

Robert Frost Middle School PTSA Meeting

Minutes: January 8, 2013

1. Approval of minutes from November 13 PTSA meeting. (approved by unanimous consent)
2. President's Report (Alex Hazlett)
 - a. The new 2D and 3D gaming club is starting after school.
3. Wootton High School Turf Fundraiser (Bob Quackenbush)
 - a. Wootton High School wants to install artificial turf in the stadium in 2013. Benefits of the artificial turf include increased playability (field will be available for more groups to use) and decreased cost through the 20-year lifecycle.
 - b. The artificial turf will benefit Frost because Frost uses the field for sports practices.
 - c. The total cost is \$1.1 million. Bethesda Soccer Club (BSC) is partnering with Wootton High School and MCPS. BSC will contribute \$900K, so Wootton needs to raise \$200K.
 - d. Wootton Booster Club is soliciting donations from large corporate sponsors, smaller businesses, and families. Donors will be recognized (signage, ads in sports programs, brick pavers).
 - e. The Boosters request permission to set up information booths at Frost events, to provide information about the project and raise funds. Attendees at the meeting agreed with this approach. Information about the artificial turf project and fundraising will be included in some morning announcement e-mails and on the PTSA web site.
4. MCCPTA delegate report (John Casper)—Topics from November MCCPTA Delegates Assembly
 - a. There was information presented regarding the Marian Greenblatt Excellence Award for teachers. Information was available on the PTSA website.
5. Treasurer's Report and Budget Discussion (Fang Jiang)
 - a. Balance sheet through 12/31/2012.
 - i. Revenue through 12/31/2012- \$19,922.975 (majority is membership dues [\$13,256.24] and spirit wear [\$3632.95]). Expenses through 12/31/12- \$10,797.11 (majority is school support for after school clubs [\$2,700], spiritwear [\$2766.64], MDPTA dues [\$1425], and fun nights [\$1521])
6. Wootton Cluster Report (Nancy Deprey)
 - a. Our Area's Community Day with Dr. Starr is January 28. The day will end with a town hall at Richard Montgomery High School at 7pm. All are invited.
 - b. MCPS Math Curriculum Night is January 30 at Carver education Building. MCPS staff will explain the new math curriculum and responds to questions. All grades (K to 12) will be discussed.
 - c. Wootton Cluster meeting with MCPS Board of Education is February 21 at Wootton High School. Topics will include- safe facilities, capacity, later school hours for teens, technology, and school related stress. There will be a brief presentation on each topic and time for questions. All are encouraged to attend.
7. Principal's report (Dr. Woodward)
 - a. Dr. Woodward is acting principal from Jan 2 through Feb 15. Dr. Jones will be at Bells Mill ES as assistant principal during that time. An elementary school principal will be at Frost as assistant principal.
 - b. Robert Frost Middle School was honored to be selected as a Blue Ribbon School. The awardees are selected by the state—there is not an application. The school received the award in recognition for 10

years of consistent performance on the MSA exams, in addition to other achievements. The school is now preparing the national application.

8. Bylaws committee-

- a. We need to revise our bylaws every 3 years. Our revisions are due to the state PTA in May. The following individuals were approved as the nominating committee—Bob Quackenbush, Karen Collishaw, Kellie Reynolds.
- b. Revisions will be proposed at the February meeting.

9. Bookfair- Amy Bryan

- a. The bookfair is scheduled for Feb 25 to March 1 (7:30 am to 2:30 pm), in addition to 6 to 8 pm on Feb 28. The online bookfair is February 18 to March 4.

10. New business-

- a. Dr. Woodward announced that the Principal and Parent breakfast on January 11 will feature a speaker from University of Maryland College Admissions. The breakfast was well attended last year. Dr. Woodward requested money for an honorarium for the speaker. The PTSA meeting attendees agreed to donate a \$75 check to the speaker, from the parent program line item.
- b. Dr. Woodward described a pilot program intended to provide early exposure to college. The program is intended to motivate the students. The program consists of two field trips—Thomas Edison Center for Technology and University of Maryland College Park. Approximately 45 students will participate. There will be a core group of students who participate in both trips. Some other students will participate in one of the trips. Dr. Woodward indicated the cost of the two trips is \$1452.48 (bus transportation and chaperones). The PTSA meeting attendees agreed to contribute \$1077 from the Student Support and Enrichment line item.

Submitted by- Kellie Schoolar Reynolds, PTSA Secretary