**Robinson Secondary School PTSO General Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 9, 2020**

**Attendees:** Meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

**Meeting Called to order:** 7:02 pm

A motion was made and seconded to approve the November minutes.

**November minutes were approved.**

**PTSO President Report:** Susanne Oshry

Ms. Oshry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Ms. Oshry attended the last meeting with Laura Jane Cohen, the school board representative. Most of the meeting focused on “last minute poor communication to Kindergarten parents” and was not pertinent to Robinson. Ms. Oshry stated that she will be a conduit for anyone with concerns that they would like passed on to Laura Jane Cohen. The next meeting is scheduled for

16 December.

**Scholarship Program: Volunteers needed!**

We need volunteers to manage the scholarship program for this year’s seniors. Ms. Oshry did it last year and is willing to be a source of information for anyone who takes on the task. Duties include working with Ms. Doyle to get the information out to the students so they can apply.

**Equity:** PTSO wants to make sure all families of Robinson are represented. There will be a Spanish PTSO meeting on 14 December. Through an interpreter, the goals of the PTSO will be presented.

The Equity team is planning to develop a subcommittee where members can work on a plan for equity at Robinson and present their ideas.

There is an advisory committee for middle school students where counselors identify 7th and 8th graders at risk who are having difficulty in school. The goals of the committee are attendance, acceptance, and inclusion.

The question was posed as to if Robinson could put on a presentation along the lines of the Netflix series “The Social Dilemma”. – Needs further discussion, ideas are welcomed.

*Not discussed at this meeting.*

**Administration Report:** Associate Principal Ann Wong

Based on CDC and FCPS guidelines, Group 3 students which include ESOL first year are being pulled back from in person classes. It is expected that there will be more changes after the board meeting tomorrow night [December 10th]. Robinson is currently looking at room size for classes. Right now, if there would be concurrent classes, students with last names starting with A-K would attend Tuesday and Wednesday, L-Z students would attend Thursday and Friday.

Robinson is still looking for room monitors for when we do transition to in person or concurrent classes for those teachers who will continue to teach virtually.

During the meeting the following questions were asked of Ms. Wong who provided follow up answers in an email to the executive board on December 10th.

Question: Will Robinson be participating in upcoming SAT test dates in March, May and June of 2021?

Answer: Robinson is scheduled to have the Saturday sessions in March, May, and June.

Question: Are there now two food pantries?

Answer: It is confirmed that both cabinets behind the school are food pantries and are stocked full—thank you for the donations!

Question: Does Robinson participate in the AVID program?

Answer: The AVID program is a funded program at approved schools based on student data; Principal Phillips, who is familiar with the program, did confirm that it would be a challenge to get it approved at Robison due to greater needs at other schools.

Sports update: Winter sports have started.

**Dean of Students Report:** Francesca Knight

No report.

**Food Pantry Update:** See note above in administration report section.

**Treasurer ‘s Report:** Michelle Glicklin

Received $300 check from George’s Steak-N-Things restaurant night.

**VP of Administration Report**: Jim Witkop

**Membership report:**

No update.

**Webmaster** : Jim Witkop

We are still looking for a volunteer to manage PTSO Board emails and files in Google Workspace (formerly Google Suite).

<https://support.google.com/a/users/answer/9389764>

**Second VP Report:** LeShawn Brown

No report.

**Secretary Report:** JoEllen Windsor

No report.

**SAT Prep with Jen:** Jen

The next SAT Test Preps are on November 14th and December 12th. Jen has offered help to anyone who wants to take the course but needs financial help.

**Restaurant Coordinators**: Denise Walker and Shaunda Trimmer (JoEllen Windsor)

Coal Fire restaurant night is December 15th from 12:30 to 8:00pm and will be promoted in the next RamBlast and RamPage on December 14th. Please share on all media platforms to pass the word.

Ms. Windsor reports that George’s Steak -N-Things on Tuesday, November 24th was very successful, but maybe too successful. The store was overwhelmed and therefore there were long waits for orders and some people could not participate at all. We are sorry that this happened, but want to thank everyone for the overwhelming support. Suggestions have been made to have restaurant night be a few hours over several days instead of just one night. That will help not to overwhelm this small business.

