Parents’ Association Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 14, 2010  8:00am

MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of the Parents’ Association of Ravenscroft School is to assist in the promotion of excellence for the Ravenscroft community through active parental involvement.

Welcome – Sherri Cass called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. She announced that today’s raffle is provided from Dermatech Aestheticians.

Ravens Build – Emi Gaal is President of Habitat for Humanity in Ravensville at Ravenscroft and discussed the mission to divert fundraising from the prom and to direct it to the Habitat Home sponsored by Ravenscroft. They are trying to get all school divisions involved in the goal to raise $20,000 by June. There are three project chairs in the divisions – Nickels for Nails & Fun day in the Lower School; Pizza Advisory lunches and dress down day in the Middle School; and T-shirt sales, babysitting and on-site construction for the Upper School. The group is also selling $20 t-shirts for fundraising. Emi can be contacted for further information at egaal@ravenscroft.org.

Key Club Food Drive – Corinne May discussed the annual Wake Relief Canned Food Drive, which Ravenscroft has been supporting for about 25 years. There is an advisory competition and on November 18 the Key Club will deliver the food to St. Savior’s on Tucker Street. Ravenscroft is partnering with HT/Together in Education, which gives money back to the school. The Key Club wants to get parents involved to fight hunger in Wake County. Please buy Harris Teeter products and support the school and Wake Relief. Bring filled paper grocery bags to school to the next Parents’ Association meeting on November 18. Harris Teeter has donated a $25 gift card that will be our raffle that day. The sophomore class is also having a food drive that ends earlier; people who donate to their efforts can also get in the drawing.

Administrative Report – Doreen Kelly said she was proud of the girls who presented today and commented that administration is pleased that the students fundraising efforts are being used for a service project. On behalf of the faculty and staff, she expressed thanks for the teacher appreciation lunch. She noted that this has been a particular tender time in the Lower School and how supportive the parents are in helping sustain the faculty in their hearts, heads and minds. When one of them is hurting, the communal support is very meaningful. She said they could feel the sincere care the Ravenscroft community has for them. Ravenscroft will begin a full day
kindergarten program next year. Many efforts have gone into making sure that Ravenscroft’s kindergarten is more enriched than other kindergarten programs. It’s consistent with our demographic studies to show there is an interest. Doreen stated that 90% of the purchasing power is from women, and studies show that they are eager to have a full day program. She recommended *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee* and the release of a new book, *The Blessing of a B-*, by Wendy Mogel as good books for parents to read. She also recommended *Nuture Shock* as a good book. Some parents suggested that we should have a Doreen Kelly table at Book Fair. She said that she is drawn to most of these books as a mom than as an educator, and these books enforce the belief to be courageous. She expressed thanks for the Parents’ Association for the support. She also expressed thanks for patience in the construction project, which will now begin the planting phase. The fence and entry improvements were on the master plan in 1967, so it is not a new thing, and the school is thankful to be able to complete this.

**Approval of Minutes** - Kathy Virtue made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2010 meeting, and Marynell Gehrke seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as distributed.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Jane Reed reported that we are moving to the end of Citipass with good collections and Fall Roundup is in full swing.

**Annual Fund** – Iren Hianik reported that the kickoff party for the annual fund was held a week ago. This year they have a great group of parent volunteers. She reminded everyone that 70% of the annual fund goes to fund teacher salaries and benefits and it is essential to support annual fund to help cover the operating budget.

**Committee Reports**

1. **Fine Arts** – Jennifer Hirl said the fall musical, *The Secret Garden*, was a huge success. The new reserved seating worked well, and it was not as rushed. There is a Fine Arts meeting on Tuesday, October 19 at 2:00 in the Fine Arts Building. She commented that the Middle School concert was a success and the Upper School ensembles perform on October 27. Please refer to the Ravenscroft website for upcoming events.

2. **Athletics** – Ginny Watters reported that athletics served 650 people for the Homecoming dinner. Between fan night, Homecoming, Gibbons game & others – 300 hamburgers, 800 hot dogs & 120 pizzas have been served. Please support the JV football game against NRCA. The golf tournament will be held on Sunday, October 24. Please register to play on the Lonnie Poole golf course; it’s a fun day on a challenging course. Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Friday, October 29 where Lower School parents bring kids in costume, have a tailgate dinner, and at 6:00 kids will trunk or treat. Please decorate your car and trick or treat out of the car trunks. Mary Glenn Crumpler, 2nd grade teacher, will line up kids for a parade. Join us for a fun, safe time. Call Ginny Watters, Angie Dowd or Mary Glenn Crumpler if you want to be a Trunk or Treater. We only have a few more home games and then move into basketball season.

