

REBO Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2008
Robious Middle School

The following people were in attendance:

Pam Benos
Kris Branch
Carol Catron
Susan Cheatham
Leigh Herrmann
Lesley Holbrook
Claudia Marlow
Samantha Marris
Michelle Payne
Teresa Petrov
Lori Phillips
Jason Sears
Javaid Siddiqi
Sara Somerville
Jean Zimmerman

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 by Samantha Marris, REBO Chair. Samantha distributed copies of the meeting agenda, the 2008-2009 REBO meeting schedule, a draft of REBO positions, September 2008 meeting minutes, and two articles about how Chesterfield County gifted programs' growth will be slowed. Samatha asked that any corrections to the September minutes be emailed to her. Minutes will be posted on the REBO website.

Pam Benos, Communications, reported that the REBO directory is not quite complete, but will be soon.

Susan Cheatham, Treasurer, reported that the fall fundraiser has raised \$4,115.00 as of today, but there are still some check forthcoming. The goal of raising \$4,000.00 has been met. There will also be profit from T-shirt sales, and T-shirt money has not been included in the fundraising total. Mr. Siddiqi, Principal, has asked for \$2,500.00 to use for professional development of CBG teachers. This year, that money will be used to send four 6th grade teachers and one 7th grade teacher (Mrs. Stanley, the 7th grade lead teacher) to a gifted conference. The plan is to send the 7th grade team of teachers to the conference next year, and the 8th grade team the following year.

Samantha Marris asked for volunteers to work on a budget and create a spending plan. She also asked for volunteers to help write thank-you notes to parents who contributed to the fundraiser.

Jean Zimmerman, CCPS Gifted Coordinator, reported that she attended the gifted conference in Roanoke with Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Estes, Mr. Siddiqi, and Mr. Sears. Mrs. Cook received one of four "Gifted Teacher of the Year" awards for the state of Virginia. Mrs. Cook attended the English training, and Mrs. Estes attended the technology training.

Kris Branch reported that there will be a meeting about the Washington D.C. field trip on October 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the forum. Seventh grade parents are invited to attend and share their experiences. Pam Benos and Samantha Marris will attend this meeting. Seventh grade has field trips planned in October and November.

Pam Benos reported that Mrs. Stanley will want parent help on odd days with the Future Problem Solvers. She will need ongoing parental support throughout the year with this program. Parents of children involved in this program will be asked first to volunteer their time.

Samantha Marris suggested that again this year we give goody bags of candy to the students to celebrate the end of their first nine weeks. Parents are asked to bring their left-over Halloween candy to the next board meeting on November 13 so that we can assemble the 200 bags during the meeting. Leigh Herrmann and Teresa Petrov volunteered to buy the goody bags.

Pam Benos suggested that the 6th grade parents plan a holiday ornament project. Last year the children made shrink-film ornaments for the holidays.

Samantha Marris reported that we will have a year-end auction again this year for students to use any remaining bonus money they have earned during the year.

Susan Cheatham reported that we are still in the process of ordering team T-shirts. Mr. Siddiqi will talk with Michelle Mauney about shirt colors.

Seventh grade parents are encouraged to attend the Specialty Center Fairs on October 12 and 13. The individual school open houses are designed for 8th grade students.

Samantha Marris would like ideas and suggestions for parent education opportunities. She emphasized that it is important for parents to be well-informed, and asks for input about topics to be emailed to her.

Javaid Siddiqi thanked REBO on behalf of the teachers for the money that has been raised for our gifted program.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 13 at 2:00 in the Robious cafeteria. All parents are invited to attend.

Submitted by

Carol Catron, Secretary

