

# Robert A. Long High School Alumni Association

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Board Meeting  
January 27, 2009  
R.A. Long High School  
Room #115

**Board Members in Attendance:** Doug O'Connor (1964), Mike Chess (1986), Darcie Chess (1986), Maureen Young (1961), Helene Watson (1961), Dyarle Sharkey (1961), Arlene Hall (1950), Dee Whyte (1960), Maureen Parsons (1961), Helen Whitcomb.

**Board Members Absent:** Bob Stack (1961), Jade Casio, Lonnie Knowles (1991) and Kim Walters (1977) and Bert Karnofski (1977).

**Guests:** Andrew Frost, Principal, Frank Buck and Vicki Carnahan, Booster Club.

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

**Treasurers Report:** We received approximately \$2,400 from the letter sent out asking for donations. \$1,000 was received requesting that it be used towards scholarships and that was forwarded to the RAL Foundation.  
1 new member and Frank Buck paid for his membership

January 15, 2009 balances:

Checking Balance: \$7,718.54  
Balance of Certificate #18: \$1,186.42  
Booster Club Reader Board Balance #19: \$3,320.74  
Balance of Certificate #20: \$2,261.11  
**TOTAL: \$14,486.81**  
MainStage Fundraising Money: 3188.39\*\*

## **Old Business:**

- [1] Motion was made by Dyarle to have Dee Whyte to get the framed cloth artwork repaired or reframed as necessary, seconded by Helene, vote taken was unanimous in favor.
- [2] Mr. Frost thanked the Alumni Association for providing funds for the Chemistry class to purchase new equipment. He went on to explain how important it is for these students to have access to up-to-date equipment especially when then go on to college. He indicated that he would work on press release from the school thanking Alumni Association for the equipment and the other projects we have done.
- [3] Mr. Walworth told Doug there really are no funds right now to purchase the bass and wanted to know if we would go ahead and purchase the bass without the school district matching. The group decided that because of the low contributions and the outstanding amounts owed, this should be tabled.
- [4] Booster Club update by Mr. Frost, concerning the monies for the Reader Board, Diane Graff remembers the for 3 years the Booster Club set aside around \$3,500 for the Reader Board. She also indicated that no monies came from donations

specified for the Reader Board. Maureen Young made a motion to take the money out of the certificate and give to the Booster Club, was seconded by Dyarle, vote was unanimous in favor.

- [5] Dyarle asked about an informal tour of areas in the school that few people even know about, such as the rifle range under the school and the bell tour. Mr. Frost indicated that the bell tour has been closed off and during the last remodel of the school the vent piping and insulation we placed under the school which make the rifle range pretty inaccessible. There used to be a boiler that would burn mill scraps to heat the school and the heat was permeated through the walls.
- [6] Maureen asked Mr. Frost who sets the classes that the students take, such as a walking class and ceramics and why aren't our children taught to write cursive. Mr. Frost indicated that the school district selects the class requirements and selectives. The walking class is designed as an alternative PE class for those who for one reason or another is unable to participate in a regular PE class. Mr. Frost will bring up the teachers joining at a staff meeting.
- [7] Darcie has heard nothing from the coach about where to send a check and the Certificate #18 is coming due and since it looks like there will be no Reader Board. It was decided to roll it over but will just call it Certificate #18.
- [8] Darcie received a letter from the Go 4<sup>th</sup> Committee to pay for the our space for this year. Helene made the motion to pay \$225 for the 15'X 15' inside commercial space Maureen seconded vote was unanimous in favor. Maureen and Mike brought up the fact that we need to purchase a new 10 X 12 canopy because the old one has mildew and numerous holes.
- [9] Doug reminded the board that is the time to start coming up with names for the Hall of Fame, Lifetime Achievement.
- [10] Doug addressed the issue of the letter received from Sonny Estes. When Doug called Sonny, several of the reasons he cited for renouncing his membership in the Alumni Association, were not true, but he obviously did not want to be confused with true facts.
- [11] The school board has decided not to pursue the trademarking of the school logos. The individual school is supposed to pursue the logo trademarking if they want it done.
- [12] Vicki Carnahan of the Booster Club, informed us that the Booster Club is no longer going to sell logo merchandise once they sell the merchandise they have on hand.

Adjournment: 8:17 pm by Doug O'Connor, President  
Next meeting February 24, 2009  
Place: R.A. Long High School  
Room 115 at 7:00 pm

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