

RHS PTSA Meeting Minutes

Date: December 7, 2020

Time/Place: 7pm via Zoom

PTSA meeting called to order at 7:01pm

Attendees: Gail Joseph, Meta Godsell, Monica K, Tonya Clegg, Jodie Davis, EEBailey, Amy Paulson, Robin Freedman, Sonja Tarrago, Kathy Gerke, Connor Goulet, Elida Moran, Kristina Rodgers, Kristin Hill, Natyla Yudkovsky, Debbie Chaleunphonh, Shelley Prosise, Andrea Deckworth, Ann Boyd, Lekha, Bonnie Rochman

Welcome/Introductions - Gail Joseph

Forefront Suicide Prevention Training for Parents and Caregivers - Tonya Clegg and Monica K

November Minutes Review - Meta Godsell

Special Education Services - Natalya Yudkovsky

Seattle has a Special Education PTSA. SPS isn't serving special ed in person and not serving well online. They have come out publicly that they are very disappointed. They are serving 4 students in-person. This is an issue we should be aware of.

In-Person School - Natalya Yudkovsky

The School Board has met with district staff to talk about plans for going back to in-person school. They have announced that in-person school will start March 1st for K-2. There is a lot of confusion and questions from all sides. Natalya wants to write a survey for all SPS PTA's to gauge interest. Bonnie, Christi and Ann will continue working on next steps and will report back for the January meeting.

SAT and PSAT - Natalya Yudkovsky

They continue to cancel the tests and the last PSAT of the year in January was just canceled. The college board hasn't decided to put tests online. PSAT and SAT are used for merit scholarships and there are now a lot of students that are at a disadvantage. PSAT is required to get a national merit scholarship. All SPS students can not take these tests at their school. Gail says there are other avenues to take the test and you can find other ways to take the test, like traveling to other cities. Bonnie says they are accepting the SAT for the PSAT for merit scholarships.

Treasurer Report - Christi Nagle

See attached reports. Christi says membership income is down to under \$4,000, which is \$4,500 less than normal. Pax for Teens funds are restricted and should be separated from PTSA funds, and going forward Christi will separate it out. Debbie will look into adding a web page from Member Planet to help raise funds.

Race & Equity Committee Funds for Education Initiative - Ann Boyd

We are trying to contract with LaJuana Johnson to do parent education around racism. She is trained to facilitate these conversations. Train people that can carry it through to next year. We have \$2000 and they need \$3200 more for the program. Kristina has funds from the foundation to fund the teacher's mini grants, so we can use those funds for this program. Natalya motions to move \$3200 from the Mini Grants line item in the budget to the Racial Equity Committee line item in the budget. Ann Boyd seconds, all approved.

Closing - Gail Joseph

Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm