

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JR. HIGH SCHOOL

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SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: 4/16/25

TIME: 2:30pm – 3:30pm

PLACE: Community Room - Jr. High School

AGENDA

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: March 19, 2025
2. Student Handbook
3. Booster Update
4. Budget Update
5. PTSO “Parent Teacher Student Organization”
6. Recent/Upcoming Events
7. Last Meeting Date: Wednesday – May 14, 2025 (2:30pm-3:30pm)
8. Other
9. Future Agenda Items

MEETING MINUTES:

Attendees: Principal Silas Coellner, Samantha Enos (teacher), Therese Valente (teacher), Jennifer Eames (parent from Marion), Susan Hunter Revell (parent from Rochester)

SIGN-IN SHEET was shared at the meeting and all attending members signed in.

Time: 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Begin: Officially began at 2:40.

Approval of Minutes: Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2025 - Approved

Booster Update: 8 teachers willing to help with execution. This means we could just use the Booster platform and take a much bigger percentage.

PTSO - a Facebook page has already been started. Will get back to Kirstin Jimenez by May 1st and the federal paperwork will be filed. Silas will check with the school committee about it.

Budget Update - The budget worked out. We didn't have to put any of our staff on notice because we got official notice of 2 retirees. High school is not rehiring their science retiree and combining part time Latin positions to make one full time position. The amount we needed to save was \$80,000 mostly due to inflation.

Posted Positions: 2 paras, music/chorus teacher, Director of Guidance renamed as Assistant Principal of Student Services 7-12

Other: Is there a police presence at both entrances to driveways at the end of day? Seems like sometimes.

Student Handbook:

- Need to look at attendance. Chronically absent 18 or more days a year whether or not it is excused. We need to put a possible limit on when parent notes can be turned in for this. A good limit would be 10 school days since the absence. Tracking letters that go home about attendance in Powerschool. Maybe include phrasing somewhere in a handbook or letters that go home that high schools take notice of attendance. Handbook is under "About" on the website.
- Beverages during the school day. Our practice is only water. Might be a good idea to encourage spill proof containers. Handbook should say water only in classrooms and hallways.
- Library - if a parent wants to restrict what their student takes out from the library, there will be an option.
- Dress Code - bellies - what is the reasoning behind the code? Is it enforceable? Will parents support it? No midriiffs.
- One struggle is that parents are trying to demand that certain staff do not deal with their children if the student has been in trouble. If this happens and the policy is clear, we can say this is how we handle it and who handles it per policy. Maybe we need a process for formal complaints.
- Adaptive Scheduler - the thought is that kids should be checking it daily. You are expected to follow your schedule.

Recent/Upcoming Events:

- Check the SMORE

Meeting Adjourned: 3:42pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Silas Coellner, Principal