

Robert Frost PTO Meeting – Monday, September 14, 2015

Attendees: Kristy Dillon (President), Laurie Stadheim (Treasurer), Mali Teller (Secretary), Michelle Wigg, Shelly Masek, Tami Burkard, Suzie Hernes, Tracee Beck, Ashley Allington, Jennifer Stensaas, Nicole Osmundson, Shannon VanBuskirk, Holly Hofer (2nd grade teacher), Julie Parker, Natalie Scott, Julie Person, Magali Ruiz de Carazo, Jeannie Blackman, Johanna Simpson,

1. Welcome & introductions

2. Meeting Minute Review

- a. Jeannie Blackman Motioned to pass
- b. Suzie Hernes 2nd

3. Approval of 2015-2016 budget – Laurie Stadheim

-went over last year's budget and differences from this year

-Target Red Card funds are going to school rather than PTO and we took assignment book budget off to compensate

-budget low due to low contributions

-classrooms to receive \$8/student

-added teacher lunch for their first day which was open house

-explanation of history bowl and plans for the 50th birthday for October 25th 2015

- a. Tracee Beck Motioned to pass
- b. Jennifer Stensaas 2nd

4. Approval of Interim Vice President – Kristy Dillon

-No Vice President as of now. Suggested to appoint an interim VP (Tracee Beck)

-Any possible candidates can contact Kristy Dillon via Robert Frost email

- a. Tami Burkard motioned to pass
- b. Nicole Osmundson 2nd

5. President's Report – Kristy Dillon

-We will be sending more information home through Friday folders this year to see if we get better responses. Uniform color for communications from the PTO – fluorescent pink

-Downsizing of the PTO schedule due to capacity limitations.

-So far this year we hosted the teacher luncheon, boo-hoo/yahoo breakfast for kindergarten parents, open house and picture day

-Discussion of picture day. Next year we won't have picture day during the first week of school, was that way due to the need to schedule and the calendar vote. A suggestion was made to have it at open house like middle school. Concerns were that the parents would ask for multiple shots and the amount of time we have for elementary open house vs middle school open house.

-Upcoming events – Need a chair for Hobby Fair. Julie Mickelberg will chair Cardboard Challenge portion. These two events are being held together to blend Robert Frost & Challenge Center and will be held Oct 1. Cardboard Challenge is an event that was previously held at Garfield/Challenge Center. Students create things using only cardboard. This event encourages creativity, teamwork, and socialization.

-Committee for History Bowl – Kristy Dillon,

-Shelly Masek has integrated the PTO activity calendar into a Google Calendar. This will be available to anyone to download. Parents will need the link to get to the public calendar.

-Question about having one sign up genius for the year for the whole year. Listing of events, description of events and need for volunteers would be helpful for new challenge center families. It was decided to send out a list of events and their description to new families (Kindergarten and challenge center).

6. Principal's Report – Ms. Colleen Werner

-90% participation for open house

-Discussion of drop off/pick up and the frustrations from the first week. Each day gets smoother.

-Discussed plans for the 50th anniversary. Past & retired teachers will be here. Ms. Werner wants t-shirts to be available for each student. Cost would be under \$5/shirt. She is looking for financial help to make this possible. Robert Frost Taking the Road less Traveled will be the saying on the t-shirt. Teachers are busy planning special events to commemorate each decade of Robert Frost.

-2016-2017 enrollment will be 625-650. Questions about what next year looks like and Ms. Werner will advocate to not house any other programs and just be Robert Frost & Challenge Center.

7. Adjournment

- a. Jeanne Blackman Motioned
- b. Suzie Hernes 2nd