**Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) General Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, September 11, 2019**

Largest PTSO attendance with 21 members, including the Executive Board members. Also present: Tracey Phillips (Robinson Secondary School Principal), Jen Lu (PSAT/SAT Mock Exam Coordinator), 6 School Board candidates (Sheryl Buford, Rachna Sizemore Heizer, Meghan McLaughlin, Abrar Omeish, Vinson Xavier Palathinggal, and Zia Thompkins), and Robotics program representative-Rick Duncan? (Aim Robotics, see details on website <https://aimroboticsteam1123.teamapp.com/>).

President Shelley Smith reported on school activities funded by PTSO and presented proposed budget for 2019-2020 school year (see Attached draft Budget) for discussion. Questions include funding for all school club activities. Parent JoEllen Windsor motioned to approve the budget and parent Dawn Gunning second the motion.

Principal Tracey Phillips reported that the school year is off to a great start. Computers have been distributed to all high school students, including some middle school students who are taking more than two high school courses and need access to the curriculum or resources for those courses.

**Open Committee Positions**Faculty Representative

SGA Representative

Marketplace

* Vendor Coordinator

Marketplace Raffle

* Community Donation Coordinator

**Parent Programs**

Robinson substance abuse counselor, Tiffany Jones and Robinson SRO, Jake Everett agreed to present another session on Vaping. Tentative date is October 23 and the session will be for parents/guardians only; no children/students allowed so full content can be shared and discussed. Julie Miner, author of “Raising a Screen Smart Kid” is also expected to be present.

**Other Programs**

Jen Lu presented information about PSAT/SAT preparation and mock exams.

Aim Robotics representative spoke about opportunities available to students and expressed interest in partnering with Robinson Secondary School/PTSO to recruit students for Robotics activities and fund competitions.

**School Board Candidate Speeches.** Six school board candidates spoke about why they would like to be elected or re-elected and reminded everyone to vote on November 5. The candidates spoke in order listed below:

Meghan McLaughlin

Rachna Sizemore Heizer

Sheryl Buford

Abrar Omeish

Vinson Xavier Palathinggal

Zia Thompkins