

Meeting Minutes

REPAC Meeting via Zoom, 2/17/22, 6pm

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Minutes prepared by Jill Foster

- Motion to accept minutes from January meeting. Sabrina Lamar motioned. Shelagh Kenney seconded. **Minutes approved.**
- **Budget** – Linda Walters. Not a busy money month. Had some teacher requests for classroom supplies that were fulfilled. For revenue, negative on spirit wear due to back ordered items from the fall not being available and offering refunds. Teri has followed up with families who aren't getting items to offer a refund or substitute. Teachers have been in touch about items to be purchased.

Next month will show more spending. We have to file taxes every year, but we just submit a 990-N postcard which is acknowledgement that we don't have to pay anything. Working on how to help PLTW with equipment purchases. Update on that next month.

- Recent events – not anything other than the community service projects. Thanks to Kathy Holt for organizing those.
- **Covid rates** have been relatively low. Started the year with more students than expected. 1707 students enrolled. Down from 1785 they'd maxed out at. Did have early graduates (seniors). Senior class is down to 265. All time low. Freshman class is 684. Believe most people are fairly satisfied with the way things have gone with regards to covid protocols. Kids have been cooperative with masking.
- **Speaker day**, Friday Feb 25. Karrie has been working hard to get the speakers set up. Did a great job and we're in a good place for a week out. Trying to get student volunteers to serve as MCs and introduce the speakers. Great line-up. 6/8 are female. Good diversity of folks from sectors, etc. Tim switched an a.m. and p.m. speaker on what was sent to parents. Will send out an update.

Hospitality – thanks to everyone for volunteering speaker day items for hospitality. Has been a change for where the day-of food will be dropped off. Kristin will email those who are bringing that stuff with an update. Thanks to Kristin for organizing.

- **Science Olympiad** – any volunteer hours for students? Staying open to the possibility but we've not been approached for student help.

- **Spirit wear sale** Feb 24-Mar 24. Items on back order should be in soon. Hoping to hear from the vendor that they're ready. Few items can't be gotten right now, so they'll come off the order form. Tim sees students wearing their stuff often. Feels like half the class on any given day is in PLTW apparel.
- **Durham Bulls** asked REPAC to do concessions again this year. Will be doing 10 Saturday games April – Sept, with a signup genius when the dates are settled. Could be food stands but probably beer again. Should have details in the next month. In 2021 they only took e-payments, so it's an easy system. Michelle Guilmette will organize the volunteers. Need to be 18 or older.
- **Community service** – Kathy Holt. Next work day is March 19, Ellerbee Creek Watershed Association at Beaver Marsh. Takes place over creek week, and they'll bring rain boots & will clean up the marsh. March 26 diaper bank outing. April 23 Triangle Land Conservancy is holding a festival 11am-2pm as part of NC Science Festival. There's an "Engineering Tomorrow" theme, and they'd like us to be a partner there. Can share about removal of invasive species and other work PLTW has done at Brumley Forest. Need students who've worked at Brumley to table at the festival. Will be sending info out. Good for service hours. May 21 diaper bank outing and maybe a Durham Beautiful event in late April/early May.
- Programs/Grants updates will be given March. Senior Celebration and field trip updates will come in future meetings.

Tim town hall:

- State superintendent is visiting RHS on Monday. Not bringing press entourage. Will substitute teach for 2 English classes and tour around the school, including PLTW hall.
- Introduction of Ryan Patridge – new PLTW teacher. After an IT career, he had some life events that prompted him to seek a change of pace. He's excited to work with our students and brings empathy especially for high achieving students (as he was one himself), that they should be motivated to do well for healthy reasons and find balance in their lives.
Tim - PLTW is very fortunate to have found Ryan! Lateral entry is an overwhelming process. Hoping to have Mr. Patridge teach half of the IED classes and continuing with CSE/CIM next year. Details to be worked out.
- Personnel changes – Jessica Friedlander is leaving end of Feb. Social Studies dept is reeling from resignations. Folks are not in the pipeline. Lots of challenges. Substitute situation is dire. DPS is trying to alleviate but it's tough.
- Two teacher workdays have been added to the DPS calendar: Mon Feb 28 and Tues May 17. Plan accordingly.
- School choice lottery closed Feb 4. Had 176 who chose RHS as top choice. There are seats for 140. Hope to let in all eventually via attrition. Worked out last year. Will be doing the info sessions online again March. 37% female, which is standard. Minority numbers are slipping. We're 70/30. Still trying to work on that. URM students are choosing RHS but not as first choice - CMA and Early College are more popular.

