

Robert Frost PTO Meeting - Monday, January 22, 2018

Attendees: Jill Smith (President) Jennifer Stensaas (VP), Julie Person (Secretary), Colleen Werner (Principal), Rachel Dewey (3rd grade), John Pagone, Tami Burkard, Sonia Ohling, Natalie Scott, Nicole Osmundson, Chuda, Pamphe, Apshana

- Welcome and introductions - Jill Smith
- Approval of the agenda - Jill Smith
 - Colleen Werner motioned to approve the agenda
 - Jennifer Stensaas 2nd to approve the agenda
- Approval of March 20th minutes - Jill Smith
 - Jennifer Stensaas motioned to approve the minutes
 - Julie Person 2nd to approve the minutes
- Additions to the agenda- Jill Smith
 - No additions or deletions.
- Angela Blosmo - Cherrydale - The Cherrydale company was started 110 years ago on the East coast and the company is new to SD. This is a fundraising opportunity for our school to raise money for playground improvements. Cherrydale offers many fundraising products, but Angela suggested cookie dough or chocolate bar sales for spring, although they are now offering fun runs as well. She suggested an assembly to kick things off. We would collect orders and count money and Angela would do the rest. We would receive 50% of sales on chocolate bars and 40% of sales on everything else. She can customize an online store for us.
- Chair Reports - Jill Smith
 - Spirit Gear - We talked about opening the online store again in March for our final sale of the year.
 - Quiz Bowl - We have collected \$16,150 so far and have had expenses of \$130 for popcorn and \$500 for the movie license. We have approximately \$30 more of popcorn expenses for the last few classes that are waiting for the movie Wonder to come out. Room 511 won the classroom prize for having the highest percentage of correct questions answered. Room 412 won the highest dollar amount raised and we awarded room 312 with the prize for the highest percentage of students returning pledge sheets. Each classroom gets to pick a treat to have.
 - Hobby Fair (Jill Smith) We had 49 entries with 57 students participating. It was recommended to push the event back a week next year so there was a little extra time after winter break. It was also recommended to shorten the time of the event by 15 minutes.
 - Conference Meals (Jill Smith) We have monetary donations from the last round of conferences to use to purchase one of the meals. We will leave food out longer to provide more time for teachers to eat and will try to make sure the clean up gets done.
 - Book Fair (Jennifer Stensaas) We will have the "Grand" event during spring conferences. Students are encouraged to invite someone to have lunch with them and shop the book fair. We will need 2 volunteers per day. The sign up genius link will go out soon. We are asking family members to RSVP to ensure we have enough space for everyone. We will also have a BOGO book fair at the art show and ice cream social in April.
 - Science Fair (Sonia Ohling) Kristi Eglund has passed on all the information to the new committee and they will be receiving the same grant as we have in years past. We talked about spreading out into both the gym and MPR this year. We might add a Science Club

for 4th and 5th graders and provide materials and support so more students can participate. We also talked about adding an "I did it" category for the younger students.

- Treasurer Report - Jill Smith
 - Jill added a column on the budget spreadsheet to reflect income that we have yet to receive and expenses we have yet to pay. Our checkbook balance as of 1/20/18 is \$19,412.25. We have \$5500 in extra funds from the Quiz Bowl to spend. Julie Person motioned to allocate \$8 per student. Colleen Werner 2nd to approve.
- Principal's Report - Colleen Werner
 - The staff continues to work on the reading initiative. The students recently went through MAP testing. Teachers will have a ½ day data dig to look at students' performance.
 - The students were issued a ticket for every month they had perfect attendance this school year. Students are able to put in a ticket for each staff member who is willing to get in the dunk tank in May. So far Ms. Werner, Mr. E, and Mrs. Rhodes are in the lead with the most votes. Dairy Queen also issues a certificate to students with perfect attendance each quarter.
 - The Wellness Council and Student Council combined this year with Mr. E managing the grant and working with the students.
 - We received a nearly \$3K "rebate" for energy conservation at the school. Ms. Werner is polling the staff for suggestions on what to spend it on.
- New Business
 - We will look for dates this spring to add a family movie night now that we have an unlimited movie license this year.
 - We brainstormed more ideas on fundraising for new playground equipment. We discussed reaching out to other schools for ideas like Sonia Sotomayor and Edison's fun runs and possible grant writing.
 - We brainstormed ideas on how to have more family involvement for events like Fabulous Field Day. We talked about simplifying that day and also having an evening option.
 - There are requests to have another pizza bingo night so we discussed options for having a bingo night or family game night like having it at Burnside Bingo and having game stations at school.
- Adjourn
 - Tami Burkard motioned to adjourn the meeting.
 - Natalie Scott second to adjourn the meeting.