

Robert Frost / Challenge Center PTO Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 11, 2021 @ 6:30 pm via ZOOM

Meeting Recording: [January 2021 PTO Meeting](#)

1. Join Zoom Mtg

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Attendees: Jennifer Stensaas, Dori Perkins, Tim Purintun, Mike, Alison Hanes, Lynn Gilette, Jill Smith, Jay Kahl, Jen Peterson, Kjerstin, Alissa Hoekstra, (iphone), Sonja Ohling, Cliff White

Discussed - future, using Zoom account other than Jill's; the school has an account that can possibly be utilized going forward.

2. Welcome and Introductions - Jennifer Stensaas

- 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:
 1. Fundraisers and donations to support our school, activities and events.
 2. Social events to bring home and school into a closer relationship.
 3. Volunteer opportunities in the school.

3. Additions or deletions to agenda - Motion __Lynn__ and 2nd __Alison__

4. Approval of November 2020 minutes - Motion _Tim_ and 2nd _Alissa__

5. Chair reports – PAST events

- a. Quiz Bowl - Jill Smith
 - i. November Quiz Bowl - went entirely virtual; we did make the school wide goal (\$16,000); provided movie parties for all classes with treats; prizes have all been delivered and handed out except those who earned shirts (they are pending the next spirit wear delivery)
 - ii. Main fundraiser for the entire year
- b. Spirit wear - Jennifer Stensaas; \$800 profit
 - i. First year working directly with a vendor for Spirit Wear
 - ii. Used Dakota Sports to open an online store with a large variety of options for purchase.
 - iii. No expenses, costs included in the orders themselves.
 - iv. There will also be another sale in late March / early April that will allow more time to place orders.
 - v. If there are any suggestions for products, please let the PTO know,

6. Chair reports – UPCOMING events

- a. **Virtual** Hobby Fair - We will be showcasing student's hobby via a photo and short 2-minute video on our [website](#). So far, 13 students have signed up to participate! Deadline extended: <https://forms.gle/vnEvab2fYu5PDwGF7>
 - i. January 28th, links will be open for about 2 weeks.
 - ii. Will send out another notice for signups
 - iii. Discussion on whether or not to allow students to promote sales of things related to their hobbies; Lynn is going to double check with IPC on the rules.
- b. Teacher Conference Meals - Sign-ups nearly complete in one day! (57 - \$10 sponsorships in less than 2 hours!) Donate online at <https://robertfrostpto.com/donate/conference-meal-donation/>
 - i. All signups are filled for this! Great job parents!
- c. **Virtual** Book Fair - Scholastic will open the fair for "previewing" ahead of time for this virtual fair. Link to order is <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/rfcc> but you will not be able to place orders until Jan 18 - Jan 31. All orders ship home and book-only orders over \$25 ship free.
 - i. Jennifer is working with other Scholastic fair coordinators to brainstorm more ideas for promoting the book fair.
- d. Spring Spiritwear store; Comments: add long-sleeved tshirts to the store, add of "Class of..." tshirts for kids

7. Chair reports - ONGOING events

- a. Rewards Programs
 - i. [Boxtops for Education](#) - Alissa Hugelman
 - 1. Download the box tops app to your mobile device or send clipped box tops to school and place in the collection bins.
 - ii. [AmazonSmiles](#) Rewards - (0.5% of sales, distributed quarterly)
 - iii. [Coca-Cola Give](#) - Jennifer Stensaas
 - 1. Use your mobile device to scan your coke caps @ <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/> or send to school and place in the collection bins.
 - 2. Each cap is worth .05 and look for codes worth more inside cardboard packaging
- b. [Ronald McDonald's Pop Tab Program](#) - Please continue to save your pop tabs over the summer! We have a volunteer that collects and delivers them to the Ronald McDonald House in Sioux Falls.

8. Principal's report - Mrs. Gillette / Alissa Hoektra (Admin Intern)

- a. It has been amazing to see how well our school has been doing with masks and hand washing.
- b. Staff has been really focusing on helping students goal set, give one on one feedback, monitor progress, and self adjust. Go slower to go further! Tied mostly to Dreambox (Math program that is set to the individual student's abilities).
- c. Next staff meeting they will be having discussions on giving quality feedback and getting coaching on providing quality feedback.
- d. Will be hosting another fun run in March - Students will be running/walking for their laps; prior year top fundraising classes got to turn the admins into human cheeseballs - they have been able to do this finally after Covid prevented it sooner. This should be around the beginning of March.
- e. Any additional fundraising things coming up? Since there isn't a student council this year, any collections are by class only.
- f. 3rd quarter there will still be no field trips, and this may also still be true in 4th quarter.
- g. Still no visitors 3rd quarter.
- h. Professional Learning Communities - teachers are still not able to work with these groups and students don't switch classrooms for individual education. Teachers are still able, though, to meet in their groups to design the best interventions that they can.
- i. Dreambox question - suggestion to consider Prodigy - a math role playing game for kids, parents can set goals and award prizes; Lynn can bring this back to the district curriculum coordinator as a suggestion and/or to get additional information on how they selected the one they did - what is used in the classroom is determined by the district

9. Financial report - Tim Purintun

- a. Added quiz bowl dollars
- b. Supporting teachers and staff
 - i. Were a little over budget on the meals donation because of the catering; based on donation signup this is going well
 - ii. Purchase cards
 - iii. Classroom party funds 3100
 - iv. Spirit Wear - \$800 profit, no expenses due to switch in vendors
- c. General PTO - everything is still well within budget
- d. Present current budget status - Motion ___Lynn___ and 2nd _____Alison_____

10. Old Business

- a. None

11. New Business

- a. What can PTO parents do during this time of COVID to help / appreciate staff and teachers?
 - i. Please contact PTO at the contact info below with any suggestions or to volunteer!

12. Adjourn - Motion __Tim__ and 2nd __Jill S__

Next PTO meeting will be March 1, 2021 @ 6:30pm via Zoom

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