

**Public PTO Meeting #1
Wednesday, September 24th, 2025
Radnor High School Black Box**

Attendance: Megan Hardy, Erin Ryan, Keturah Duncan, Ye Wang, Ann Marie Santillo, Kim Fraites, Oksana Coyle, Michelle Bluner, Meghan Muldoon, Amanda Kilfoil, Terrence Kilfoil, Rachel Sule, Sara Graham, Meg Staffeldt, Katie Quigley, Candyce Wilson, Samantha Hansel, Arlette Luta, Kerrin Noller, Bess Yates, Tamara Balabanyan, Angela Shen, Sara Whitehead, Joe MacNamara, Meg van Horn, Amy Schwarz

Meeting called to order at 19:14

President Angela Shen called the meeting to order at 19:14. Angela thanked the parent panel from the previous hour for offering their support and knowledge to other parents. A sign in sheet was passed around to gather names and contact information of those in attendance.

Dr. MacNamara was introduced and thanked everyone for coming.

Angela Shen reminded people that on October 3rd, the PTO will be hosting "Coffee with Dr. Mac" from 9a-10am in the RHS Black Box. Angela Shen will type up the questions from the parent panel and have them available for handouts at the coffee on 10/3.

Samantha (Sam) Hansell was introduced as VP of Communications. Communication is one of the three pillars that Angela will strive to achieve this school year. Sam reviewed the communications gameplan for this school year by outlining some of the many ways the PTO will disseminate information throughout the school year.

- The RHS PTO website is a work in progress. Sam asks that if anyone finds anything on the website that is out of date or not clear, to please let her know so she can attempt to correct it.
- The RHS PTO website is the main landing site for people to be able to purchase merchandise
- Newsletters will be sent out on a monthly basis on the first of each month. You must be signed up for Membership Toolkit to receive any communication from the PTO. Angela will also send out a "President's Push" halfway through the month to help keep people informed of any updates or new events. Each month will include a special feature such as "What are the differences between Radnor Educational Foundation (REF) and Radnor High School Scholarship Fund (RHSSF)?"
- Instagram is being managed by Katie Quigley. Katie shared her updates regarding the PTO instagram page. She asked any booster parents to please tag themselves on the RHS posts so others can easily find and follow different clubs and teams at RHS. There is a linktree account associated with the IG account so important information can be found in one simple click.



- The RHS PTO website is working to have up to date class webpages that will include specific events for each class as well as contact information for the parent and teacher sponsors for each grade.

Angela reviewed her vision for the year citing three main pillars; **Communication** in a clear and timely manner, **transparency** for all aspects of the PTO, and **support** for all staff, students and parents.

Angela discussed the meeting PTO logistics for the school year highlighting the three public PTO meetings as well as the monthly Executive Board meetings. All Executive Board meetings and Public PTO meetings are scheduled for Wednesday's. Angela will also meet with Dr. Mac once a month to make sure the PTO and the administration continue their wonderful working relationship. The two staff representatives will regularly communicate with Angela with any support they need.

Angela has suggested that a survey be sent out to parents mid year to see what their needs are from the PTO.

The general rules for the RHS PTO grant requests were reviewed. The PTO has two grant cycles, one in the fall and one in the late winter which coincide with public PTO meetings. The link for grant requests is on the RHS PTO website.

RHS has an awesome Multicultural Committee. The events scheduled for the Multicultural Committee are already published for the full year. All are welcome at these events, in fact nearly 1/3 of the people who regularly attend the events no longer have students in RHS, but this goes to show what a strong community has been established.

All of our PTO fundraising goes to support the many subcommittees listed on the slate (found at the bottom of these minutes).

Guest Speaker Candyce Wilson, a representative for the Radnor Chapter of the ABC House (A Better Chance House), thoroughly explained the history of the Radnor ABC House as well as the history of the entire organisation. There are currently approximately 2,000 ABC Scholars around the world. The ABC house accepts scholars through an application process that reside in areas that are considered to be educationally disadvantaged. Radnor ABC House is one of 18 Community School Programs and relies on donations to help feed and house the scholars as well as pay the staff that are hired to support the scholars. The PTO greatly appreciates Candyce Wilson taking time out of her day to talk to us and share the greatness of the Radnor ABC House.

Meg Van Horn spoke about Radnor Education Foundation (REF). REF helps supplement and fund different learning activities for RTSD. They have supported activities such as Wellness Wednesday's where puppies came to RHS and students got to snuggle them. She



also mentioned how REF helps buy physical items that will be used by the students. The current grant cycle ends this Friday, September 26th, 2025 and another cycle will open this spring.

Oksana Coyle gave a brief update on fundraising for RHS PTO. All funds raised go directly back to the students and staff in the form of donations and tangible items. If anyone has any connections to local businesses, please pass that information along to Oksana.

Angela briefly reviewed the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 school year. A motion was put out to approve the proposed budget by Meg Staffeldt and was seconded by Katie Quigley. A vote by hand raise was proposed and hands were raised to approve the budget, no one opposed the budget. Motion was approved to use the proposed budget.

Bobby Santillo, a junior at RHS, presented a summary of the grant request he submitted asking for \$350 to help make 325 casseroles to help feed homeless and less fortunate individuals at St. John's Hospice. Bobby had submitted the grant request electronically and the detailed explanation had been distributed to each table in the room for review.

Bess Yates, a Radnor Parent, presented a summary of the grant request she submitted asking for \$250 to purchase 10 books for the RHS library to help support the new STEEL initiative in the RTSD schools. Bess and her team of volunteers have been collecting funds from all five schools as well as REF, The Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council, Darby Creek Valley Association, Skunk Hollow Community Garden, Chanticleer Garden and Mother Compost to purchase books in each school.

Note cards were passed out for each vote and collected.
Bobby Santillo's grant request was unanimously passed.
Bess Yates' grant was passed at a vote of 17 to 2.

Meeting was adjourned at 20:16.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sara Whitehead.