3. **Auction/Raffle** – The acquisitions group has been working very hard and securing unique parties and great trips. The raffle begins October 29 at the Trunk or Treat.
The raffle is for a free year’s tuition – Upper, Middle or Lower School. Everybody is able to win. We are only selling 350 tickets for $150 each or 4 for $500. You get the value of the tuition or $10,000 cash. You can request a ticket on October 29 via email. Please read your emails. February 5, 2011 is the big party with your ski attire at The Pavillions at the Angus Barn. Carla Frederick and Canyn Dawson are the chairs for the raffle this year. Please spread the word. If anyone is interested in selling tickets & helping, please contact Carla at CarlaFrederick@nc.rr.com. The auction committee is looking for about 5 or 6 recent graduates to be Ski Bunnies to help with spotting, the auction, etc. We cannot sell raffle tickets online, but you can contact Carla via email and then she will call you to sell the ticket. We are able to take MasterCard, Visa and checks.

4. **Book Fair** - Kelly Gould brought the Wimpy Kid man cutout and announced it can go home with one lucky child! Bookfair is November 8-11. The first volunteer meeting is scheduled at 8:15 on Wednesday, October 19 in dining hall. There will be a read-in with pajama day in the Lower School. At 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday of that week, a Launch Party is scheduled for the new release book, Audrey Penn, author of *The Kissing Hand*, is coming. She has a Blackbeard Series for 4 & 5th graders too. Jean Claude Beamus is coming on Wednesday. Local Yogurt is coming on Thursday for the Upper School.

5. **Citipass Results** – Sales are winding down, and we have sold 1315 books so far. There are about 10% of the books outstanding. Jan Brown expressed thanks to the Ravenscroft community for participating. There will be two ice cream parties in the Lower School for participation winners. Two grand prizes will be awarded to families that have won the Great Wolf Lodge. The Middle School and Upper School winners are to be determined. Please check your kids’ backpacks to see if the Citipass book is in there or if your check did not get turned in.

6. **Community Partners** – Christine Bannerman reported that Ravenscroft made $469 at Milton’s. The Milton’s staff said it was one of the best turnouts ever for a school night. The next event is at Monkey Joe’s on November 3, the teacher conference day. Ravenscroft students can drop in all day long and the school gets back a percentage of the admission price and there will be a raffle for a birthday party. It is a good day for our kids to spend with each other for fun. Please link your Target cards to Ravenscroft; we earn a percentage on spending at Target. Ravenscroft has earned over $12,000 in the last 7 years from this program. You only need to link your Target card once. Please remember to link your Harris Teeter card every year – have 280 linked so far.

7. **Cookbook** – Kim Hammerstein reported that they will be selling the cookbook at Book Fair this year and they will also have a raffle. Please encourage families to get a cookbook and remember they make great holiday gifts.

8. **Fall Roundup & Bike Rodeo** – It is forecasted to be a beautiful fall day with Fall Roundup from 11:00 – 4:00 and the Bike Rodeo from 9:30 – 11:30. The committee still needs volunteers particularly at the end of the day and in the food tent. T-shirts & tickets are available. Volunteers are selling tickets in the carpool line. There will be a dunking booth this year (Orlando has volunteered to be in it!) and they are still working on the “victim” list. There are wet suits for the volunteers. The event will have beautiful mums and pumpkins used for decorations, and then you can purchase them - 15 inch mums $10 and pumpkins $5. The Bike Rodeo is to raise money for the fallen officers memorial (officers killed in the line of duty). It supports those
families, sends those kids to camp, etc. – for a very worthy cause. Last year, the kids loved it. The event is broken out by age, tricycles are allowed, and Trek does bike inspections and tune-ups. There will be a Trek donation with two $250 gift certificates for a raffle.

9. **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon** – Laura Smith reported about the success of the luncheon. There were delicious entrees including recipes from the Ravenscroft cookbook, there was a tailgate theme and the teachers really enjoyed it. In keeping with the Ravenscroft “green” theme, they used compostable paper goods and the faculty got to keep their plastic cups. The event came in under budget. They are hoping someone will be able to cook the meat for the holiday luncheon, which is scheduled for December 1. Please remember to volunteer. Contact the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon committee.

G. **New Business** – There was no new business.

Sherri reminded the group of the Food Drive, to make note of upcoming events and that Fall Roundup can use your help. Sherri drew tickets for the raffle and announced the winners as follows: Dermatech – Carla Frederick, 1st Borders book – Caroline Campbell, 2nd Borders book – Amy Baker.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**October**

16  Fall Festival  
22  Quarter End – No School  
24  Ravenscroft Golf Tournament  
29  Trunk or Treat – Ravenscroft Football  
29  Auction – Tuition Raffle Tickets Go on Sale

**November**

3  Parent/Teacher Conference – Student Holiday  
8-11  Book Fair – 8am-5pm, Richards Hall, Old 6th grade center  
17  US Honors Luncheon  
18  Parents’ Association Meeting – 8:00am, PA Room  
24-26  Thanksgiving Break