



Meeting date:	February 5, 2019
Time (Start/Adjourn):	6:00 – 6:30 PM EST
Attendance Total:	9
Members:	Kerry Labovitz, Tasha Benson, Brigitte McCarthy, Rachel Gritzer, Kierstie Keller, Suzanne Lull, Marie Soucy, Robin Ellwood, Sharon Scott

## Agenda Items/Notes

### i. Events for 2018-2019

- PTA Spring Fundraiser
  - Decision to host a smaller venue/event so it's not as much of a financial commitment for families given our current account has adequate funds to draw from for school activities/grants, etc.; goal is to make the event available to everyone at a reasonable cost (past fundraisers were more expensive at \$50)
  - Event is scheduled for April 6, 2018
  - Location: Portsmouth Elks
  - Secured an 80's Cover Band
  - Smaller raffle items planned
  - 80s theme – dress-up is optional
- Bike parade
  - Spring bike parade combining what fire department did in the past and bridging on Bike Rodeo
  - Reached out the RLL for their schedule
    - ❖ Saturday or Sunday – Late afternoon would be the best time/day to avoid scheduling conflicts
  - Chuck G. from Fire Department is supportive and excited about the event
  - Recommended day for hosting is June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Spring Soiree (Someone Special Dance) – May 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Katie Cerasoli/Kelly Moores are co-chairing
  - Planning will begin Feb/March timeframe

### ii. Grants and other areas of support

- GRAIN Surfboard
  - Request from Dr. Robin Ellwood
  - REF and STEAM have funded part of the program
  - Looking for financial support 7 Paipos and 6 surfboards
  - Project is for 18 8<sup>th</sup> graders; 7 Paipos 11 surfboards (want to build 6 boards)
  - Option for students to pair up to build the board and share it
    - ❖ Discussed with GRAIN who offered to give a 20% discount for each to build a board
  - \$4k – will cover additional boards so everyone would have one and will also include 11 fins
  - Parents have been asked to contribute to the project as well
  - Received \$3600 from REF; Steam budget included the tables, laminating, etc. (estimated at over 5K now); the Equipment/tools can be leveraged for future projects
  - Future projects will depend on how it will be delivered (STEAM, ASE, etc.)
  - Boards can be built in approx. 50 hrs. but depends on the kid
  - Paipos are easier to make; \$175 to get the boards built

- No concerns with younger RJH students participating this this type of activity as there is no concern with the tools being dangerous to use
- Motion to approve: Kierstie 1<sup>st</sup>; Tasha 2<sup>nd</sup>; all in favor, none opposed
- Underwater Robotics
  - Request from Shelia Adams
  - Originally supported by REF grant
  - Cost of program in regular school budget however it got missed in the budget for this year with transitioning to 8<sup>th</sup> grade; it is in the budget for next year
  - Aligned to Power of Water unit
  - Pools are in place for testing
  - Looking to start after February vacation
  - Project will include groups of 3
  - Materials have been purchased in the past from Erica Multon in FL, she is willing to price the same
  - Other sources of funding might be possible but unclear; Unreserved fund balance from School Board might be a possibility
    - ❖ Will investigate with school board and will vote off cycle if funding can be achieved
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip – a few kids might need
  - \$565 – maximum of \$1700
  - Rachel will follow up with Nina on the amount needed
- Talents by the Sea
  - Asking for support \$1K from PTA
- Celebration graduation for Portsmouth High
  - Will get back with Brigitte on the amount and see if its covered
  - Contributed funds towards it last year

### iii. Budget

- Additional memberships/donations have come in
- “Assemblies” has been changed to “Grants and Assemblies” in Quickbooks
- Budget for Dance is \$1K
- Mother/Son Bowling funds will go towards Bike Parade – amount of \$1.5K
- Grants category has a budget of \$15K
  - Currently Waverider, Underwater, Mr. Fox are included
- We are almost at budget for classroom materials

### iv. Other

- Open board positions for 2019-2020 - Please let us know if anyone is interested
  - President/Co-Presidents
  - Secretary