

**RKA Parents Association
General PA Meeting
April 3, 2017**

Elizabeth Benders, RKA Parents Association President 2016 - 2017, stated at the March and April meetings that she does not plan to run for an officer position for this coming school year 2017 - 2018.

- Principal's report
 - March Into Reading
 - Middle school reading initiative spearheaded by Ms. Johnson
 - Students read almost 600 books
 - Auction item updates
 - Pizza parties this week
 - Student had lunch with Ms. O'Mara and is helping with announcements this week
- PSAT/SAT
 - Wednesday, 4/4
 - Next year 9th and 12th grade planned not to be in the building on testing day
- Parent surveys
 - Asked for parents to respond if they have not
 - Deadline extended to 4/7 citywide
- Honor Society induction, 5/11
 - Senator Klein plans to attend
 - Encouraged attendance
- Student-led conferences and visual arts show, 5/18
 - Middle school presentations based on 2nd period classes
 - High school presentations based on 3rd period classes
- Spring Arts Show, 5/25
- Auditorium renovation update provided
- Riverdale Neighborhood House – Phoebe Downes, Career and College Program Manager
 - Youth internships
 - Paid internships for high school students
 - Snack Spot (May-August)
 - 4 students
 - Focus on team building, business structure, entrepreneurial spirit
 - Youth Market (June-August)
 - Partnership with Grow NYC
 - Growing Futures
 - Partnership with Community Board 8
 - College Direction program
 - Post-secondary outlooks and career exploration
 - College trips (CUNY – Hunter and Mercy College, 4/10 & 4/13)
 - Academic Resource Center
 - Tutoring on Tuesdays from 3:45-6
 - Plan to add another day
 - Recreational Teen Center
 - Open on Thursdays and Fridays from 6-8
 - Safe space for teens
 - Arcade, basketball, girls group (beginning mid-April)
 - Opportunity for community service hours

- General meeting
 - Fundraisers
 - RCC registration, 3/22-23
 - Provided Refreshments
 - Parent/teacher conferences, 3/16
 - Merchandise provided and sold well at this event
 - Yankees ticket sales, 4/30 game
 - Tickets sold well, more than initial block of allotted tickets sold
 - Suggested to have this fundraiser again next year
 - Distributions to occur after Spring Recess; Parents will be contacted
 - Substantial donation provided by Yankees for the Auction Gala Event
 - Auction & gala, 3/18
 - Farrah and the auction committee did a great job
 - Received donations from various organizations
 - Received donations from community
 - Thanked all involved including parents and politicians
 - Event extremely successful and plan to hold again next school year
 - Party & prom popup shop, 3/25
 - Parent suggested and led this event, cleaned all items beforehand
 - All proceeds go to the school, no costs
 - Glad to provide this benefit to students
 - Dresses were purchased and those items that remained were donated
 - Suggested improvements made for next year
 - Film festival, 4/1
 - Went well, fun event that all filmmakers attended
 - Family, friends, teachers, administrators, community members attended
 - Internship provided to one high school student
 - Trophies were awarded for Funniest, Most Informative, and Most Entertaining
 - High school student received a BronxNet Television summer internship
 - Treasurer's report
 - Budget doing very well this year
 - Information to be sent out to parents regarding the direct appeal
 - Advertising & publicity committee
 - Positive press coverage of the Auction Gala event
 - Corporate sponsorship committee
 - Donations obtained for the auction, film festival received an internship
 - 6th grade committee
 - New committee this year, successful in outreach to 6th grade parents
 - Technology committee
 - Online payment option implemented this year working well and usage increasing
 - Nominating committee
 - Elizabeth announced in March and again in April she does not plan to re-run for the President position or run for any officer position
 - Candidates have been identified for all positions

- All positions remain open and interested individuals should contact the nominating committee heads
 - Positions include:
 - Co-president (2)
 - Vice president (3)
 - Treasurer (1)
 - Corresponding secretary (1)
 - Recording secretary (1)
 - Will also be electing for any open SLT positions (one seat traditionally held open for first fall meeting)
 - Election at May 1st PA meeting
- May PA meeting is Monday, 5/1, at 7p in the RKA Library

Respectfully submitted,

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3rd Vice President*