

Robert Frost Middle School PTSA Meeting

Minutes: November 8, 2011

1. Review and approval of minutes from October PTSA meeting. Suzanne Messing made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Deborah Altman. The motion (voice vote) carried.
2. Wootton Cluster News- Nancy Deprey presented information that was discussed at the October Wootton Cluster meeting.
 - a. The Capital Improvement Plan lists the planned modernization projects that will occur FY2013 to 2018. Frost is not on the list. DuFief and Cold Spring ES are on the list. Wootton is scheduled for modernization. The project should be completed in 2019. However, there is no holding school for high schools at this time. The modernization may need to be adapted to allow the students to stay on site.
 - b. Wootton Cluster is meeting with state legislators on Nov 28 at 7pm in the Wootton media center. The discussion will focus on school funding concerns. It is important to have a good turnout. Each school in the cluster should try to send at least 5 representatives. The event will be publicized by e-mail (Listserve) and ConnectEd.
3. Volunteer Report- Suzanne Messing
 - a. We will need volunteers for Dessert Theater. The dates are May 3, 4, 5. The dates were influenced by MSA testing dates. Ms. Douglas (counselor) is the director for this event.
 - b. Dr. Jones indicated that the Mock Congressional Hearing will occur on approximately May 24. The date will be determined by Nov 15. Suzanne indicated that there are parents excited and eager to help with this event. *(Post meeting note- this information changed prior to the December PTSA meeting)*
4. Treasurer's Report- Cathryn Chang
 - a. Cathryn presented the written Treasurer's Report. Our cash balance is \$22,702.17 (but many checks were recently signed and have not been subtracted from the bank account, yet). Revenue for membership, donations, and extra directories is higher than the conservative amount we included in the budget.
 - b. Discuss of potential school needs.
 - i. There was a previous inquiry regarding PTSA funding of a 7th grade Science Assembly. However, the assembly cost less than anticipated because of a mistake on the part of the Science Center (presenters of the assembly). Thus, PTSA funding is not needed.
 - ii. There was a discussion regarding potential PTSA funding of the 8th grade AFI field trip. Based on the cost of the field trip, it was determined that the additional \$5 per child will be requested from parents.
5. Principal's report- Dr. Joey Jones
 - a. Red Ribbon week, which was led by the SGA, was successful.
 - b. The Talent Show was a success. All of the students had a chance to sit in the front row for a few minutes to allow pictures to be taken.
 - c. Turkey Trot is November 17. The Turkey Trot is a fundraiser for the Rockville Foodbank. The goal is \$1100 and 1100 cans of food. Students run approximately 1.1 miles at Wootton track.

- d. There is a meeting on Thursday Nov 10 with MCPS to discuss the outdoor classroom. The school expects MCPS to OK the plans for the classroom. The outdoor classroom will include a retractable cover. The initial focus for funding will be seating for the classroom.
6. Executive VP Report, Lisa Dennison
- a. Attendance at the 7th grade dance was less than expected, so there was a discussion about the spring 7th grade event. Although the students who attended the dance had a great time, it would be nice to have higher attendance. There was a suggestion to involve the students in the planning for the event. We would need a parent to coordinate the activities. Possible activities include a dance contest and video games. It is OK if the event does not make money or break even, because the PTSA supports the event as a service to the students.
7. President's report, Karen Snyder
- a. Current membership is 619, which is 55% of families. However, the number also includes about 100 students plus faculty.
 - b. The directory is ready to be distributed.
 - c. There is a potential speaker on the topic "How to get your adolescent to talk to you". Before inviting the speaker, we need to have someone from the PTSA listen to the presentation.
 - d. Brief discussion of Spiritwear- there was a short discussion of Spiritwear and the goal of the program (service or fundraiser). There will be more discussion after there is a better understanding of inventory, expenses, and proceeds.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Kellie Schoolar Reynolds
Recording Secretary