

## Robert Frost PTO Meeting - Monday, January 23rd, 2017

Attendees: Shelli Masek (President), Jennifer Stensaas (Co-VP), Beatrice Skyberg (Treasurer), Julie Person (Secretary), Colleen Werner (Principal), Jessica Knigge (Kindergarten teacher), Vanessa Janssen, John Pagone, Tami Burkard, Tina Zhang, Lee Saeger, Natalie Scott, Sonia Ohling, Sharon Ulin

- Welcome and introductions - Shelli Masek
- Approval of the agenda - Shelli Masek
  - Sharon Ulin motioned to approve the agenda
  - Colleen Werner 2nd to approve the agenda
- Approval of September 2016 minutes - Shelli Masek
  - Jennifer Stensaas motioned to approve the minutes
  - Jessica Knigge 2nd to approve the minutes
- Introduce artist Jason Folkerts - Colleen Werner
  - Jason is a local SF resident and attended Robert Frost elementary as a child. He is an illustrator, cartoonist, comic book artist, mural artist, and does art education. Jason has proposed an artist in residency program for our school with some extras. He would do eight sessions a day for two days that would include all Robert Frost students from K-5. Each classroom would have a 30 minute session. Jason would help each student create their own cartoon character and the art education that goes along with that. At the end of the two days, Jason would host a superhero night for families where everyone can create their own superhero. There would also be giveaway drawings of Jason's original artwork. Also, as a part of the deal, Jason would do a mural for our school. The proposal is \$2600 for the two days with the students, the superhero night, and the mural. He has a website for reference - [www.jasonfolkerts.com](http://www.jasonfolkerts.com)
- Chair Reports - Shelli Masek
  - Kindergarten Round Up (Tami Burkard) - The event will be held on March 30th. Everything is going well and nothing is needed from the PTO at this time. There were too many 5th grade volunteers last year so Tami will work on narrowing that down this year. The 5th grade volunteers will get pizza after school while they get their instructions. The future kindergarteners will be able to pick out a book to take home with them. There will be minute to win it games with food containers to help encourage parents to teach their children independence prior to the start of kindergarten. They are working on packets to hand out at the event. We would like to include information on PTO, as well as the fundraising items we collect.
  - Science Fair (Ms. Werner) - Kristy Egland provided Ms. Werner with an update since she was not able to make it to the meeting. The event will be held on March 13th from 6:30-8pm. She has requested funding from Sanford Health to pay for all the extras. She has Augie students as judges. The top 3 science fair winners will be entered into the Washington Pavilion competition. They are looking for new chair people for next year. Hopefully we'll be able to locate someone soon

so they can be trained this year. Sonia Ohling will talk with a couple that she knows to see if they would be interested.

- Wellness Council (Colleen Werner) - Nicole Osmundson was not able to make it to the meeting, but Ms. Werner updated that we have three new parent volunteers to take over for next year.
- Arts Festival (Colleen Werner) - The event will be held on either April 7th or April 21st. We still need a chairperson for this event. There are things in the works with Boyd Perkins and the Sioux Empire Arts Council. More details need to be decided, such as what to do for ice cream treats, etc. The PTO has worked with the art teacher, Meagan Rhodes, to simplify things and make it easier on her.
- Conferences (Colleen Werner and Jennifer Stensaas) Conferences will be held February 9th, 14th, and 16th. Ms. Werner will send out an email with the sign up genius links for both food donations for staff meals, as well as for book fair volunteers. The emails will go out after the conference times are sent home so parents can volunteer accordingly. We have three new bookfair volunteers that will be in training.
- Treasurer Report - Beatrice Skyberg
  - The interim report date was changed to 8/1/16 through 12/31/16.
  - The donation line item includes both PTO donations and classroom enrichment funds, which is approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the funds for PTO donations and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the funds for classroom enrichment.
  - Beatrice added the PY (Whole Year) column to our budget.
  - We have had troubles with Great Western bank now that they have merged with Home Federal. Beatrice would like us to think about switching to a new bank next fall that is smaller and more willing to work with us and have better customer service.
  - Beatrice is still checking in to online hosting options so we can go paperless.
- President's Report - Shelli Masek
  - We raised approximately \$10,500 through the Quiz Bowl this year. Our numbers are down with only 40% for student participation so we talked about if we should continue this event or think about other fundraisers or how to increase student participation. Shelli motioned for us to approve to spend our earnings by giving each teacher \$10 per student to use for classroom enrichment/field trips and also to spend \$2600 for Jason Folkert's proposal. Tami Burkard was 2nd to approve. All were in favor. We will notify parents through an end of the year newsletter letting them know how the Quiz Bowl funds were spent.
- Principal's Report - Colleen Werner
  - Ms. Werner did not have anything to add other than the chair reports that were already discussed.