

REBO Board Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2009

Minutes

Samantha Marrs, REBO president, distributed copies of today's meeting agenda and minutes from the January 15 and January 27 meetings. There were no changes made to the minutes. Minutes from the fall of 2008 are now posted on the REBO website.

Budget Report

Susan Cheatham, REBO treasurer, reported that our current balance is \$3,237.51. REBO received a donation of \$75.00. Expenses include a refund of \$15.00 for a T-shirt and a payment of \$87.83 for Navigator classroom supplies.

REBO plans to carry forward \$200.00 for each of a possible twelve CBG teachers next year. Therefore, \$2,400.00 will be set aside.

Principal's Report

Mr. Siddiqi, Robious principal, reported that a couple of things that he stated at the January 27 meeting may have changed, or might change in the coming months. French and German will not be offered to sixth grade students next year. However, Spanish, Latin, and International Languages will be offered if enough students enroll in those classes. Students who enroll in Latin in sixth grade will be informed that Robious may not be able to offer Latin III in eighth grade, depending on enrollment numbers. Mr. Siddiqi has been told that he *may* be allowed to bring teachers from Manchester to teach the eighth grade team next year. This change may be the result of parent letters to the superintendent and school board members.

Sixth Grade Venturers

Leslie Hausser reported that there is a field trip for the Venturers planned for March 31 to the Landmark Theatre to see a play about Paul Revere and to Bottoms Up Pizza for lunch. They are still working with Falling Creek Elementary. Those dates are TBA. There has been a nice response from sixth grade parents to volunteer requests. The Silent Auction is scheduled for June 4 during second block, and Susan Cheatham is organizing the auction. The end-of-the-year banquet is scheduled for June 10 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Leigh Herrmann and Robin Balsamo are organizing the banquet. A field trip to Busch Gardens is scheduled for May 8. Forms went home to parents for parental interaction. Volunteers are needed to coordinate and tabulate this data for sixth and seventh grade.

Foreign Languages

Martha Turner, the guidance counselor for the CBG, spoke about foreign languages in an effort to clear up any misunderstandings. Only CBG students may take a foreign language in sixth grade. Next year's sixth grade language offerings are Latin I, Spanish I, and International Languages. (These and all foreign languages will only be on the schedule if enough students enroll.) Seventh grade students can take a second year of Latin or Spanish, or they can add another language. Seventh grade offerings will be Latin I and II, French II, Spanish I and II, and German II. Next year's eighth grade offerings will be French I, II, and III, German I, II, and III, Latin I, II, and III, and Spanish I, II, and III.

Future Problem Solvers

Michelle Payne reported that yesterday FPS had its Day of Diversity. They will be making T-shirts during ASE. The date for that is TBA.

Upcoming Events

REBO is catering lunch for teachers on the math training day at Matoaca. Green salad is still needed. There will be a putt-putt event for rising sixth graders as we had last year. Volunteers are needed. The date is TBA. We will discuss this event at our next board meeting. Rising sixth graders will be assigned buddies who are graduating sixth graders.

Gifted Advisory Council Meeting

Susan Cheatham attended the Gifted Advisory Council Meeting. She reported that regarding plans for next year, "things are changing," "parental input is needed," and "parental input is making a difference." Dr. Mullin shared two web sites which are geared towards college preparation:

www.collegeboard.com

www.virginiamentor.com

There was no talk of cutting the CBGs or high school specialty centers; however, there will be cuts within those programs. Will Shumate asked for a subcommittee to study the Robious and Midlothian CBGs.

Benchmarks

Jean Zimmerman, gifted coordinator, reported that the seventh grade benchmark scores were "extremely good" and that they are expecting a "pass advanced."

March 12 Meeting

The next REBO board meeting is scheduled for March 12 at 1:45 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Topics of discussion will include a fall parent meeting and the putt-putt event. All parents are invited to attend.

Minutes submitted by,

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2/12/09 REBO Meeting Attendees

Robin Balsamo

Carol Catron

Susan Cheatham

Marybeth Grinnan

Leslie Hausser

Leigh Herrmann

Gail Kemp

Claudia Marlow

Samantha Marrs

Jeanne McLemore

Lisa O'Keefe

Mary Owens

Michelle Payne

Lori Phillips

Jason Sears

Javaid Siddiqi

Sara Somerville

Martha Turner

Jean Zimmerman