

Parents Association RKA MS/HS 141
General PA Meeting
11/2/15, 7:00pm

Treasurer's Report

- President and Treasurer will soon be reviewing financials. We are currently applying for 501c3 status, so we really need to have current financial records.

Principal's Report

- There are ongoing discussions in the school about articulation, particularly 5th grade to 6th grade and 8th grade to 9th grade. Recent 5th grade parent meeting and well attended and the students on the panel did a wonderful job representing the school.
- DOE took a look at RKA building to see if we can accommodate the overflow from PS 24, but the space is not ideal for this purpose.
- High School Open Houses are scheduled for 11/16-11/17. This is for current 8th graders and parents to tour the high school section of the school.
- 11/19 Parent Teacher Conferences. Julie Prince can help with any conference registration issues.
- Canned Food Drive upcoming (11/4-11/10), and the details will be in newsletter - 11/4-11/10
- Winter Arts Festival 12/16 (date change from 12/10)
- Considering splitting up Spring Arts Festival into two nights (instrumental and vocal) - discussion: it's a long night, so it might be better for kid containment.
- Working with teachers to increase parent engagement with the school.
- Clubs Afterschool - there is no funding through RKA and there is no overtime money for teachers. RCC has offered to run clubs, but it's hard to get student and teacher commitments to ensure that they could run (because of grant funding for RCC). If the commitment level is there, Kathy Gilson is happy to support if an adult is available!

Kathy Gilson - RCC

- Gave background on RCC, founded in 1971
- RCC runs an afterschool program for 175 children. It is city/state funded, free to the middle school, and open to the community. There is currently a wait list of 35-40 children. Participating in the afterschool program requires a 3 day commitment.
- RCC also sponsors baseball, wrestling, girls' volleyball as well as a spring basketball league.
- RCC also sponsors PM School for kids who have failed a class
- College Ready Program - for Seniors on Monday/Tuesday afternoons
- Teen Theater, grades 6-12 - Fall and Spring productions
- There is great engagement with the school and RCC. RCC administration has regular meetings with Ms. O'Mara, and the PA President serves on advisory board.
- Distributed brochure.
- RCC also offers fee-based Tuesday evening and Saturday morning classes - open to community members.
- They offer fee-based test prep - SHSAT, SAT.
- They have raised approximately \$500,000-750,000 for RKA. And PA gives to RCC as well.

Merchanise Report

- New merchandise is coming!

501c3 Application

- When it was announced that the PA needs looking for an accountant to help prepare our taxes once our 510c3 status has been established, accountant and parent Jennifer Donato volunteered to work on this. Thank you Jennifer!

All are encouraged to come to the next Coffee with the Principal on Friday, 11/13 at 7:45am.

Volunteers Needed:

- Middle School Dance, 11/12
 - Tracy Shelton
 - Kelly Erickson-Jorge
 - Tilsa de Jesus
 - Aileen Damiano
 - Sonila Preka
- Parent -Teacher Conferences, 11/19
 - Tracy Shelton, 1-3pm (tentatively)
 - Claire Johnson-Hurry, 1-3pm
 - Limor Martinez, 5-8pm

Please know that all are welcome at the Executive Board Meetings!