

RHTA meeting minutes

Date: September 22, 2021

Location: Griswold Middle School

Time: 3:55

1. Presidents' report

- Introduction of new building reps were done. We are still looking for RHTA building reps for West Hill School
- For our next meeting, virtual will be an option. Our new meeting time will be 4:05. We will meet in person at GMS or virtually at a link that will be provided.
- Updated covid information
 - 25-30 staff are not vaccinated and are taking the religious/medical exemption or are refusing
 - To date, all staff who are not vaccinated have agreed to comply with weekly testing
 - If they don't the district will have to take action as they will not be allowed in the building
 - Staff hired after September 27th will have to be vaccinated or have a religious/medical exemption (this is part of state order)
 - State wrote Superintendent letters giving until Oct 12 to show proof of vaccination.
- Buses
 - We met with Mark and Chuck; and then with Mark, Chuck, Bitsy and Rick to come up with a solution to maintain the 7h 10m day. Buses seem to be late at the GMS and Stevens School, the schools with only one driveway for buses and parents.
- Board meeting
 - Passed both math programs for Honors Algebra I to occur in 7th grade and Honors Geometry to occur in 8th grade
 - Darlene Listro introduced new teachers and also announced teacher of the year, Jilani Scherer
 - Chuck reported that, while there are still some issues with busses, they are largely pleased with the switch to the new bus company
 - Ron updated the board on upcoming construction projects (with photos). All of which seem necessary.
 - Amy updated the board on COVID information. According to the numbers, It appears that we are currently in very good shape.
 - Dr. Zito discussed the new diversity liaison position (Eric Crawford)

2. Committee News

- a) Treasurer's Report- our new treasurer, Sandy Fravel (Stevens), presented our updated treasure report
- b) Grievance Report:
 - Reminder:** Procedure for grievances is that your grievance first goes to the building representative. They will help to discern if the issue is a union issue.
- c) Membership- this will be updated soon as we are waiting on a few more new hires
- d) Social-38 people in attendance

3) New Business

- a) The RHTA June 2021 scholarship was awarded to Alexandra Podgorska, who aspires to be a teacher
- b) Every school has a Covid Coordinator. Some schools have been given a memo on the procedure. Please find out your school's procedure.

3) Upcoming Events:

Ø RHTA Officers for 2020-2021 are:

Co-President	Doug Russell (RHHS)
Co-President	Michelle Bartha (GMS)
Vice President	Kirsten Hassett (Moser)
Secretary	Adele Gali (RHHS)
Treasurer	Sandy Fravel (Stevens)

Ø RHTA Building reps for 2021-2022 are

RHHS Rep	Dave Fortier & Matt Bennett
GMS Rep	Karla Harding & Michelle Walerysiak
Stevens Rep	Laura O'Brien & Kristyn Carter
West Hill Rep	Open
Moser School	Carissa Lastrina & Joe Couture

Ø Other RHTA positions 2020-2021:

Grievance Chair	Heidi Kokoska (Moser)
Membership Chair	Sarah Sherman (Moser)
Web Master	Laura Litke (GMS)