

## **SEND MINUTES TO MICHELLE**

### **Robert Frost PTO Meeting May 7, 2013**

**Attendees:** Tracee Beck, Michelle Heath, Jennifer Stensaas, Melissa Nelson, Dani Eppe, Colleen Sorenson, Julie Mickelberg, Shelly Bitz, Shannon Gray, Ann Kelly, Laurie Stadheim, Susan Eichacker, Steph Fischer and Joe Wright.

#### **Welcome**

**Minutes** are posted on the website. Any concerns or corrections, please contact Michelle Heath.

**Treasure's Report:** Julie distributed the report as current for today May 7, 2013.

#### **Highlights:**

- Spirit Wear and Quiz bowl had more donations than budgeted.
- Couple more expenses from Fabulous Friday that have been submitted.
- May want to look at expected amounts for Spirit Wear next year.
- Expecting a little more than budgets for expenses for teacher appreciation week.

**Current balance:** \$21,058.36.

#### **Proposal for expenditures:**

- Carry over \$5000 (bylaws require \$3000)
- Max to allocate is \$16,000 – consider some year end expenses that are yet to be submitted and paid.

**Requests:** Total: \$11, 600 original (\$14,000 with new requests)

- Book Room: \$6000 original request but Mr Wright stated that \$7400 would cover all expenses.
  - Includes \$416 that will be spent next year so that we qualify for a corporate matching fund.
- Teacher Requests: \$4000 for various teacher requests
- iPods: \$2400
- Resource- Keyboards \$200

#### **Additional Discussion**

- Request from Mr. Wright for PTO to commit to \$2000-\$3000 per year for 2-3 years to keep up with Book Room. Robert Frost would commit building funds as well.
- Teachers would like the book room extra dollars instead of the various teacher requests if they and to pick one of the items.
- Request from Ms. Adams, Counselor, for a Conflict Management program for the younger grades. We currently have curriculum for the older kids but it can't be used for the younger kids. Cost is \$420.

- Question whether this is used at various schools or just Robert Frost.
- Questions about how much the iPods will be used if those same grades are getting the Chrome books. Thought is that the iPods will be used for reinforcement learning and independent learning where the Chrome pads will be used for classroom learning.

**Motion:**

- Motion to approve the \$14000 and to include any options we have from Best Buy Rewards.
  - Julie Mickelberg proposed and Laurie Stadheim seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- Motion to earmark \$420 for Conflict management pending clarification on other schools using and potential resources provided by other schools.
  - Julie Mickelberg proposed and Melissa Nelson seconded motion. Motion approved.

**Promotions:**

- Last Call for Box Tops with the awards given out at last day of school program. Earned \$1700 for this school year. Question to Promotions committee to look into Pizza Ranch collection as well. We currently do the Godfathers Pizza promotion.

**Wellness Update:**

Changes coming for next year. Looking to do 15-20 students for next year. Tiffinay Riley will be joining the advisor group. Have enough money for now so no focus on additional grant money. Have a field day on the calendar for next year and the wellness council will head that up. Looking to have more events for all kids to participate in.

**Fabulous Friday:**

Event went well. Mixed reports on the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade option of putting them on a bus. Susan strongly suggests to not do it on the early dismissal day but there are too many schools doing events on that day so hard to get busses or field trips scheduled. If we are going to continue doing this, event coordinator needs to start scheduling the events this next week as the competition for the events is so high. Would like to do events in school and not travel but we cant get parents to volunteer. Next year will have over 500 kids to plan events with for next year. Need to consider liability and volunteer availability. Kristi Dillion may do it for the younger kids. Consider the fact that some kids aren't able to participate in physical activities. Would like field trips to be curriculum based. Teachers have ideas of what they would like to take with their kids. Some schools use the Quiz Bowl money to allocate funds for each grade to go on field trips.

**Options**

1. Field trip but only for one-two grades as it is very expensive. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade doesn't really have a grade field trip so should we allow 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

2. On early dismissal day, PTO could sponsor popcorn and movie
3. Consider field day tie in with Dome and Lincoln coaches and student athletes.
4. Keep students here and rotate between sessions on site. Could be just a couple hours- not necessary to do full day.
5. Transition to Fabulous Field Day

Steph Fischer motioned to start a committee to look at how to revamp Fabulous Friday. Steph will look into what each class wants and what each grade does.

**Art Show:** Steph reported back from Melissa Marso. Went over budget by about \$30. Committee would like to look at options for hanging up art. Sold about 500 ice cream cones. Will be able to have with the book fair next year.

**Kindergarten Round Up:** Went well this year. 5<sup>th</sup> graders gave tours. Kids received a light up keychain. Practiced using the lunch line with cookies donated from Camilles and practicing open their milk.

**Teacher Appreciation:** Luncheon tomorrow. Gift card tree is in process now. Keurig donations are low. Request to send Alert Now to parents to donate money for Keurig machine. Looking for about \$150 in donations. Request to add “any extra funds will go to the teachers coffee budget for next year”.

#### **Administration Update**

- 2 more Spanish immersion classes added
- Lori Stverak has resigned and is teaching in Rapid
- Colleen Stavig has accepted a reading specialist position
- 1 additional 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher added
- Some teachers moving to new positions
- Miss Stroh moving to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- Others not finalized yet
- Short a classroom so looking at options- maybe taking down the computer lab as the kids have Chrome books.
- 8 new classrooms added for fall of 2015 but details have not been decided yet.
- Field trip forms- request to fill out in beginning of year for current year. Have to redo each year. Getting a lot of requests for now for spring and not enough time to process forms. Request that District streamline the process because it is very confusing due to multiple forms.

#### **Postions:**

**Officer Slate:** Motion approved.

President: Michelle Heath

Steph, Julie M

Vice President: Tracee Beck

Steph, Laurie S.

Treasurer: Laurie Stadheim

Steph, Tracee

Secretary: Mali Teller

Steph, Becky

**Talent Show:** Would we like to have Talent Show as part of school year for 2013-2014? Not much interest in parent or anyone to chair event. Doesn't seem like there is much interest in the event and so won't add to calendar. Could offer to Spanish Immersion group to see if there is any interest in doing a Fiesta or multi-cultural event.

**Meeting Adjourned.**