

## **REBO Board Meeting Minutes April 16, 2009**

### **Agenda and Minutes**

Samantha Marrs, chair, distributed copies of today's agenda, March 12 meeting minutes, and information about a gifted webinar.

### **Treasury**

Susan Cheatham, REBO Treasurer, reported that there have been no changes in our budget. Our balance remains \$3,182.88. \$1800 is already committed for Fall 2009 for classroom materials, and the remainder is tentatively allocated for costs associated with teacher and staff development at the Williamsburg VGA conference in October.

### **Sixth Grade Venturers**

Lisa O'Keefe and Sara Somerville are organizing a Putt-Putt event on Thursday, May 28 to welcome next year's Venturers. The event will be from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m. at the Putt-Putt on Midlothian Turnpike. Invitations went out to 71 families enrolled as rising Venturers.

Susan Cheatham is organizing the Silent Auction, which will take place during second block on June 4. She sent home a flyer last week asking for donations and listing examples of items to donate.

Leigh Herrmann and Robin Balsamo are planning the end-of-the-year banquet, which will be from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. on June 10.

Mrs. Cook is having a "Poetry Coffee House" today and tomorrow with her students.

Venturers will have their field trip to Busch Gardens on May 8.

The sixth grade teachers have sent home a reminder to all students to be prompt and thorough with their homework.

### **Seventh Grade Navigators**

The current Navigators (rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders) will be buddies with rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Students will be paired so that new students have the opportunity to ask experienced students questions about the CBG.

Michelle Payne reported that Jersey Mike's will make lunches for the second day of the field trip.

Navigator parents expressed their wishes for an end-of-the-year party to take place in the evening so that parents can participate, rather than during the

school day. There will be further discussion about plans for this event. It will not be a banquet.

Seventh grade teachers thank parents for providing supplies for special projects.

No eighth grade CBG teachers have been hired at this point.

The Robious Future Problem Solvers team won second place in the state! Their topic was diversity.

### **Other Items**

Samantha Marrs suggested moving Back-to-School Night for rising sixth graders to the summer. She also suggested having a panel of students and parents who can answer questions about what to expect during this three-year program. In lieu of doing an orientation for new families, the teachers could prepare a pamphlet that has helpful information for being successful in 6th grade.

Samantha Marrs and Susan Cheatham attended the Gifted Advisory Council meeting. The topics included diversifying (focusing on a less homogenous group) and identifying gifted students in grades K-3. Changes to state codes have increased the requirements of counties to provide gifted services. Will Shewmake made a motion to form a sub-committee to explore the county's ability to meet the demand for gifted education in the northern section of Chesterfield. This committee will meet to review teacher qualifications, gifted curricula, availability of electives, and student success.

The EBO has purchased a Webinar that consists of three one-hour lectures and includes a license to view the webinar for three weeks. We also have the webinars on dvd for viewing, and these are available for loan to any parent or teacher. Topics include: understanding the gifted child, learning disabilities and the gifted child, and sensory integration challenges and the gifted child.

### **Next REBO Meeting**

Our next REBO meeting will be Thursday, May 14 at 1:45 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All parents are welcome.

Minutes submitted by,  
Carol Catron, REBO Secretary

### **4/16/09 Meeting Attendees:**

Robin Balsamo, Pam Benos, Carol Catron, Susan Cheatham, Leigh Herrmann, Claudia Marlow, Samantha Marrs, Jeanne McLemore, Lisa O'Keefe, Michelle Payne, Teresa Petrov, Lori Phillips, Sara Somerville, Jean Zimmerman