

Robert Frost Middle School PTSA
September 9, 2008
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The Robert Frost Middle School PTSA met on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 in the Frost Media Center.

President's Report. PTSA Board of Directors, committee members and school staff introduced themselves. The PTSA mission and the meeting Agenda were reviewed. The fall dance dates have been changed (8th grade-October 10, 7th grade-October 16, and 6th grade-October 24). We are awaiting ICB confirmation on one date. There are 435 members as of September 9. This does not include memberships received today. At year end last year, there were approximately 700 members. The Directory information is due by next Friday. There are several PTSA positions to be filled including Destination Imagination, Healthy Hands, Reflections (co-chair) and Spirit Wear.

Treasurer's Report. The Budget was distributed for review.

Student Programs Report. A draft of the program proposal was distributed and reviewed. Discussion followed. Dr. Jones will share the committee's ideas with the ILT (Instructional Leadership Team). He will ask for faculty input as to how field trips could work into curriculum. Suggested topics for programs included special needs and student depression. The Sensitivity Awareness program, coordinated by Susan Avjian will be included in the Student Programs category.

Bylaws Report. MD PTA rejected the Frost Bylaws. The Bylaws Committee made the changes outlined by the MD PTA and copies of the bylaws were distributed for review. A motion and seconded to approve updated Bylaws. Discussion followed regarding duty descriptions for Vice Presidents. Motion passed.

Electronic Sign Proposal. Last year's PTSA agreed to consider funding a new, electronic sign to be erected on Scott Drive. A hand-out with sign specifics and background information was distributed and reviewed. An estimate cost is \$35,000-\$50,000. Discussion followed with pros and cons being discussed. A motion was made and seconded that we table the electronic sign discussion for now, take the Sign Fundraiser line item out of the Revenue and Expenses sections of the 2008-2009 Proposed Budget; then disseminate details of the proposal (including pros and cons) to the Frost community and vote on PTSA support for a new sign at a later date. Motion passed.

Budget Vote. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Frost PTSA Budget (as amended with deletion of the Sign Fundraiser). Motion passed.

Principal's Report. Dr. Jones distributed and reviewed the Visionary Plans for the Next Dimension of Excellence at Robert Frost Middle School, the School Improvement Plan and the Organization Performance Results.

Committee Reports.

Dances. Volunteers are needed to work at the dances and to get community support (give-aways).

Helping Hands. Monthly community service projects will begin in September with a grounds clean-up.

Informer. The deadline for the next issue is September 15.

New Business.

Grounds Beautification –A parent volunteer will look into helping with this, perhaps with students from Helping Hands.

MCCPTA –The Montgomery County Council of PTAs will meet later this month.

Academic Pep Rally – Dr. Jones reported that the rally will be held on September 26 at Wootton High School. A visit from “G Man” from the Washington Wizards will be included in the program focusing on student high achievement and anti-bullying.

PTSA Meeting – The next meeting is October 14; included on the Agenda will be Edline training for parents.

Respectfully submitted,
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Recording Secretary