

Robert A. Long High School Alumni Association

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Board Meeting
February 23, 2010
R. A. Long High School
Classroom 115

Board Members in Attendance: Doug O'Connor (1964), Mike Chess (1986), Darcie Chess (1986), Maureen Young (1961), Helene Watson (1961), Bob Stack (1961), Maureen Parsons (1961), Dyarle Sharkey (1961) and Arlene Hall (1953).

Board Members Absent: Dee Whyte (1960), Bert Karnofski (1976), Margie Wixon (1961), Helen Whitcomb (1947)

Guests: Rich Reeves (1986) Principal of R.A. Long High School, John Tiejien R.A. Long High School Chemistry Teacher and Jim Watson (1955)

Meeting Called to Order: 7:04 pm by Doug O'Connor

Treasurers Report:

Checking Balance: \$4,923.48
Balance of Certificate #18: \$1,227.67
Balance of Certificate #20: \$2,324.33
TOTAL: \$8,475.48

Paid Invoices:

Donations:

Old Business:

- [1] John Tiejien the science teacher told about what he still needs to go forward with acquiring the 14 hand held computers and how much money is needed. He told about what a time saver the hand holds are especially for the physics classes. The students are much more engaged and enjoy what they are capable of doing with them. Mr. Tiejien is also teaching a Chem 100 class at LCC. The RA Long honors chemistry students comprised a team that took 2nd place at District Knowledge Bowl. There is going to be a National Lab Day to encourage more students to go into the science and math education field of study. Maureen Young made a motion that we purchase all 6 hand helds to complete the needs for the Chemistry Dept. It was seconded by Bob Stack and the vote was unanimous to approve. Mike suggested that the Daily News be informed of this purchase by the Alumni Association.
- [2] Mr. Reeves reported that he has not been able to get more information about his desire to have 2 foosball tables and 2 air hockey tables for the cafeteria as a means of keeping students on campus instead of hanging around some place like the Hemlock store. The Booster club was able to find one foosball table and one air hockey on Craig's list. The foosball table is in place in the cafeteria but the air hockey table needs a leg repaired. he can get an air hockey table from James Cunningham so that only leaves him with one foosball table to acquire. Ty Morris is looking into some old video game machines that are around the school, to see if they can be salvaged for use.
- [3] Mike Chess asked the question as to whether the school has any electronic white boards (smart board) or is that something that they could use. Mr. Reeves believes

they currently have 3 or 4 and have been acquired through a grant. They can be used in a variety of ways and primarily in math and science classes. It requires some additional training for the instructors who use them.

- [4] An alumni and Hall of Fame nominee, by the name of Wilbur Fix who has written a book about the Bon Marche as a CEO, will be in Longview on Friday February 26th. He will tour the high school and Doug thought it would be nice if one or more of our board members would be available to accompany him on the tour. Dyarle, Maureen Parsons, Bob Stack and Helene volunteered to be there to accompany him on the tour at 11:30am.
- [5] Mike Chess brought up as to whether RA Long is still going to pursue the idea of putting up a reader board in front of the school. Since Mark Morris had a recent article about their pursuit of putting up a reader board. Doug brought up the fact that because of the school being on the National Historical Register, there are some restrictions as to what it can look like. Doug also brought up the fact that the Booster Club has spent the money that they had earmarked for the reader board when they had to replace equipment in the concessions booth. The last estimate was around \$40,000 and that was about 5 or 6 years ago. Mr. Reeves plans to investigate and try to find whomever has the original plans and estimate.
- [6] Helene reported that Gary Utterbach the man who had the year books for sale had already sold them on e-Bay.

New Business:

- [1] There was a discussion about when we need to order merchandise for the 4th of July and summer reunions. Doug will call Bert and discuss when we should plan to place an order.
- [2] Darcie brought up the fact that Mike has done some updating on the Alumni Association website and it looks really nice. With the new software he has it makes it much easier for him to do the updates and the appearance is much more professional.
- [3] Darcie again brought up the paper work for the rental space at the lake for the Go 4th. It was decided that we want the same type of booth we had last year which is \$225 for an inside retail booth.
- [4] Mr. Reeves brought up the fact that the second week of April will be an opportunity for parents of potentially new students to meet the faculty and see the school.
- [5] Darcie made a suggestion that maybe we could sell checkbook covers with the logo on them and someone else brought up the suggestion that we order red sweatshirts.
- [6] The next meeting will be the 4th Tuesday instead of the last Tuesday because of Spring Break the last Tuesday.

Adjournment: 8:05pm by Doug O'Connor, President
Next Board meeting: March 23, 2010
Place: Room 115

Respectfully submitted by,
M. Helene Watson, Secretary
R.A. Long Alumni Association