

General Parents Association Meeting Minutes

- I. First official RKA PA meeting 2016-2017 with Elizabeth Benders, new RKA PA President – there was a good parent turnout.
 - a. Welcome to All
 - b. Principal's Report during which Lori O'Mara covered the following:
 - i. Graduation rate increased by 3% over the last year
 - ii. Regents grades increased
 - iii. Middle School ELA scores beat the city, state and county scores
 - iv. Approximately 1,440 students enrolled in the 2016-17 school year
 - v. Needed to rebalance the class sizes, therefore there were a few student scheduling changes
 - vi. Student Government elections are underway
 - vii. Recent 10th Grade field trip to a pop up museum in Battery Park, New York, called "Forced From Home, Like a Refugee"
 - viii. Overview of what to expect from the 12th Grade college preparation FASFA workshop on Thursday evening, October 6 and the College Fair on October 19
 - ix. Review of the upcoming 8th Grade High School application process and invitation to attend the meeting on October 5
 - x. School tours for incoming Middle School students will commence on Friday, October 7
 - xi. Middle School panel for 5th Grade parents will be held on October 20
 - xii. Upcoming soft lockdown drills to take place this week
 - xiii. Roll out of Pupil Path/Skedula this year – parents urged to report any issues using it or if they need assistance setting it up
 - xiv. Official RKA student emails are in the process of being rolled out over the next week
 - xv. Request to fill out the student lunch forms
 - c. Parent Coordinator's Report (Julie Prince was unable to attend this evening)
 - d. Introductions – Executive Board
 - i. Elizabeth Benders, President
 - Vicki Auerbach, 1st Vice President
 - Laura Rosado, 2nd Vice President
 - Amy Carr, 3rd Vice President
 - Suzanne Crow, Corresponding Secretary
 - Sarah Schmieder, Recording Secretary
 - Farrah Rubin, Treasurer
- II. Committees have been revised and updated
 - a. Reviewed all committee descriptions and handed out sign-up sheets for new parents to be actively involved in the following committees:
 - i. Academics Committee
 - ii. Advertising & Publicity Committee
 - iii. Budget and Audit Committee
 - iv. Community Liaison Committee
 - v. Corporate Sponsorship Committee
 - vi. Fundraising Committee
 - vii. 6th Grade Representative Committee
 - viii. Health & Safety Committee

- ix. Hospitality Committee
- x. Merchandise Committee
- xi. Min-Grants Committee
- xii. Technology Committee
- b. SLT election held during the General RKA PA meeting
 - i. Following parents were elected to be on the SLT: Musa Jafar and Bruce Kaufman, meetings will be on Thursdays, the third week of each month
- c. Treasurer's Report and Approval of 2016-17 Budget
 - i. Farrah Rubin reviewed the budget and it was formally passed
- d. Merchandise - new designs and merchandise have been added
- e. Technology – new online capabilities under Parents link
- f. Fundraising events
 - i. RKA PA Fitness Mash-Up Fundraiser, Sunday, November 6, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 - 1. Parents welcome to volunteer
 - 2. Opportunity for advance donations and registration
 - 3. Invite local media for news coverage
 - ii. RKA PA Car Wash (it was a success – may plan for additional one later in the year)
- g. New Business
- h. Adjourn

III. Upcoming School Calendar & Events

- i. 10/11th Grade Parent Meeting – Wednesday, 9/28, 6:30 p.m.
- ii. Rosh Hashana (school closed) – Monday, 10/3 & Tuesday, 10/4
- iii. Coffee with the Principal – Friday, 10/7, 7:45-8:30 a.m.
- iv. Yom Kippur (school closed) – Wednesday, 10/12
- v. Grade 8 Parent Meeting – Thursday, 10/13, 6:30 p.m.
- vi. RCC, Open House Week – 10/17-10/21
- vii. P/T Conference Registration Begins – Monday, 10/17
- viii. College Fair – Wednesday, 10/19, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- ix. Grade 5 Parent Student Panel – Thursday, 10/20, 6:30 p.m.
- x. Camp Fair – December 8
- xi. Auction – March 18 or 25, 2017
- xii. Student Film Festival – April 1st or 2nd 2017
- xiii. Spring Fling – May 12, 2017

IV. Conclusion of the General PA Meeting

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