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*Date | time* October 10, 2019 | *Meeting called to order by* Maryangela Rubin

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### In Attendance

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See 2019-20 RMPA sign in book for details!

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### Introductions

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Maryangela opened the meeting, and welcomed everyone. All meeting attendees introduced themselves. She also gave an overview of the RMPA as a community building association at RMS and discussed the work and events we do during the school year. Lane Burgess, Jill Williams, and Charlie Spitzer from RMS administration were also in attendance.

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### Class Representatives

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This is a new initiative this year. We are looking for two class representatives per classroom. Thank you to all who have signed up and volunteered thus far! This is an RMS community building program, and the representatives serve as advocates who report meeting minutes back to the classroom and work together to coordinate two parent-only socials for their class per year.

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### Service Updates

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#### Lunch

Tasha Skillin, Lunch Coordinator, discussed the YaY Lunch program, how it works, and how to sign up. There has been a bit of a learning curve because of the four separate locations that food needs to be delivered too, but we are ironing out the wrinkles and communication with YaY Lunch has been very good. In the last two weeks, 404 lunches were ordered. We will know more about trends as the semester progresses. Tasha asked for feedback about the lunch experience thus far – parents said it was easier than ordering last year; kids seem to be enjoying the lunches thus far. Please give us feedback, because we want to know what works and what doesn't!

**Danny Salinas**, from YaY Lunch: Was unable to attend.

**Kindness Club:** Tasha Skillin: This club for RMS students (4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade) will focus on ways to promote and initiate acts of kindness in the RMS community. Kindness Club is scheduled for Tuesdays through HUB, and the goal is to expand and grow the Kindness Club into other ages. This is a new program to RMS, so we are open to suggestions as to how to develop and promote radical acts of kindness in the community.

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### Event Updates:

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**October 20, 2019: Family Pictures**

**October 21, 2019: Individual Pictures**

**October 26, 2019: Harvest Fest:** Will be from 2-4 pm on South Campus. Andrea Nikolov and Alison McCabe are Co-Chairs. Allison discussed the planning for Harvest Fest thus far, including a petting farm, inflatable obstacle course, fun bus, face painting, and a chili cook-off. There are lots of volunteer opportunities, and the website is open for signups. Look at Monday Matters for the link. We are grateful for all volunteers who sign up to help this event be so successful!

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## Budget Update

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Alan Rubin provided the current budget, and we discussed changes in the budget for the 2019-20 school year. Surplus from last year's budget was donated to the school's annual fund (except \$2,500 carried over to this year). If you are working as a chair and need reimbursements for planning costs, please return receipts within two weeks. Please contact Alan Rubin for more details and questions about the budget!

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## Cotillion

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Christen Courville spoke about this social activity, which starts with sixth grade through high school. Dance, etiquette, and social functions for these grade levels. This is not something officially done through the school, but is a private organization called Junior Assembly Cotillion, which you can look up online if interested. If there are 5<sup>th</sup> graders who are interested in doing this in sixth grade, please contact Christen. There are several RMS students that are part of this organization.

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## Volunteers Needed!

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Conference Day Childcare, Harvest Fest Shopper, Harvest Fest Corn Pool.

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## Questions

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Please contact [RMPA@richmont.org](mailto:RMPA@richmont.org) with any questions or to sign up to volunteer!

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Adjourn: Next meeting is November 14, 2019. See you there!

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