

## **RADFORD PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (RPTO)**

### **Minutes**

May 13, 2009 3:45 PM

The Radford Parent Teacher Organization (RPTO) held its meeting Wednesday, May 13, 2009 in the Dining room of the Radford School. Students of parents who attended this meeting will be awarded free dress in August.

#### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Viesca, president of the RPTO at 3:45 PM. The president welcomed everyone to this meeting.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Mrs. Davis motioned to approve the March minutes. Mrs. Behrens 2<sup>nd</sup> and the minutes passed.

#### **Executive Director's Report:**

Mr. Doran asked to present first due to a Radford School Board meeting that was to follow immediately. He thanked the faculty, parents and students for their hard work and great performances at May Fete. Mrs. Gilbert was recognized for her diligent work on making this such a successful program.

Graduation will be on May 22.

Students are currently preparing for finals in upper school which begin on Friday, 15 May.

The 2009-2010 School year will begin on August 10. Teachers will be working during the summer.

The school will have summer hours on Monday through Thursday.

Mr. Doran also presented information on C-Scope. Teachers began training yesterday. He heard positive feedback from the teachers on this program. He asked RPTO to sponsor C-Scope as the school gift for the 2008-2009 school year along with providing computers for lower school classrooms. Currently there are computers set up in the teacher workroom, library and the computer lab which all have internet access. He would like to have a computer in each lower and middle school classroom with printers; they however will not be internet accessible.

Current registration is up from last year at this time, there are currently 79 returning students registered for the following school year.

Mr. Doran thanked everyone for allowing him to present and wished everyone a great afternoon.

Mrs. Gilbert thanked parents for their help with May Fete as they assisted with choreographing dances, costumes and other activities.

**Treasurer's Report:** The current balance is \$3788.12. There is an attached handout that shows the expenditures for the year. Mrs. Castloo found an error with check number 534 for the book fair. The book made a profit of one cent. This was a buy one get one free and tax free book fair. This usually doesn't bring in as much revenue as the fall book fair. Students were able to get books for summer reading and all teacher wish lists were fulfilled with books on hand. Any previous balance was spent for teacher requests. Mrs. Ierardi was even able to use the catalogue to fulfill these requests. For the treasurer there will still be expenses to be paid such as the teacher appreciation luncheon and the teacher gifts.

Mrs. Ierardi motioned to approve the treasurer's report with the correction to check number 534 and Mrs. Ramirez 2<sup>nd</sup>. The treasurer's report passed.

#### **Old Business:**

Free Dress for April's RPTO meeting will be on Friday, May 15. Teachers will be notified on Thursday with the list of students who can have free dress.

Standardized Testing took place on April 15-17. Results will be mailed during the summer when they come to the school.

May Fete was on May 1 at 7:30 PM. There were many great positive comments from parents.

Ice Cream Social was held on April 30 after the May Fete rehearsal. There were many parents who volunteered and all were appreciated for their support.

Teacher Appreciation will be held on May 21 at 12:30PM at the Lancer's Club. The invitations were placed in the teachers' mailboxes this afternoon. There will be invitations for teachers to invite parents placed in the boxes as well.

### **New Business:**

The RPTO Gift to the School has been suggested to be the purchase the C-Scope program. This program will cost a total of \$21,000.00, which entails three years of training and resources. There is also a request for \$4000.00 for the purchase of computers and printers for lower school. The request is that we purchase only for one year (7,000.00) of C-Scope and the computers (4,000.00). The extra \$14,000 will be earmarked to use for the following 2 years and will be placed in a CD to accrue interest.

Questions from parents:

\*Does this program come with new text books? No, the program is a skill base curriculum that assists teachers with a scope and sequence of what is to be taught at each grade level. It is used via computer with online lesson plans and what is to be taught for the current year. It assists teachers to use their resources such as books and other materials to accomplish the goals and objectives of the year. TEA is now looking at adopting this program for the state of Texas. Teachers still need the text books for teaching materials. Last year the focus was on elementary school in the purchasing of new books and this year will be for middle school. Texas is currently looking at not purchasing books and going to computer use instead.

There are templates available to assist teachers with their methods. The program also aligns the teaching with what other schools in Texas are teaching in a vertical and horizontal method. The program is for core teachers in grades K-12.

\*How does this program affect AP classes? The AP classes will also use the program as it expands on the teaching and is for resources.

\*How old is the program and what is its track record? This information can be found on the website. It is seven years old and 385 schools are currently using the program. The program also benefits students moving throughout Texas as to be doing the same materials. The program was developed by going through all of the region service centers throughout Texas and feedback being given on each component. Radford will be the first private school in El Paso to purchase the program. This is excellent for beginning teachers. It also is great for those teachers who are the entire department, as they can go online to another person for ideas and suggestions.

It assists in making sure items are covered each year and teachers to be aware as to what and when items needs to be taught.

The motion to spend \$25,000.00, with \$21,000.00 for C-Scope and \$4000.00 for new computers was made by Mrs. Jullissa Seanez, Mrs. Ierardi 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **Class Updates:**

Mrs. Ramirez' class will be going to the zoo on Friday and to Krispy Kreme on Monday. They were able to have butterflies in time before school was out. They saw them from the caterpillar state to seeing 4 butterflies coming out of their cocoons.

Mrs. Wilson will have a sixth grade meeting on curriculum plus on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of May in her classroom.

High School is doing reviews and the first final will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of May.

A reminder to continue to collect your box tops and Prices' milk caps. Mrs. Clark suggested having a competition among the lower school between classes for bringing in the most milk caps or box tops. The prize could be a popcorn party. She had other ideas of how to display the information so that the classrooms could see the progress.

Mrs. Viesca thanked Mrs. Davis for doing such a great job with the counting of the box tops and milk caps.

Mrs. Viesca reminded parents about the recycling of uniforms. If you have outgrown still usable uniforms please bring them in to the RPTO office.

See Mrs. Elvie about a possible discount on uniforms if purchased prior to June 30.

Target and Office Depot have partnered with Radford for the cash back. Let the cashier know you are with Radford to get the money given to Radford.

Mrs. Farokhnia gave an update on the food drive for the Lee Moore Children's Home. Her students have given three truck loads of food and \$425.00 in cash donations to the home.

Mrs. Viesca thanked both Mrs. Seanez for the wonderful refreshments.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 PM and the next meeting will be held on August 26, 2009 3:45 PM in Radford Dining Room.