

## **Rochester High School PTSA**

### **General Meeting Minutes from May 6th, 2020**

#### **Meeting was held via Zoom due to the COVID 19 pandemic in accordance with social distancing restrictions**

7:00 pm Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome/Introductions

7:05 pm Principal's Report

Mr. Deluca thanked the students and parents for allowing a smooth transition to online learning. Student's social/emotional health has been the priority, with grades/curriculum being secondary. Universities and colleges are aware of pass/fail grading system in place. Everyone is working together and making allowances for next year's incoming seniors. The district is attempting to make a meaningful graduation ceremony once they know the restrictions/limitations due to social distancing requirements. There are tentative plans for a SAT date in October when the school takes PSAT .

7:20 pm Counselor's Report

Mrs. Messing-Mirabito reported on a meeting for Juniors that will address college applications, test optional schools, etc.. There will be 2 presentations with questions and answer sessions on May 25th and May 28 @ 1:00pm. Login info to follow. There will be a financial aid update for Seniors of May 14th @ 1:00pm This will address FAFSA application/updates/scholarships related to COVID 10 hardships or change in circumstance that may impact eligibility. The Neighborhood House is looking for a junior ambassador for the Youth Board. Please see Falcon Flyer for additional info. Senior Honor Convocation will be celebrated virtually on May 12th @ 7:00 pm

#### Officer and Committee Reports:

##### **President** - Debbie Jones

- PTA Council Update-Dr. Shaner spoke. 2020-2021 budget will be a challenge with anticipated reductions due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The return of school in the Fall is unknown at this time. Additional town hall meetings will take place for students transitioning to middle school and high school.

##### **Secretary** – Christina Bearre

- Approval of January 2020 Meeting Minutes -The meeting minutes were reviewed and approved
- Presentation of the Slate of Officers  
The Board has the positions of President, Vice President, and Vice President of Membership that are open for the 2020-2021 school year  
There was one member, Meghan Murphy, running for the position of President. The vote was unanimous in favor of appointing Meghan Murphy as President.

**Vice President – Michelle Mineau**

- Chair Openings  
Current positions open include PAC, Welcome Ambassadors, Founders Day, Battle of the Books, and Green School
- Student Leaders 2020-2021 Applications- Applications are ready to go as a Google form. They will be posted on FB and in the Falcon Flyer. Four students (Cole Jones, Anna Nickel, Lauren Valez, and Anu Yetukuri) earned PTSA honor cords through our Student Leaders Honor Program this year.
- Committee Reports  
Staff Appreciation-The committee expressed appreciation for the staff during this pandemic. A video was created based on student's submission and played for staff at a staff meeting and shared with parents. The staff wish jar was a success. They were able to grant 2 months of gifting until school was closed due to the pandemic.  
Green School-They are hopeful recycling will be allowed with COVID 19 restrictions  
Welcome Ambassadors-Had a successful year with 2 students completing projects to make new students feel welcome when school begins, and then reaching out again mid way through the year  
Founders Day- was held in RHS auditorium versus the mall and was a success

**Treasurer - Carolyn Reif**

- Transactions and Budget
- 2020-2021 Budget Proposal-there was a unanimous decision to approve the budget for 2020-2021. Acknowledged that budget may be impacted by financial constraints on families due to the COVID 19 pandemic
- Grant Approval (Campbell) for a 3D printer
- Deadline for Reimbursement-please have all receipts submitted by June 19th. Forms can be found online under the PTSA section of RHS

**Vice President, Membership – Regina Williams**

- Membership Totals=532
- 2020-2021 Membership Dues Payment Reduction- Student dues have been reduced for the 2020-2021 school year to reduce financial burden during these unprecedented times

7:50 Meeting was adjourned