



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES OF THE RBR BUC BACKER FOUNDATION

MEETING DATE: 1/10/17

Board Members Present: Carmelina MacPherson
Mary Chamberlain
Claire Harbeck-Izzo
Jennifer Kraylevich
Lu White

Public attendance rate: Fair

Official Start Time: 7pm

Carm opened the meeting by introducing our special guest speaker of the evening, RBR Superintendent-Dr. Louis Moore. Dr. Moore spoke to the audience about RBR's Strategic Plan. However, before beginning his presentation, he made the following public announcements:

- Sunny Lenhard has been chosen RBR's 2017 Teacher of the Year.
- Michael DeCotis has been chosen RBR's 2017 Educational Services Professional.
- RBR students competed and won 7 medals in the Family Career Community Leaders of America State Conference.
- Students in the National Spanish Honor Society and National French Honor Society teamed up to send treats to overseas soldiers during this past holiday season.
- RBR students participated in the Cards for Hospitalized Kids program by making and sending homemade holiday cards to children in local area hospitals.
- In December Eric LeGrand, the star Rutgers' football player, who was paralyzed from a football injury spoke to students at RBR. Dr. Moore spoke about how seeing and hearing Eric speak was somewhat of a magical experience from the positive energy, love and courage Eric emanates. He even brought his own children to hear Eric speak. We are all very lucky to be honored with Eric's story.
- Dr. Moore personally thanked the Buc Backer Foundation for all it does for the school community and said, "RBR is truly a special place."

He then began his presentation, the RBR Strategic Plan, which can also be found on the District website. It is a 5 year plan, implemented by the Board of Education this past October, comprising of 4 Sections as follows:

(1) Curriculum & Instruction:

- Google Classroom is coming.
- Two (2) new 4-year Academies are coming – The Academy of Medicine & The Education Academy.
- Dr. Moore presented a slide of a national student Gallup poll whereby students were questioned how engaged they were in school between their grammar and high school years. The poll showed engagement drops significantly during the high school years. Dr. Moore suggested this is not the case for RBR. RBR students are very engaged. An audience member suggested RBR perform its own student poll and Dr. Moore stated he would fully support that and would see about getting it done.



(2) Community Engagement

- Coming soon - monthly "Coffee & Conversation" with Dr. Moore at the RBR Board Office one Saturday a month.
- There will be an Advisory Board set up in each Academy to offer real world advise in that particular discipline. The Board would consist of community leaders/members. Carm suggested tapping into Alumni Hall of Fame members for this and Dr. Moore agreed.

(3) School Climate & Culture

- There will be an upcoming open panel between AP Students and IB Students discussing each student's experience in each program. An audience member asked if parents could attend and Dr. Moore said unfortunately, parents could not attend. However, he would look into having the event taped and posted on the District website or YouTube.
- The District will have specific goals to work towards that will be tracked via spreadsheet and posted on the District website for community members to review.
- Dr. Moore has begun a forum whereby students come together to discuss various topics. The current topic at hand is "Changes in the Media" dealing with how the media portrays certain news and/or current events.

(4) Facilities

- The District has hired the architect firm of DeCarlo & Rubino to assess and analyze the demographics, grounds, and future spacing needs of the school.
- Enhancements are coming to the front entrance of the school beginning this summer.

Dr. Moore stated the school budget looks good and should be approved without a problem. Carm suggested it might not be a bad idea to have some room in the budget for future maintenance of the school grounds resulting from the recent BBF Beautification Project.

Dr. Moore ended his presentation with a final statement of how proud he is to be a part of RBR.

Carm took over with the following:

- Buc Passes – Mary Chamberlin stated to date we have sold \$12,000 in Buc Passes, made approximately \$353 in profit from the on-line Buc Store and broke even with the Teacher's Luncheon.
- The Giving Tree – Claire Izzo stated this year's Giving Tree helped 25 RBR families.
- VPA – Gene Horowitz stated volunteers are needed for the upcoming Winter Dance Recital. Carm suggested possibly getting some of the students involved as volunteers as well. VPA Choir will be singing again this year at Pilgrim Baptist Church in Red Bank at the annual Martin Luther King Ceremony.
- Carm recited a list of upcoming BBF events and made everyone aware the info is listed on the BBF website. She also gave a shout out to upcoming events from The Source, including the Fashion Show and Casino Night.
- The Alumni Hall of Fame winners for this year have been chosen and will be announced soon. Due to a tie, this year we have 6 winners.

Meeting closed: 7:45pm...+/-

Minutes Prepared by:
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