- Testing in school: Have been doing access testing for English language learners. ACT is coming. Test coordinator is new, taking over from Dr. Okun. There's a 3 day window of March 1-3 for the ACT, not sure what that means with regards to implementation. There's ACT prep going on. Juniors will also take the ASVAB, which hasn't been given in a few years because of covid. Juniors will be taken out of DE on Mar 14 & 22 to administer the ASVAB. It's not a long test, so they'll only miss 1 other class. Will schedule the 25 not in DE this term to take ASVAB. About 15 seniors still need to take work keys test.
- Junior interviews are underway. Tim spends 45 minutes with each student. Have 25 left to do. It's an opportunity to come in and talk about post-high school plans. The students are well prepared. Do really well on work keys. Are more focused on their futures nowadays.
- National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) has been around for 20 yrs. Students are selected through teacher recommendation from CTE. Other criteria: in at least 3rd CTE class, 90 or higher across CTE courses, overall GPA of 3.0. Seth Stallings is the faculty sponsor. Trying to find venue for this year's induction as the auditorium is apparently not available. 90 juniors qualify and a handful of sophomores.
- Andy, a sophomore PLTW student, entered a logo design for DPS outdoor learning and his was chosen.

Q&A-

- Any info on registration?
Started with sophomores this week. Juniors are supposed to do it next week. 9th graders in March.
- Change in Social Studies Reqs?
No change for current juniors/seniors. AP Gov can substitute in for Civics/Economics for them. For current 9th/10th grade, they need a World History, a US History, Civics & Econ (will have a different name), and the new Financial literacy course.
- What are the compsci options for next year?
Heavy demand for the compsci suite in the PLTW pathway. CSP was meant to be a senior year elective. Didn't expect for the other classes to become so popular. Are now offering all 4 classes – CSE, AP CSP, Hon Cybersecurity, AP CSA. CSP uses python. CSA uses Java. Goal as a school with so much attrition in business teachers is to push to get that open slot filled by a PLTW compsci/engineering teacher.
- Sophomore course of study is out of date. Need to revise. Tim will send when updated.
- What about bringing in the PLTW biomedical pathway at some point?
DPS thinks RHS has enough as it is. Southern has 3 of those classes. Low enrollments in them. Could other students take them? It's difficult to pull off.
- Can AP Macro substitute for the financial literacy class?
Right now, no. Maybe later. The content probable isn't aligned enough. The new financial literacy course probable won't be offered next year. Mr. Norman includes financial literacy in his version of Macro, but probably not all teachers do.
- Losing science teachers next year. Will likely affect offerings.
- Next REPAC meeting will be Thursday, March 10 at 6pm. On March 17 someone from Emily K center will present on ACT/SAT testing for the PTA.

REPAC Monthly Financial Report - February 14, 2022

	2021-2022 BUDGETED	2021-2022 ACTUAL	CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS REPORT
Previous Year End Balance (actual):	27,578.33	27,578.33	
Less Summer Budget Spent:	2,842.10	2,842.10	
Less Reserve Fund:	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Carry over into school year:	14,736.23	14,736.23	
Revenue			
Corporate Donations/Amazon Smile	125.00	58.19	
Disney Designated Fund Balance	5.14	5.14	
Durham Bulls Concessions	10,500.00	10,545.24	
Individual Donations	1,000.00	2,290.00	
Picnic - Shelter Reservation Refund	75.00	75.00	
Sales and Use Tax Refund	600.00	0.00	
Science Olympiad Concession Sales	1,200.00	0.00	
Senior PLTW Honor Cords	700.00	0.00	
Spirit Wear	3,500.00	3,965.53	-17.47
Total Assets	32,441.37	31,675.33	
Operating Expenses			
Bank Maintenance Fees and Charges	25.00	0.00	
COVID / Pandemic Support	3,000.00	0.00	
Credit Card Processing Fees	150.00	141.59	
Curriculum-specific PLTW Classroom Supplies	1,000.00	387.01	387.01
Director's Discretionary Fund	500.00	0.00	
Equipment/Classrooms and Maker Space	10,000.00	157.40	
Hospitality	250.00	0.00	
Insurance	300.00	300.00	
Office Supplies/Postage	100.00	0.00	
Picnic (rental and preplanning needs)	500.00	0.00	
P&G Committee SAGE Grants	1,000.00	0.00	
Science Olympiad Concession Supplies	800.00	0.00	
Senior Celebration Night	2,000.00	0.00	
Senior Honor Cords	250.00	0.00	
Speaker Day	800.00	0.00	
Spirit Wear	2,500.00	2,089.30	
Student STEM Clubs	1,500.00	0.00	
Teacher Appreciation	600.00	0.00	
TSA Membership	410.00	410.00	
Website Hosting	12.00	12.00	
Total Operating Expenses	25,697.00	3,497.30	
Total Assets	32,441.37	31,675.33	
Total Operating Expenses	25,697.00	3,497.30	
End of Year Balance (carryover):	6,744.37	28,178.03	
Designated Funds: Balance:			
Kings Dominion Field Trip	180.00		
Reserve Fund	10,000.00		
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