

**Robious Explorers Booster Organization**  
**Board Meeting**  
**September 10, 2009**

Introductions

Samantha Marrs, REBO Chair, distributed copies of the following documents: meeting agenda, "REBO Roles and Volunteer Positions," "Proposed REBO Structure 2009-2010," "Chesterfield County Public Schools Secondary School Choices Event Calendar 2009/2010," *New York Times* article "Smart Child Left Behind," and a "Robious CBG" brochure. The brochure was created by Mrs. Cook to answer parents' most common questions about the program, since there was not a CBG orientation this year. Meeting attendees introduced themselves to one another.

REBO Purpose and Leadership Roles

Samantha reviewed the purpose of REBO, which is support our students, teachers, and the CBG program, and to be a voice for gifted education both inside and outside the school. Please see the REBO web site for more information about our mission:

[http://cbgms.org/robms/about\\_EBO\\_Mission.htm](http://cbgms.org/robms/about_EBO_Mission.htm)

Samantha also reviewed the REBO leadership roles which are currently held, and those for which volunteers are needed. Jason Sears is the CBG point person in the administration, and Joanne Stanley is the point person at Robious. Robin Forbes is the gifted coordinator at both Robious and Midlothian Middle Schools. Mrs. Turner is the guidance counselor for the CBG. Mary Owens volunteered to work on the web site. Michelle Oppenheim and Pam Benos volunteered to work with Mrs. Turner on gathering information and keeping parents informed about Specialty Centers. Carol Catron and Michele Mauney volunteered to be eighth grade coordinators. Positions which remain open include PTA Liaison, Parent Expertise Database Coordinator, Gifted Resources and Parent Education Coordinator (state conferences, county meetings), and Documentarians (pictures, media, slideshows) for each grade level. Additionally, a coordinator may be needed to get the word out about student volunteer opportunities and the RSVP program.

Budget

Our current balance is \$3,725.54. Last year we voted to give each CBG teacher start-up money and to send five teachers to the State Gifted Education Conference in Williamsburg. Additionally, REBO will purchase a digital camera for the new eighth grade team. We will conduct our fundraiser later in the fall so that it does not conflict with the PTA's fundraiser. We will discuss the budget further at our next board meeting.

Specialty Centers

There will be a Specialty Center Fair on October 12 from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. at James River High School. The following week, there will be a meeting for parents at Robious about the Specialty Centers. High school students, parents of children in the Specialty Centers, and guidance counselors will be invited to come to this meeting to answer parents' questions.

### Volunteer Opportunities

The HandsOn Greater Richmond website includes volunteer opportunities for teens: <http://www.handsongr.org/> Volunteerism is an important element of the application process for Specialty Centers, as well as promoted through the Robious RSVP PTA effort.

### Gifted Advisory Council

The next meeting of the Gifted Advisory Council will be October 1 at 6:30 P.M. Parents are urged to attend so that we can be well informed and so that we can ensure that our voices are heard. Will Shewmake is the Gifted Advisory representative for the Robious CBG, and Patty Carpenter is the School Board representative for this area.

### Future REBO Board Meetings

A few parents have asked that REBO board meetings be held in the evenings. This was discussed. The biggest drawback to evening meetings would be that administrators and the gifted coordinator could not attend. The teachers meet after school on Thursdays, and several of the REBO parents take this opportunity to catch up with them as well. Therefore, the group decided to continue to meet on the second Thursday of each month at 1:45 P.M. in the RMS library. All minutes will be posted on the web site and will be emailed to CBG parents. Parents will be encouraged to get involved as much as their schedules permit.

The next REBO meeting will be Thursday, October 8 at 1:45 P.M. All parents are invited to attend.

Minutes submitted by

Carol Catron, REBO Secretary

### Attendance

Pam Benos  
Carol Catron  
Susan Cheatham  
Jenny Fralin  
Marybeth Grinnan  
Leslie Hausser  
Melissa King  
Claudia Marlow  
Samantha Marrs  
Michele Mauney  
Jeanne McLemore

Lisa O'Keefe  
Michelle Oppenheim  
Mary Owens  
Lori Phillips  
Martine Rose  
Scott Schiltz  
Jason Sears  
Javaid Siddiqi  
Sara Somerville  
Kay Swenson  
Janett Tyminski