

Robert Frost & Challenge Center PTO Meeting

Monday, November 4, 2019 6:30 pm

1. 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.

2. Guest Speaker - Dr. Brian Maher, overview of boundary process.

- a. June is the end date for the boundary setting process
- b. Board of Education will make the ultimate decision based on:
 - i. current enrollment
 - ii. future enrollment
 - iii. task force, about 30 people to represent our community and work together to achieve goals, will be a good representation of Sioux Falls as a whole. This task force will be put together by year end. A consultant will be brought in to help orientate the task force. Will present ideas in April.
 - iv. 1997 was the last time that we had a full boundary revamp
 - v. great impact on high school and middle school boundaries

3. Additions or deletions to agenda- Motion Tami and 2nd Jason

- a. Adding Future Friday (Career Day) as item 6d.

4. Approval of Sept 2019 minutes (see attachment) - Motion _____ and 2nd _____

- a. September minutes will need to be emailed out to the attendees and get an electronic approval.

5. Chair reports – PAST events

- a. Parent / Teacher Conference Meals - Danyelle Cleveland
- b. Book Fair - Jennifer Stensaas
 - i. Grossed roughly \$7,500.00, and about 50% of that will go back to invest into books for classrooms.
- c. Project Night - Jill Smith; 46 students attended, not all classes were full, but costs were covered by reg fees

6. Chair reports – UPCOMING events

- a. Quiz Bowl (Nov 8) - Jill Smith; still need about 9 volunteers for Friday; our school-wide goal is \$16,000; we've added prize levels for incentive this year
- b. Skate City (Nov 28)
 - i. Next Skate City date will be 01/16/20.
- c. Movie Night (Dec 6) - looking for an event coordinator to manage pizza orders and get candy/water for concession sale; we have to select a movie that is covered by our public showing license; options include: Dora and the Lost City of Gold (PG), Angry Birds 2 (PG), Aladdin (PG), Lion King (PG), Toy Story 4 (G), Detective Pikachu (PG), LEGO Movie 2 (PG), A Dog's Way Home (PG), Mary Poppins (PG)
 - i. There will be a classroom vote amongst the school to determine what movie will air.
 - ii. Still in need of a volunteer to coordinate pizza orders & get candy/water for concession sales during movie.
- d. Future Friday will be hosted on 05/15/20. Possible poll to get information about parent involvement.

7. Chair reports - ONGOING events

- a. Spiritwear - Tricia Henning
 - i. Will be an option to place an order prior to the holidays.
- b. Boxtops for Education - Alissa Hugelman - Will be receiving \$490 in December!
- c. AmazonSmiles Rewards - PTO will receive 0.5% of eligible AmazonSmile purchases; funds go directly to our bank account within 45 days of end of each calendar quarter; account shows 9 customers so far
- d. Social Media - Tricia Henning / Jennifer Stensaas

8. Principal's report - Mrs. Gillette

- a. Construction will begin in Spring 2020 to add on to the gym and begin a complete restructure of the front door and office area. This is expected to be completed before the beginning of school year 20-21.

9. Financial report - Jill Smith

- a. Blue Ribbon award was given to the Challenge Center, two teachers will be sent to Washington D.C. to partake; remaining costs will be paid for with leftover finances at year end.
- b. Present current budget status - Motion Sonia and 2nd Jay

10. Old Business

- a. New fundraising ideas:
 - i. vehicle window clings - Tricia Henning
 - ii. driveway logos - plan to launch August 2020 (info in Open House folder?)

11. New Business

- a. Tiffany Taylor; possible fundraising activity with her business that partners with Smallcakes. This could be up for discussion to fundraise for the school year 20-21.

12. Adjourn - Motion Sarah and 2nd Tami

Next PTO meeting will be January 6, 2019 @ 6:30pm in the RF/CC Library

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