

REBO Board Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2010

The meeting was held in Room 138 and the plan is to continue monthly meetings in this room.

Minutes

Samantha Marrs, REBO chair, distributed copies of today's meeting agenda. Claudia Marlow distributed copies of the December REBO meeting with central office staff Ed Walent and Cathy Glenn. Any changes to the minutes should be sent to Claudia Marlow, by Tuesday, January 19.

Budget Report

Susan Cheatham distributed copies of the cash flow report. Thus far, with 37 families responding, the fundraiser stands at \$1795. 6th and 7th grade families will be re-solicited via e-mail and hard copy. Pay Pal will not be used for fundraising. It required a lengthy application process with proof of 501c(3) status and REBO would only use it once/year.

Sixth Grade Venturers

Leslie Hausser is helping Martine Rose to organize the reception for the rising 6th CBG orientation. Plans are underway for the end of the year 6th grade auction (to spend their hard earned REBO dollars). The DC trip was successful and ended in traveling home from the Amtrak station in the snow.

Seventh Grade Navigators

Susan Cheatham reported the following upcoming events:

- Gallery Night for 7th & 8th grade ASE students will be January 20th. Parents are signed up for cookies and water.
- February 3 – rising 6th CBG orientation with Robin Forbes. Venturer brochures will be available. Student (6th-8th) and parent hosts will be available in the classrooms for informal conversation.
- Chesterfield County Gifted Advisory Council meeting is Thursday, February 4 at 630 at the offices on Lori Rd.
- Planning is underway for the Spring field trip.
- 7th grade career fair. Using the CBG parent survey database, students will do a “back-to-the-future” presentation on their chosen career. As part of their research, they will be required to conduct an interview with someone currently in their field. Samantha suggested that the parent survey could be expanded to the entire PTA for school-wide use.

Eighth Grade Aviators

Carol Catron reported the following upcoming events:

- Gallery Night – Thursday January 20. 8th grade students will be performing live.
- March 12 the students will attend the play Animal Farm. Carol will working with Mrs. Stanley on arranging for boxed lunches.
- FPS (Future Problem Solvers) need to have their qualifying problem by January 30.

6th, 7th & 8th grade END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION planning will be discussed at the February meeting.

Principal's Report

Mr. Siddiqi's discussion centered on the budget shortfall and the impact on classes at Robious Middle. Stimulus funds that were available for '09-'10 will not be available in the future. Unless the Board of Supervisors increases the county tax rate, the recent budget survey indicated that cuts of \$40-50M would be required.

Robious will lose 4 staff positions which will effectively feel like a loss of 7 due to a projected student increase of 50-70 students (total of 1306 students projected). The area of focus is rethinking electives based on student interest and staffing needs. For CBG, this could mean combining levels in world language courses.

February 4 & 5 are leveling days where students will take home their course request sheets. FPS (Future Problem solvers) is still planned for 8th grade CBG for '10-'11. The required minimum student count for a 1st year language will be 25.

For the rising 6th grade, language choices may be limited to IL or Spanish I. Mr. Siddiqi is asking that all CBG students and parents seriously evaluate and commit to language choices since this will have a direct impact on staff.

*** February 18th is the orientation for all rising 6th graders.

February Meeting

The next REBO board meeting is scheduled for February 11 at 1:45 p.m. in the Room 138.

Minutes submitted by,

Claudia Marlow, REBO Secretary

01/14/10 REBO Meeting Attendees

Michelle Oppenheim, Jeanne McLemore, Kris Branch, Samantha Marrs, Susan Cheatham, Robin Balsamo, Leigh Herrmann, Carol Catron, Robin Forbes, Martha Turner, Javaid Siddiqi, Jason Sears, Claudia Marlow, Sue Van Doornik, Sara Somerville, Mary Beth Grinnan, Amy Moghanaki