

Minutes from April 24, 2012 Robert Frost Elementary PTO Meeting  
Robert Frost Library

Present: Colleen Werner, Cynthia Mickelson, Mali Teller, Steph Fischer, Colleen Sorensen, John Haak, Colleen Stavig, Nicole Valnes, Dani Eppe, Dawn Stenberg, Allison Osterloo, Nicole Osmundson, Michelle Heath, Tracee Beck, Ann Kelly, Melissa Marso, Julie Mickelberg, Karen Halverson, Shannon Graber (PASI), Carly Reiter (PASI), Becky Olson, Brandi Ivey, Brenda Hill (Principal Rosa Parks)

President Nicole Osmundson called the meeting to order. Minutes from our Jan. 24, 2012, meeting were reviewed. Motion by Allison Osterloo, second by Tracee Beck for approval. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Heath reviewed our current outstanding expenses and stated we possibly have another \$2,400 for more technology this year. Cynthia Mickelson offered to look into a sign that we can post reminding people of PTO meetings. CiCi's Pizza closed so will not recover \$30 they owe us. Melissa Marso will look into Godfather's Fedora fundraising. Next year's budget was reviewed. Fundraising she placed at \$6,000 since we do not know what project we will do next year. Special Projects will be determined next year. Motion by Colleen Sorensen to approve, second by Melissa Marso. Report approved.

Fundraising: (Steph Fishcer) Mindcore allowed us to purchase 7 apple TV/iPad combos (approx. \$180 for TV, \$494 for iPad), 16 iPods, and 9 SMART cameras. Every classroom now has either iPad/Apple TV or SMART camera. Next year, one of these will go in 1 of the Spanish immersion classrooms. We will need to get one more for the remaining classroom.

Promotions: (Mali Teller) Our goal for Box Tops was \$2,500 and we raised \$2,800 so far. She is looking into prizes for end of the year. May 4 will be last deadline for Box Tops this year. Land O' Lakes goals was \$750 and we have raised \$847 thus far. She will provide a cold treat for the winning class. We have 31 red card holders who have helped us raise \$595 for Target, you must designate your school. Currently, we have \$15 banked in certificates.

Teacher's Report: Room Party money for next year needs to be handled differently, possibly have the classroom teacher monitor. Technology: Colleen Stavig, John Haak, Nicole Valnes, Karen Halverson and Amy Dreke (by letter) shared how they are using the technology we provided for them this year. iPads are probably better for younger children and for sharing due to fine motor skills and ability to see the monitor by the teacher as he/she is surveying the class. 2 iPads per classroom would be ideal. The iPods and iPads are much better than the mobile labs except for when students need to type reports or do power point projects. Teachers will be asked to provide apps for parents for their students for the final newsletter. President Osmundson thanked the teachers for embracing the technology and making this a success. Principal Werner reported that 51 iPads have been allocated to Robert Frost for net year and 41 tablets for the following year.

Old Business:

Spirit Wear(Lori Stadheim via Nicole Osmundson) Inventory is 6 less than last report. Hoodies are the big request. Might have a "Spirit Days" next year.

New Business:

Off the Fridge is May 5 at the Washington Pavilion. Miss Rhodes is selecting a sampling throughout the school.

Officer Nominations are being taken through May 7. Still no candidates for Vice President and Treasurer.

By-Laws: Revised version on the website. Will vote on May 7.

Special Meeting, May 7 at 6:30 pm Robert Frost Library for Officer Elections and By Laws revisions.

2 Audit Volunteers needed, Tracee Beck and Mali Teller volunteered.

Open Chair Positions for next year: Family Conference Meals (Julie Mickelberg volunteered), Art Show/Ice Cream Social, Quiz Bowl/Mindcore, Wellness Committee and Fundraising Committee (with Steph Fischer).

Teacher Appreciation Week (Colleen Sorenson and Melissa Marso) is going great.

There will be an Alert Now to remind everyone. Bring in gift cards to donate. There will be a Luncheon Tuesday for the Staff.

Talent Show auditions are continuing this week.

Pastries for Parents May 11.

Awards are May 15

Welcome Home Garden project was discussed. Info will be on the PTO website.

Principals Report

Military Appreciation was a success

\$1,400 was raised in Weekly Reader mailing

Ms. Werner introduced Shannon Graber, Carly Reiter and Brenda Hill from Rosa Parks and PASI (Parent Advocates for Spanish Immersion) to discuss the addition of Spanish Immersion to Robert Frost.

Principal Werner added that due to success with the magazine mailings, the school will purchase a minimal amount of weekly readers next year.

Motion to adjourn made by Tracee Beck, second by Becky Olson. Passed.

Cynthia Mickelson, Secretary