todd Patton

Beth Reeves

Adam Rust

Doreen Sanfelici

Karen Seifert

Stephanie Simon

Teala Spitzbarth

Charles Stern

Amanda Sublett

Mandy Summerson

Lindsay Vail

Tim Velegol

Linda Walters

Kristi Wescott

Lisa Pipeling

REPAC Budget 2020 - 2021: DRAFT September 3, 2020

	2019-2020 BUDGETED	2019-2020 ACTUAL	2020-2021 PROPOSED
Previous Year End Balance (actual):	9,849.39	9,849.39	25,366.36
Revenue			
Corporate Donations/Amazon Smile	100.00	88.22	100.00
Individual Donations	-	5,335.92	1,000.00
REPPP Designated Fund Balance	n/a	n/a	276.13
Science Olympiad Concession Sales	1,200.00	1,875.60	1,200.00
Senior PLTW Honor Cords	600.00	511.68	600.00
Spirit Wear	3,500.00	4,596.87	2,500.00
Support our Schools (Bulls Fundraiser)	11,200.00	11,697.17	-
Total Assets	26,449.39	33,954.85	31,042.49
Operating Expenses			
Bank Maintenance Fees and Charges	-	22.50	25.00
Credit Card Processing Fees	50.00	26.19	75.00
Curriculum-specific PLTW Classroom Supplies	1,200.00	86.34	1,000.00
Director's Discretionary Fund	500.00	331.86	500.00
Equipment/Maker Space	9,000.00	695.12	9,000.00
Hospitality	100.00	88.82	100.00
Insurance	300.00	300.00	300.00
Office Supplies/Postage	100.00	72.75	100.00
Picnic (Food, supplies, rental, prizes)	450.00	370.97	75.00
Robotics (Future use)	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Science Olympiad Concession Supplies	900.00	1,464.96	900.00
Senior Celebration Night	1,500.00	2,000.00	2,500.00
Senior Honor Cords	500.00	754.00	760.00
Speaker Day	300.00	99.40	150.00
Spirit Wear	3,500.00	2,275.58	2,500.00
Student STEM Clubs	n/a	n/a	1,500.00
Teacher Appreciation	200.00	-	200.00
Total Operating Expenses	21,600.00	8,588.49	22,685.00
Total Assets	26,449.39	33,954.85	31,042.49
Total Operating Expenses	21,600.00	8,588.49	22,685.00
End of Year Balance (carryover):	4,849.39	25,366.36	8,357.49

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