

PTO Minutes

January 27th, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Becky Olson at 6:35 pm. Those in attendance were Staci Wolff, Allison Osterloo, Shelley Bitz, Dawn Stenberg, Mali Teller, Melisa Marso, Julie Westra, Nicole Osmundson, Michelle Heath, Gail Widman, Gesine Ziebarth, Collen Werner, Susan Eichacker, Heidi Weelborg, Brandi Ivey

Meeting was started following a presentation by Todd Vik from the school district about proposed budget cuts.

Last meetings minutes motion to approve made by Mali Teller, second by Allison Osterloo. Meeting minutes approved.

Treasure report given by Michelle Heath. Motion to approve made by Brandi Ivey, second by Staci Wolff. Treasure report approved.

Communications- Becky reviewed different communication methods used by the PTO. Reminder given to submit items to the Frost Byte so that Ms Werner can put them into the newsletter. Brandi Ivey has also done a fantastic job on our PTO website. Parents are encouraged to frequently check the website for updates at robertfrostpto.com.

Mindcore is being organized for sometime in March. Belva Kurtz will be in charge. Discussion held on items to use money made from event. Ideas suggested are cork strips for walls, sign for outside of building, smart camera, flip cameras, games for indoor recess times. Melisa Marso will develop a survey for teachers to get input as to their suggestions. The need to have some sort of incentive for the students was emphasized in order to make Mindcore a successful fundraiser. Decision on what to use money made from Mindcore on will be discussed at next PTO meeting.

Molly Teller gave an update on promotions. Robert Frost is easily meeting goals for promotional awards thus far. Melissa Marso is waiting to hear back from Pizza Ranch on 41st regarding incentives for boxes for our school.

Heidi Weelborg gave an update on the book fair. Discussion was held on if the PTO wants to cash out our profits or continue to use money for books. Currently we are not using all our profits for books so we have money not being utilized. Melissa Marson will add a question to the teacher survey to get their input in this issue. Group agreed to eliminate \$5.00 voucher for those who volunteer to work at the book fair.

Nicole Osmundson gave an update on the Wellness Program. She informed the group that the Fuel Up to Play 60 program received a \$1900 grant to continue programs throughout the rest of the year. She will put an update in the Frost Bytes.

Ms Werner gave her Principals report. Artist in Residence application is being submitted. Dates were given for the 5th grade retreat, I can graduation and Patrol parties. Volunteers are needed for the patrol parties. There will be an all school even for Read Across America week. There was discussion if parents would be interested in participating in the "Reach out Program" in which parents send out postcards and receive money back for the school for each magazine purchased. Parents recommend not to participate in this program but instead continue with the Time for Kids/Weekly Reader program as we have in the past.

Ms Werner gave a brief presentation on test score results for the 3rd and 4th graders in writing that they received this week. Robert Frost scored above the district average.

Ms Werner announced 4 retirements within our building. They include Gail Widman, Roxie Ahlbrecht, Deb Hansen and Jean Hicks. Appreciation was given for their dedication to the students at Robert Frost and they will be deeply missed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Osmundson