

Robert Frost PTO Meeting - Monday, May 12, 2019

Attendees: Jill Smith (President), Sonia Ohling (Co-VP), Julie Person (Secretary), Lynn Gillette (Principal), Jay Kahl, Tami Burkard

- Welcome and introductions - Jill Smith
- Approval of the agenda - Jill Smith
 - Sonia Ohling motioned to approve the agenda
 - Lynn Gillette 2nd to approve the agenda
- Approval of January 2019 minutes - Jill Smith
 - Sonia Ohling motioned to approve the minutes
 - Tami Burkard 2nd to approve the minutes
- Chair Reports - Past Events - Jill Smith
 - Skate City - April 18th (Jill Smith) - We ended up with 61 skaters and got \$1 per skater.
 - Science Fair - Rescheduled to April 16th (Sonia Ohling) It went really well. We had enough judges and they were all great. The winners went on to the Science Fair Showcase at the Washington Pavilion on May 11th. The winners are as follows:
 - 1st Place
 - 1. The Cup Experiment; Allison Zuecher, Kyler Deschepper, Riley Tsosie (K-3rd)
 - 2. Oh How Time Flies!; Naomi Jespersen (4-5th)
 - 2nd Place
 - 1. What Pill Dissolves Faster?; August Plsek (K-3rd)
 - 2. Trust the Truss; Alana DeBacker (4-5th)
 - 3rd Place
 - 1. Exploring Emulsions; Jude Lundeby (K-3rd)
 - 2. The Best Ice Melt; Connor Hugelmann (4-5th)
 - Kindergarten Roundup - March 28th (Tami Burkard) - It went well, however we ran out of cookies. Next year we plan on making sure the student helpers don't eat all the cookies. :) The new format of having the teachers meet the kids in the library went well. We will do a checklist for the student helpers next year to keep them on task so the tours don't get too long.
 - Movie Night - March 29th (Jill Smith & Julie Person) We showed the movie "Smallfoot" and had a great turnout. The gym was full. The families seemed to really like the movie and the kids staged engaged.
 - Art Show/Ice Cream Social/Book Fair - Rescheduled with the Science Fair on April 16th (Jill Smith) We had great attendance for these combined events, despite the short notice on rescheduling. The students really seemed to like the new scavenger hunt for the Art Show. The Book Fair went well and we were able to give \$2000 in books to Hawthorne for their library. We had Kids Inc students help mount/frame the artwork after school and it worked really well to have them help so we will keep that in mind for next year. The lines for Dakota Snow in the MPR were long, but went well overall.
 - Project Night - April 26th (Jill Smith) This event had to be cancelled due to lack of volunteers. We will try again in the fall.
 - Teacher Appreciation Week - May 6-10 (Jill Smith) We had a "Guess the Staff Member" game like last year. We gave out a total of eight \$50 gift cards to the staff who guessed the correct mystery people. We had food/meals donated by parents for three days of the week. We gave appreciation gifts to the administrators, clerical, custodial, and nursing staff as well.

- Chair Reports - Upcoming Events - Jill Smith
 - Field Day - May 17th (Jill Smith) We have \$500 in the budget for this event, but it is not needed this year so we will put that back in the general fund. The kids will have Field Day during the school day and we will have Family Field Night in the evening from 5:30-7:30. There will be one food truck and two dessert trucks to purchase food from, otherwise families are encouraged to bring food for a picnic dinner.
 - Future Friday - May 23rd (Jay Kahl) Jay has 24 presenters lined up to discuss various career opportunities. Most teachers are having the students fill out the interest form in the classroom. Students will pick their first and second choices. Jay has a color coded system to help enable things to go smoothly. Next year he hopes to have more time for staff and presenters to collaborate. We also hope to have more presenters that will help break down gender stereotypes.
 - Awards Program - May 22nd (Jill Smith) Jennifer Stensaas will present on behalf of the PTO. We will get flowers for Peggy Baney as she is retiring this year. Jennifer will also discuss saving Box Tops over the summer.
- Principal's Report - Jill Smith
 - Most items were already covered during our discussion of past and future events, but we also discussed the changing of staff. Jaime Bell will be moving to Garfield next year. Our new Administrative Intern will be Jennifer Chamberlain. She comes to us from Oscar Howe. Peggy Baney is retiring so Mallory Spoelstra will be taking her spot and will be switching from 2nd to 1st grade. Larissa Neugebauer will be moving to McCrossan Boys Ranch. We will most likely be adding one additional staff member to either K or 3rd grade, depending on enrollment.
 - Mrs. Gillette is very happy with how the school year went and how good our students are with minimal office referrals and great student leadership.
- Financial Report - Jill Smith
 - We moved the extra \$500 from the Field Day line item in our budget, as well as the extra \$500 from the Wellness Council to a general fund to be spent before the end of the school year. We are still finalizing expenses, but it appears we have approximately \$2200 left to spend while still carrying over \$5000 as stated in our bylaws to cover summer/early fall expenses. Jay Kahl motioned to approve spending the remaining funds to fund Donors Choose requests, stock the office with extra pants, socks, and underwear for accidents, and spend the remaining balance on more playaways for the library. Sonia Ohling second to approve.
- Old Business
 - None
- New Business
 - Executive Board Election - Tami Burkard motioned to approve the board of nominees. Lynn Gillette second to approve.
 - Board of Nominees:
 - President - Jennifer Stensaas
 - Vice-President - Sonia Ohling
 - Treasurer - Jill Smith
 - Secretary - Open
- Adjourn
 - Julie Person motioned to adjourn the meeting.
 - Jay Kahl second to adjourn the meeting.