



**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
OF THE RBR BUC BACKER FOUNDATION**

MEETING DATE: 5/9/17

Board Members Present: Carmelina MacPherson
Patti Forsman
Mary Chamberlain
Beth McCloone
Gretchen O’Kane
Jennie Kralyevich
Lu White

Public attendance rate: Good

Official Start Time: 7pm

Carm & Patti opened the meeting and the following items were discussed, noted and/or approved:

- The new 2017-18 BBF Board Members are:
 - President - Claire Harbeck Izzo
 - Vice President - Peggy Mercereau
 - Treasurer - Mary Chamberlain
 - Assistant Treasurer – Gretchen O’Kane
 - Corresponding Secretary – Jennifer DeVitto
 - Recording Secretary – Lu White
 - Marketing Chair – Jennie Kralyevich
 - VPA Chair – Mary Beth Ostrowski(Resigning: Patti Forsman, Carmelina MacPherson & Beth McCloone)

- Cornhole social was a success and a lot of fun. (Perhaps next year a students vs. teachers event.)

- Ad Journal to date has received approximately \$8,000 with another \$2,000 outstanding.

- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon went very well. Thank you to everyone who contributed. Note: New volunteers are needed to chair this event for the next school year. (Preferably at least 3 chairpersons.)

- Senior Scholarships – 18 applications were received. (Had hoped for more applicants.) Awards will be distributed at the Senior Award Ceremony on June 8th. One parent commented application process might be too cumbersome. Committee noted it will revisit the process.

- Teacher Grants will be reviewed and voted on by the Grant Committee tomorrow evening. One parent mentioned perhaps distributing teacher grant applications in the beginning of the school year, as opposed to the end of the year. Committee noted this and will revisit for next school year.

- Some BBF end of the year activities mentioned:
 - BBF purchased senior blankets.



- BBF providing 5-\$1,000 scholarships to 5 qualifying seniors.
 - Approval granted for the ordering of t-shirts for all incoming freshmen, to be distributed during Freshmen Orientation in August. (This is a great way for incoming kids to feel connected and foster Buc pride.)
 - Volunteers will be needed to help on Graduation Day.
- Hall of Fame was an excellent event. All inductees were engaging and such a strong part of the community.
 - VPA – parent volunteers will be needed for the next 3 upcoming VPA events: Spring Dance Show, 5/12/17; Choir Concert, 5/17/17 and Piano/Harp Concert, 5/24/17. Also, a separate meeting will be scheduled to discuss the BUC Passes relative to VPA events.
 - Carm & Patti emphasized how more parent volunteers are needed and are always welcomed. This school year, the BBF fall fundraiser had to be cancelled due to lack of volunteers willing to chair the event. If more parents do not get involved, events like the fall fundraiser will also end up being canceled. This will result in less money becoming available to fund teacher grants, student scholarships, and all the other wonderful things the BBF accomplishes for the good of RBR students and faculty.

Dr. Lou Moore – was our guest speaker. He spoke about some new initiatives and upcoming events such as:

- RBR once again named by the Washington Post as a top challenging high school.
- RBR named the 2nd most challenging school in Monmouth County.
- RBR named by NICHE as one of the Top 50 Schools in the state for athletics.
- This year, the RBR Piano and Harp Program will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary at a concert set for May 24th.
- Students are presently producing a video explaining the differences between IB and AP, which will be posted on the school website once completed.
- Dr. Moore continues to do Saturday Morning Coffee sessions with the community and has been receiving positive feedback.
- Some things the next school year will bring:
 - a new course in biomedicine;
 - midterms will be re-implemented;
 - a partnership with Brookdale in Culinary Arts w/full credit transfers;
 - a “Full One-to-One” program wherein every freshmen will be given a laptop to take between home and school, with the remaining grades on board w/laptops by 2018. Dr. Moore said this new program will help achieve (1) student engagement; (2) be a powerful driver in equity; and (3) provide personalized learning. A parent orientation will be provided, as well as full training support for each student.
- The Rotary Club of Red Bank is sponsoring its first annual entrepreneurship competition in a “Shark Tank” format with a total award of \$5,000 in grants between the first, second and third prize winners. Winners from the existing 8 finalists will be chosen on May 30th @ 7pm in the Media Center. All member of the public are encouraged to come and see firsthand the innovative ideas RBR students have submitted. All are welcome...help spread the word!

Meeting closed: 8:05pm+/-

Minutes Prepared by:
Lu White, Recording Secretary