

Sept 13 Minutes Robert Frost PTO

Introduction by President Nicole Osmundson welcomed and opened. Officer introduction.

Attendees:

Steph Fischer, Jamie Appel, Colleen Stavig, Meagan Rhodes, Stephanie Miller, Lori Dickerson, Brandi Ivey, Allison Osterloo, Melissa Nelson, Shelly Simantel Horr, Anita Wetsch, Mali Teller, Becky Olson, Sonjeu Mohean, Ramya Sandai, Becky Pagone, Chuck Eppe, Dani Eppe, Ann Kelly, Colleen Werner, Kristi Eglund, Shelley Bitz, Becky Cypher, Tracee Beck, Stacy Szabo, Sonja Watemback, Laurie Stadheim, Heidi Weelborg, Michelle Heath, Nicole Osmundson and Cynthia Mickelson

Minutes from May 12, 2011 meeting (see attachment)

Motion by Alison Osterloo for approval, seconded by Kristi Eglund

Passed

Agenda introduced (see attachment)

Treasurer's report

Last year's budget discussed. Treasurer Heath stated we made \$8,800 Mindcore which was over original budget. Purchased \$6,000 ipods. \$300 rockwall and remaining we purchased Teacher's gift cards for \$75 each.

This year's budget

Income:

\$10,0000 fundraiser Tech Tree

\$6,000 mindcore

\$5,500 already made on tech tree, \$146 on raffle.

Asked for \$5 from parents for parties, etc. \$300 budget shortfall just in case. \$850 for 501 (c) 3 filing.

Expenses:

\$400 Off the Fridge is new.

Field Trips \$50 emergency funds for teachers.

Boo Hoo breakfast added and will continue and \$2,000 for teacher gift cards.

\$14,000 hopefully for smart cameras!!!

Motion to Approve budget Stephanie Fischer 2nd Lori Dickerson

Passed

Donations/Fundraising

The committee is going to meet to prioritize and bring to PTO for approval.

Teacher's Report

Jamie Appel, Ms. Rhodes, Mrs. Stavig

Need volunteers for the book room from our new additions. Organize for levels. Contact Ms. Werner if you are interested in helping with this project.

Wednesday Workers; Parents can come in and help with outside busy work for teachers. Possibly every Wednesday at a certain time. Some of this work could be taken home to do at night. Please contact Ms. Werner if you are interested.

Artsonia for Art Class pictures online needs volunteers to photograph the art and place online. Please contact Megan Rhodes if you are interested in helping with this project.

Parent Volunteers for Reading Help is needed as well.

Volunteer Update Melissa Nelson and Nicole Osmundson

Sept 27 will be the room parent meeting this year.

Assemblies: Becky Pagone looking into assemblies. One is test taking preparation, Bullying, Health and Fitness. Scholarships available. Cost is approximately \$850 without a scholarship. Contact Becky if interested in researching possible assemblies.

Fabulous Friday: 2 chair people. 2-5th and K-1. Chair person positions are filled.

Spirit Wear: Laurie Stadheim is doing Spirit Wear. Ideas are water bottle, tshirts for adults as well. Will keep the annual shirt. Key chains, lanyards other possible ideas. Contact Laurie if interested in helping with Spirit wear.

Library Friends: Discussion regarding revamping Library Friends program to meet the needs Robert Frost has felt with the loss of Reading Recovery and budget cuts.

Volunteers have already been contacted for this year to continue program as is.

Volunteers are needed who are passionate about literacy to look at ways we can alter program to help our teachers and readers. Contact Mrs. Werner or Nicole Osmundson.

Artist in Residence: Artist in Residence (AIR) has been discontinued this year because the PTO chose to bring in a program that all students would benefit from. Instead of AIR, the PTO has opted to use funds for all school assemblies.

