

# Robert Frost PTO Meeting Minutes

## November 13, 2012

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

2. **Review of Minutes**- Approved by Julie Mickelberg and seconded by Dani Eppe

### 3. Principal's Report

#### a. Technology Update-

##### i. Current Status:

1. iPads: every classroom has 2 iPads. All auxiliary teachers have an iPad- including counselors and specials.
2. iPods- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teachers have about 10 each and Mrs. Sigl and Mrs. Knigge have 5 in their classrooms. These were distributed based on the grade level and the teachers who use them.
3. Document Camera/Apple TV
  - a. 7 TVs (can be used in concert with the iPad applications)
  - b. 7 smart cameras
  - c. 1 elmo camera

##### ii. Potential Technology Uses

1. Purchase software that allows the iPad to function as a smart camera. This would allow each classroom to have the same technology (different options but same capabilities).
  - a. Cost is about \$505
    - i. \$80 for software (purchase through district) for all rooms
    - ii. \$17 for stylus for 19 rooms
  - b. Materials- \$400
    - i. \$20 for iPad stands for 19 rooms
    - ii. Ms Werner to follow up with Staci Wolf and Julie Mickelberg with supplies needed. Staci and Julie will see about getting supplies donated.
  - c. Staci Wolff motioned to approve cap of \$505 for software and Stylus and cap of \$400 for materials. Allison Pay Crawford seconded the motion.
2. Survey of Teachers Requests for Technology
  - a. Ms. Werner and Joe will send out survey to teachers to see what other technology the teachers want. Would there be option for parents to donate money for teachers to buy apps? Use as holiday or teacher appreciation gifts, etc. Can't use gift cards but Ms. Wernersaid she could help coordinate and put on technology tree by front office.
    - i. Suggestion to include information in FrostByte about opportunity to purchase technology for teachers. Julie to write information for FrostByte when she gets information from Ms. Werner on logistics.

- b. **Artist In Residence Update:** An Artist in Residence comes every other year at Robert Frost. Last year, the teachers requested that we have someone that comes in regarding writing. PTO could be involved in a committee to select the Artist in Residence, or move to doing assemblies only. There are options for PTO to consider.
4. **Treasures Report: Review Budget.** Highlights are as follows:
- a. Donations- about 62% of budget
  - b. Classroom Money- Julie to follow up with teachers regarding process and encourage to cash checks.
  - c. Target Red Card- ahead of budget
  - d. Year to Date- 45% revenue in and about 35% of expenses.
  - e. Requests for donations from clubs/leagues: Club or activity needs to submit a request to PTO and demonstrate what money is going towards. PTO would like to have money go to benefit to ALL kids not just a certain group.
5. **Teacher Report-** Teachers thankful for meals during conferences. No other updates or requests.
6. **Volunteer Update**
- a. **Student Council Movie Night-** Steph Fischer read email report from Mrs. Drekke. About 75 people attended the movie. Collected enough items for 100 Hygiene kits as a donation to Food To You Mobile pantry.
  - b. **Pizza Bingo-** raised about \$2,300. Looking for co-leader for next year as next year will be Staci's last year. Concern about cards that are multiple winners- so could request that winner turn in their bingo card when they win. Staci will determine process.
  - c. **Book Fair-** Grossed over \$8000 this year! The Grandparents Event was a huge success.
  - d. **Promotions-** Box Tops sent in October (\$1400). Target is at \$217 with 32 cardholders. Land-o-lakes (\$750). Best Buy points will be advertised and Box Top MarketPlace and Target for the holiday season.
  - e. **Sprit Wear-** Steph updated group regarding Spirit Wear in Laurie's absence. Laurie ordered 72 sweatshirts and 50 t-shirts. Good response from staff for orders for spiritwear.
  - f. **Wellness Update-** 54 children involved in Wellness committee; 2 subcommittees for Physical Fitness and Healthy Eating. Breakfast for kindergarten and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade went well. Dec 20<sup>th</sup> is Breakfast for 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Cynthia wrote grant and received money to cover the breakfasts, calendars and hula-hoop activity.
  - g. **Upcoming Events:**
    - i. Orchestra/Band In-formance- Nov 19<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. No School – Nov 21-23
    - iii. Barnes and Noble Fund Raiser on Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8pm.
      - 1. Need volunteers to:
        - a. read stories for last 30 minutes. (730-800).
        - b. gift wrapping station for free will offering to Robert Frost
      - 2. Offer vouchers for purchases that result in a % back as cash or gift card.
      - 3. Staci to do an Alert Now to request volunteers and explain event and ability to do on-line purchases too.
      - 4. Request that Tail Waggin Tutors to attend as well.
    - iv. Holiday Sing Along at 2pm on Dec 20<sup>th</sup>

- v. Wellness Breakfast on Dec 20<sup>th</sup>
- vi. No School- Dec 21- Jan 2

Julie Mickelberg moved to adjourn meeting, Mali Teller approved.

Minutes submitted by Becky Olson