**PTSO Meeting Minutes, March 11, 2020**

**School Administration Report**

* Computers will be one-to-one schoolwide
  + All students, middle and high school, will get a loaner laptop from the county
* Expecting upgrades to the school Wifi to match the need for when all Robinson students attempt to access information through the internet at the same time
* Waiting for final vote (Superintendent/Dr. Scott Brabrand on-board with what Robinson would like)
* Update on school operations’ status regarding Corona Virus (COVID-19) pandemic
  + Teachers had a webinar on Wednesday, March 11 and will have another on Thursday , March 12 to better understand the plans for delivering instructions if schools have to close
  + Preparing to move classes online or Google classroom or other ways to provide instruction/learning for especially middle school students who may not have access to technology used for online learning
* Following FCPS guidelines on COVID-19 to determine schedule changes
* SOL exams went well so far this week
  + No changes to the May SOL exams schedules
  + Some students are waived/exempt from taking SOL exams
  + Counselors will meet with students to determine if they need to take any more SOL exams
  + All 11th graders are required to take the Writing SOL
  + End of the quarter in three weeks
* Spring musicals underway (may be delayed and events may be cancelled due to COVID-19)
* Spring sports started (may be delayed and events may be cancelled due to COVID-19)

**Fundraising**

* Amazon Smiles donations increasing
* All Night Graduation Party (ANGP) Fundraising event
  + Saturday, March 21, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
  + Robinson ANGP Mulch Sale Delivery
  + We need your help!
  + We need people to guard the mulch on Friday night, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.
  + We need parent and student volunteers for several types of jobs.
  + Students receive community service hours AND a chance to win a raffle for a $50 Amazon gift card!
  + Sign up using this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4dabaa2dabfc1-2020>

**Scholarships**

* One student submitted application
* Some students said they submitted applications and those are missing, but will be searched for within the site to determine what network issues exist.
* Deadline is end of this month (3/31/20)
* Five scholarships available for graduating seniors pursuing post-secondary education at vocational, two-year colleges, four-year colleges, and other educational institutions.
  + Academic scholarship for Academic Excellence ($1,000)
  + Academic scholarship for Academic Improvement ($1,000)
  + Delta ($2,000)
  + Friends of Robinson (3,000
  + The Pamela Hickenbotham Memorial Scholarships ($1,500)
* May award more than one scholarship per category
* Applications due on March 31st
* Posted on the website <https://robinsonptso.membershiptoolkit.com/Scholarships>
* Information provided to Eileen Doyle for posting on Naviance Student and emailing to students

**Ramping Up**

Orientation camp for rising 7th grade students. Middle school counselors and teachers talk about Robinson curriculum, goal setting, block schedule, and technology resources. Rising 7th grade students learn and practice self-advocacy skills, using agenda planner, navigating the building and lockers, collaborative and team-building skills. Registration opens in late March or early April. Check school website regularly for updates.

* PTSO President (Shelley Smith) signed the ADM form and Mary Aunon will send it to Gatehouse
* No increase in price ($50 per student)
* Mary and Michelle Gilles and determining when best for the registration and whether people register now and pay later
* Principal (Tracey Phillips) will check if Robinson will pay for the usage fees

**PTSO Board Member Elections**

* The Nominating Committee will finalize and present candidates for next year at the April PTSO Meeting
* The official vote will be on May 13th, at the General Meeting
* Laurie Florence volunteered to be Chair of the Nominating Committee
* Shelley Smith volunteered to be committee member

**Speaker Series**

* Julia Ross will be guest speaker on /May 13th at 7 p.m. (during PTSO meeting)
  + Board member (Current Trends and Future Issues journal)
  + National Association for College Admissions Counseling (NACAC)
  + Committee of Potomac Chesapeake Association for College Admissions Counseling (PCACAC); Southern Association of College Registrars and Admission Officers (SACRAO)
  + Founder-Professional Tutoring, LLC <https://www.juliarosspt.com/>
  + Author of :
    - Getting into College with Julia Ross, Finding the Right Fit and Making It Happen, 2nd edition
    - Conquering the SAT and ACT Exams with Julia Ross
  + Books available on Amazon.com and at Fairfax county libraries

**People’s Choice Award**

* Looking for nominations
* Only people who have not received the award before
* Will be posted in RamPage and RamBlast
* Date to be determined

**Hospitality**

* **Teas**
* Provided drinks and snacks for Principal Tea with the middle school parents
* Planning to have one for each grade level
* Plan for One school-wide tea (Principal, Assistant Principal, and Mr. Hess will host)
* Stress-less week/ Teacher Appreciation Week
* week of May 7th is Teacher Appreciation Week

**Marketplace**

* Will be on November 14, 2020
* Registration for last year’s vendors will start on Friday, March 13 (an email will be sent)
* April 1st, application will go public on PTSO website, social media, and emailed to others who have inquired
* Prices will be the same as last year
* We plan to have more signage this year, especially at all of the polling places in our school borders.
* Principal (Tracey Phillips) will check if Robinson will pay for the usage fees