

Minutes for January 24, 2012 Robert Frost PTO Meeting

Robert Frost Library

Present: Michelle Heath, Nicole Osmundson, Stephanie Fischer, Mali Teller, Tracee Beck, Brandi Ivey, Shelley Bitz, Allison Osterloo, Lori Hahn, Audra Pooley, Ellen Haugrud, Danielle Eppe, Chuck Eppe, Sonja Watembach, Laurie Stadheim, Jeanne Jackson, Brandon Bitz, Colleen Werner and Cynthia Mickelson

Welcome by President Nicole Osmundson. Review of Minutes from November 15, 2011 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes by Brandi Ivey, 2nd by Allison Osterloo. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: \$10,000 currently in our account. Will use \$7,000 for rest of the school year's expenses, which will leave \$3,000 to carry over for next year. This will help cover gift cards to teachers for the beginning of 2012-2013 school year. Currently, we are approximately \$600 in the hole on Spirit Wear. We will recoup approximately \$500. We will display shirts in the office window, during conferences and on the website to promote sales. If you need a tax donation sheet, please contact Michelle Heath and she will email you a receipt. We are in need of a Treasurer for next year. Motion by Mali Teller and 2nd by Sonja Watembach to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Donations/Fundraising: We raised \$8,000 for Mindcore, will purchase remaining 7 smart cameras and 13-14 more iPod touches. No more fundraising for this school year.

Teacher's Report: Lori Hahn, Ellen Haugrud and Audra Pooley wanted to thank PTO for all of our support.

Promotions: Tracee Beck said coke points are going well. Will use for prizes to award for Box Top contributors. Mali Teller also stated we have used in past for indoor recess kits. We are on budget for all of our Promotions. We have gone from 54 to 60 online supporters. Currently, we have redeemed \$2,000 in Box Tops and will probably have another \$700-800 before the end of the year (budget was \$2,500). Land O Lakes is at \$618, our goal is \$750. We went from 21 to 29 Target Red Card Holders and have earned \$334.07 which will be awarded in September 2012. Best Buy we have \$15 in rewards certificates. Shelly Haan reported to Mali that we have 12,000 points for Labels for Education. Discussion was had regarding providing playground balls with our prize points since school spends \$500-750 per year on new playground balls. Further discussion on a system to make students more accountable with playground balls so less are lost or damaged.

Old Business: **Mindcore** pledges were \$8,188.72 and we have collected \$7,037.60. PTO is covering the Brooks family donation. 44 students have not returned their pledge forms. Next year, let's go later into January. Some parents did not want to do Mindcore since had already given to the Technology Tree. **Literacy Project** we have 11 volunteers however, would like 17. We will need to organize the book

room as well. **Spirit Wear** we have 150 of regular shirts remaining, will also display at Kindergarten Roundup. Motion by Michelle Heath to donate 4 shirts to Brooks family, 2nd by Tracee Beck. Motion passed. **To Do Bucket** seems to be workings. If nothing in the bucket, parents may go to the Art Room or Library to see if help needed.

New Business: By-Laws/Policies need to be reviewed and written. New Officers and Committee Chairs needed for next year. Might have a special meeting for nomination/election of officers. Stephanie Fischer will be the President for next year. PTO supported the Student Council's collection of money and gift cards for the Brooks family who lost their home to fire.

Other Business: Library Friends will be continued.

Principal's Report: Dakota Step testing will be April 10-16 with make up dates of April 17 and 18. SAT 10 testing results for 5th grade are back and students were above 50% in all subjects except composition (46%). New Math curriculum will be called Investigations. New 3rd grade teacher is Miss Washburn, recent graduate of USF.

Motion to adjourn, Allison Osterloo. Sonja Watembach seconded, meeting dismissed.

Presentation on Olweus Bullying by Ms. Werner and Brandon Bitz.

Upcoming Events:

Jan 31 Skating Party

Feb 9, 13, 14 Parent Teacher Conferences

Feb 14 Valentine's Day Parties

Feb 15-20 No School

Feb 27-March 2 Read Across America

March 8 Band/Orchestra Concert

March 9 Wake Up to Wellness

March 13 Science Fair

March 15 2nd Grade Vocal Concert

March 23 Fabulous Friday/early dismissal

March 26 Robert Frost's Birthday

March 29 Kindergarten Round Up 3:30-6:30

April 5-9 No School

April 10-16 Dakota Step Testing

April 12 Art/Ice Cream Social