

**Rolling Hills Public Charter School**  
**Board Notes**  
**January 14, 2010**

*The Rolling Hills Charter School Governing Board believes it is essential for the well-being of the school for all parties to have good communication with each other. Although all agendas and meeting minutes are regularly posted on the school's website, these Board Notes are also being provided. They are written in less formal language than required for the official record of board meetings, and they are for the purpose of providing all RHPCS families with current information regarding the governance of the school.*

**Principal's Report**

On January 22 the 2009-2010 school year will be officially at the mid-point. The school has made great strides forward and everyone is anticipating a good second half of the year. The Safe and Drug Free Funds are being used to purchase a new health program called The Great Body Works. Teachers will be trained in the program's implementation. This curriculum is widely accepted as a quality program and will enhance the offerings at the school. The school staff will continue to work with students in establishing personalized learning goals such as personal responsibility. In addition, the school will be offering several after school programs. Information regarding these programs will be provided in the Monday Notes.

**PFA**

The PFA is looking forward to and working hard on the Spring On-Line Auction. They are working with a company called "Auction Frog" to set up the on-line aspects of the activity. Donations are needed and can be a large variety of things including but not limited to services provided by a business such as a beauty salon or spa, a weekend at a family's mountain cabin, dinner at a restaurant, items such as bicycles, DVDs, computer games....the list is endless. Each RHPCS family is asked to provide something for this very important fund raiser and to also participate in the on-line auction that will happen between April 5 – 19. The PFA is hoping to raise a minimum \$15,000 for the school with this activity. It will be good for the school and fun to do also!

In addition, the PFA is sponsoring several family nights. These include a Math-a-thon, Library Night, Game Night, and special times at local restaurants. Look for more information in the PFA newsletter.

The PFA is still doing SCRIPT which is a great way to raise money for the school. You can purchase some SCRIPT cards at the school office, or order the ones you want every two weeks. They only take a few days to get once you place the order and then you can purchase what you were going to purchase anyway, but the school will get a percentage of your purchase in the form of a check. This is a very cool way to raise money for the school. Also, have you registered your Preferred Card for Albertsons on their website so the school can receive money back from all your purchases at Albertsons? It only takes a minute. You will need your Preferred Card number which can be found on your latest receipt from the store (if you used your Preferred card for purchases) plus your telephone number. The school's number that you enter is 49001009105. The website is [www.albertsons.com/cp](http://www.albertsons.com/cp). Do it today and the money will start to accumulate for RH and it won't cost you an extra dime.

**School Maintenance**

The school still looks great, but the budget cuts resulted in a reduction of maintenance services for the school. The cleaning company is still maintaining the bathrooms, but staff, students, and

parents are doing the vacuuming and trash pick-up. More vacuum cleaners are needed. If you can donate a vacuum, your time to clean, or money for this cause please contact Dr. Montgomery.

### **Capitol Fundraising**

The pledge card drive has resulted in some donations for the school. Families will be reminded that a donation to Rolling Hills may be a tax credit on Idaho Income Taxes plus a deduction on federal taxes. It is never too late to make a pledge to donate to Rolling Hills.

### **School Lottery for 2010-2011 School Year**

The Board set the date for the lottery to be on Saturday, April, 17, 2010. Time and place are yet to be decided. The application is on the school website. Students currently enrolled in the school do not need to complete an application for enrollment as their place in the school is guaranteed. New students, including siblings of currently enrolled students, must complete an application and turn it into the office

### **Marketing the School**

The Board has a goal of completely filling all classes at the school for the next school year. Research is clear that the best form of marketing for a charter school is “word of mouth”. The Marketing Committee will be convening shortly to develop a plan to get the word out about Rolling Hills to the community and to urge parents to complete an application for enrollment. Everyone can contribute to this effort by telling your friends and neighbors about the great things happening at Rolling Hills.

### **Salary Schedule Review**

The Board established a committee to review the school’s salary schedule and to make recommendations to the Board at its regular March meeting.

### **Programmatic Audit**

The Idaho Charter School Commission requires each charter school that it has authorized to do an annual programmatic audit. Dr. Montgomery shared with the Board this year’s audit.

### **Snow Day Procedure**

The Board reviewed its school closure procedure. If the Boise and Meridian School Districts call a snow day, so will RHPCS. Media outlets will be notified and will provide that information to the community.

### **Audit Contract**

By law, the school must have an outside financial audit each year. The Board voted to maintain the CPA firm that has done the audits in the past.