

# RIVERSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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## RMS Music Parents Association Minutes

September 13, 2010

### Meeting called to order by Mrs. Silveira

Mrs. Silveira introduced herself, welcomed the parents, introduced the executive board members and encouraged parents to become involved.

### Executive Board:

Band President – Teresa Feola

Chorus President – Open

Vice-President for Band – Felicia Lariviere

Vice-President for Chorus - Open

Treasurer – Laurie Sepe

Secretary – Melissa Phillips

**President's report:** Teresa Feola explained that the role of the MPA is to support the music program. One way to do so is to participate in the PTA/MPA fundraiser (Yankee Candle). The fund raiser will be sent home with students in the beginning of October (orders will be in before Christmas and make nice gifts). The MPA will receive 40% of the profit and the PTA will receive 60%. In addition to supporting the music program, students who participate in the fundraiser and sell \$50 of merchandise will receive a \$10 discount off their Great East Festival fee in the spring.

Mrs. Silveira also explained that an additional fundraiser that directs 100% of the profit directly to the music program is the "Booster's Club." Forms can be found on the website, donations of any amount are accepted at Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Levels. With a booster donation, the donor's name or message is printed in each concert program during that school year. Parents were encouraged to ask friends, family and businesses to become Boosters.

**Vice-President's report:** Felicia Lariviere explained her role of organizing parents who volunteer to chaperone events such as rehearsals, concerts, parties, festivals, etc.

**Treasurer's Report:** Laurie Sepe reported that there were no transactions over the summer and we have a beginning balance of \$4008.91.

**Chorus News:** Mr. Baldaia was not in attendance at this meeting.

**Band News:** Mrs. Silveira reviewed the agenda packet contents. She mentioned that this year's executive board consists of parents of 8th grade students and explained that at the end of this school year, she will be looking for volunteers to fill those positions. She reviewed the RMS band merchandise page and explained ordering procedures (these also make nice Christmas and/or birthday gifts). She reviewed the school/band calendar and highlighted the next upcoming meeting at which we will decorate the auditorium for the holiday concerts. She briefly explained that the band would be using SmartMusic and promised a lengthier presentation later during the meeting. She commented about the list of private teachers and explained that private lessons are not required. Please contact Mrs. Silveira if you have questions about private lessons. Finally, she reviewed the website [www.riversidemiddleschool.com/band](http://www.riversidemiddleschool.com/band) and her contact information. Phone: 401-433-6240 and email: [rmsbandz@cox.net](mailto:rmsbandz@cox.net). Email is Mrs. Silveira's primary line of communication. Mrs. Silveira dismissed the executive board and continued her presentation to parents of 6th graders regarding the band program at RMS.

See notes of Mrs. Silveira's Power Point presentation on the band website.

**Next meeting:** Monday, December 6, 2010 at 6:30pm

**Recorded/Submitted by:** Melissa Phillips and Robin Silveira