Promotions: Mali Teller, Shelly Bitz, Tracee Beck

Best Buy earning points and just started to use them. \$440 in certificates. Robert Frost's school phone number can allow points to be donated to Robert Frost. Half of \$440 used on ipod raffle and rest for wireless keyboards.

\$615 from Target Red Card Holders purchases at Target. You can designate it on your card.

Land of Lakes \$750 goal for year \$370 from summer already.

Box Tops \$2500 goal \$1,042 already. That is 6 box tops per month per student. Watch box tops for expiration dates. There are online stores that give you Box Tops. Go to Box Tops for Education website and shop through that website. Land's End, Cabella's, etc.

Next deadline end of October.

Labels for Education for Campbell's and Goldfish

Coke Rewards Points

Promotion chairs will send out an email to parents reminding them of these programs and how to use these benefits.

Wellness update: Nicole/Cynthia

Back to Football Friday well attended, applying for \$10,000 grant for outdoor playground equipment

\$1,800 FUTP 60 grant awarded already for the year.

Applied for \$2200 grant, pending

(For chef and indoor recess and classroom activity)

Doing commercial to get trip to Super Bowl for Wellness Council

Recommendation from Wellness Council to PTO to serve an option of healthy beverages at school events other than pop. Examples may include water, lemonade, milk, Gatorade.

Also to provide nutritional information of all drinks including pop.

Upcoming Events

Hobby Fair Sept 22. As of now only 10 children signed up. Lori Dickerson, chair reported that the volunteer list is good. Teachers are asked to include event information in their newsletter to parents and encourage students to participate. The event is now one hour. Set up 5:45-6:15 Starts at 6:30-7:30.

Skating Party Oct 3

Jump Rope Assembly Oct 5: funded through FUTP 60 grant. worldofjumproping.com

Mark Rothstein. All day assembly followed by American Heart Association Jump Rope for Heart event.

Pizza Bingo Oct 14- Stacy Wolf, no report, information coming out in Friday Folders.

4th/5th grade "informance" Oct 18

Wake Up to Wellness K/3rd grade Oct 21

5th grade chorus concert Oct 25

Conferences/Book Fair Nov 1, 3, 7. This fall will be the grandparents time again with lunch for book fair. January will be one for books. \$1000 possibly in cash from Book Fair if cash is taken and not scholastic dollars. Moved Mali Teller to add this income in budget and 2nd by Alison Osterloo. Passed. Volunteers no longer get a \$5 coupon to work at book fair.

CiCi's Pizza Night for Robert Frost 1st Thurs. of Month (except Sept 20).

Principal's Report Ms. Werner

Budget Impact: School district lost a ton of money and has affected all of our schools.

We lost class size reduction at Robert Frost (Federal is still around for Title I schools).

Now they are 26 approx per room (in past was maxed out at 17 students per room).

Literacy is being stressed by the district trying to individualize lessons plan yet larger classrooms. Reading Recovery was lost district wide. One to one reading for students who needed further instruction. We do have a Reading Specialist Program. These are for students who are in the bottom 20% of the District. Special Education 1.5 now only 1 teacher. Less EA, less resource.

When you check names for no school publications this includes pictures, school wide events, chorus programs, etc.

Yearbook have not been offered because we never sold enough to cover the costs. Discussed the possibility of doing it in house. Ms Werner will also check to see if we could preorder yearbooks.

Ms Werner discussed the school improvement plan and the teacher collaboration day.

Collaboration with the school district and within our school is what keeps us strong!!

Other Business:

Breadsmith thank you by Cynthia Mickelson. Breadsmith donated \$340 to match our \$5 contribution per Staff gifts so get a \$10 gift card instead of a \$5 gift.

Reminder that all information can be found on our PTO website at robertfrostpto.com.

Mali Teller will also be creating a Facebook page.

- Next meeting Tuesday, November 15, 6:30 Library childcare

Cynthia Mickelson Motion to Adjourn

Michelle Heath 2nd to Adjourn