

Robert Frost / Challenge Center PTO Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 14, 2021 @ 6:30 pm Robert Frost Library

1. Welcome and Introductions

Attendees: Rachel Eggers-Ferry, Alison Hanes, Tim Purintun, Dori Perkins, Lynn Gillette, Alyssa, Jennifer Stensaas, Jill Smith

- a. Mission Statement - The purpose of our organization is to bring together the unique abilities of our parents to compliment the unique abilities of our teachers and staff in order to create support for our children's educational experience.
- b. Objectives - The objectives of this organization are to promote:
 - Fundraisers and donations to support our school, activities and events.
 - Social events to bring home and school into a closer relationship.
 - Volunteer opportunities in the school.

2. Chair Reports - Upcoming Events - committees need volunteers to chair and help in order to have the following events

- a. Welcome breakfast for Staff - this went well
- b. Request for Picture Day volunteers also went well, all volunteer spots filled very quickly
- c. Conference Meals - using Sign-Up Genius with donation button to cover all of the meals
- d. Book Fair - Chair is now Sonja
 - i. Will work with office on distributing fliers
 - ii. Open 10/12 12-7:30 and 10/14 3-7:30
- e. Skate City 10/28
- f. Quiz Bowl 11/12-11/17
 - i. Discussed if there are any volunteers to run this; it is the main fundraiser for the PTO to raise funds;
 - ii. Jill to look into whether any additional online options are available.
- g. Movie Night 12/7
 - i. 2-4 volunteers
 - ii. Kids vote on the movie
- h. Hobby Fair 2/24
- i. Movie Night 3/24
- j. Science Fair 4/21 (date tentative) - in the past this has also included the art show, ice cream social, and the BOGO book fair
- k. Teacher Appreciation 5/2 - 5/6 - Chair is Tara again this year
 - i. Teachers loved the "store" and would like that again

3. Principals Report - Mrs. Gillette

- a. Current enrollment = 598
- b. 6 new teachers

- c. 2 sections in 3rd and 4th grades so class sizes are large
- d. 5th grade music program
 - i. Mrs Balo wants to have it be more creative this year and student led
- e. Playground updates
 - i. Zipline & glider construction delayed
 - ii. Funded by the FunRun
- f. Chess Club - an individual reached out about starting a chess club at the school
 - i. Possible if PTO sponsored
 - ii. Rachel to look into how other schools have handled it.

4. New Business

- a. Spirit Wear - working on getting this set up; possibly changing vendor

5. Financial Report - Tim

- a. The financials audit was completed
- b. Overall budget presented is the same as last year

Present current budget status - Motion ___Lynn___ and 2nd___Rebecca___

6. Old Business

- a. Remaining funds from last year - agree to distribute to the school; probable use will be the Bookroom to provide books for individual classrooms.
- b. Recruitment for PTO
 - i. Send out fliers in Friday folder
 - ii. Existing documents are available in the Google Docs folder to send out
 - iii. Utilize Sign-Up Genius more going forward to seek out volunteers
 - iv. Utilize social media more

7. Takeaways:

- a. PTO letter into Friday folders
- b. Use Signup Genius for Fall activities

8. Adjourn - Motion Jill & 2nd Alison

Next PTO meeting will be November 16, 2021 @ 5:30 pm

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