**Future ideas for restaurant night:**

Jersey Mike’s at Burke Center Parkway and has offered 15% back on sales from 10am to 9pm.

Suggestions for restaurant nights at Chole’s Café and Velocity wings.

**Communications Coordinator**:

High school student, Samrawit Yemane is helping with Facebook and Twitter.

**Fundraising Update:** Jim Witkop

**Coordinators Needed!**

Mr. Witkop’s daughter graduates this year and he will no longer be a board member after this year. We need coordinators to take over for Amazon Smile, Box Tops, and Harris Teeter. Most of the work is on line now and needs little effort to keep it going. The biggest effort would be in promoting these programs and reminding people they are out there and to use them. Please consider helping out so Robinson can continue to receive the free money generated by these programs.

During this holiday season please use **Amazon Smile** when purchasing on the Amazon site or app and select Robinson for your donations.

Gift Cards for the Holidays: Elaine Sullivan (Reported by Susanne Oshry)

**Follow up:** We are doing a great job with collecting gift cards, 2-10 people a day sign up on sign up genius to donate. Thank you everyone keep them coming.

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| **Winter holidays:**  Many of our students are too old to be referred for angel tree programs and teenagers are often overlooked. We are requesting your help with providing gift cards to Giant, Safeway, Target, Amazon, and Walmart to give to families.  Gift cards can be dropped off in the Robinson main doors (Entrance 1) with the security officers or you may mail them to:  Robinson Secondary School  c/o Social Workers  5035 Sideburn Rd  Fairfax, VA 22032  [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0444A9AB22A7F58-2020](http://email.membershiptoolkit.com/ls/click?upn=iKpa70ntmsIg0j801x7s-2B-2BYq3fo4AD0NzxfY7D-2FQjfTxDPrQaJ6MsFLtP86SrC3egt2DbgnUUV3Cd3wOVxwupA-3D-3DcBQ8_VjS2fiTf5aJqNkZp94bFO8e7gBZ2vlac-2FVHt1XkAbKsWFdJhWBCITNwyjF823dazaUnLCNQNwFxeyKXo1sVjCNU3n6LbX39-2FOzbN-2B-2B9LLS0Mkj32hy0yMT1P-2BKcvIcLU3YhwhDnH4M0K1Xd-2BW7sf4wvKRpyGCB5JLmcTBYxEaZ-2Brdu9lLTbjQrswLrR8h1gOC3y3hlQ-2BFxAP3ijhQj6LY3Z1G6pgU0-2BCNzAiXqVsCuacfdguJPhieNduRZrN-2FRMCRUDdEcJ5-2FJRv596b-2F02AQmZbhrhZATXXgOVjJEX3vbCUeZcfdY3gXEUhTdTvXmQciTx2nFxEM7xI1L47KDbwVloDUvXdaqEpWMuItkv0P9CEo5YSZkuJyY5FO2w9kik-2F) |

Coke Fundraiser Update: JoEllen Windsor

Go to the PTSO website to learn how to sign up and donate. We currently have $24.07 in our account.

**Virtual activities for Students:**

**No further discussion this meeting.**

We need ideas please sent to the PTSO president at [president@robinsonptso.org](mailto:president@robinsonptso.org)

Please note that no in person events can be held on Robinson School grounds.

**Sports Equipment Drive Donation:** Update from Shelly Smith

The daughter of member, Shelly Smith, is working on her Silver award. She collected enough used sporting good equipment to fill an entire Got Junk container. Thank you!

**Special Education Liaison Update:** Joanne Walton

No Report

**President’s Volunteer Service Award**: Barb Caley, Social Studies Chair

No Report

**New Business:**

**Equity Team Update:** George Economides

Mr. Economides attended the antiracism conference “You Can Do More” below are listed some of topics discussed:

-Partnering, microaggressions, racial trauma

-We need to understand racism and antiracism as concepts

-Concept of whiteness

-High impact actions to encourage equity include phone calls, and home visits. We need to make connections with people to become vested. Remove “we” and “they”.

-Areas Robinson PTSO should focus on student access to AP classes, library content and teacher diversity.

**ANGP update:** No update

What will it look like this year? Plans are proceeding cautiously on this more information to come.

**Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.** A link will be sent out to members prior to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Submitted by,

JoEllen Windsor

PTSO Secretary