

Robert Frost Middle School PTSA
February 10, 2009
MINUTES

The Robert Frost Middle School PTSA met on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 in the Frost Media Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm.

Secretary's Report. The Agenda and the Minutes from the January 13, 2009 Board meeting were approved.

President's Report. The Bylaws have been approved by the MD PTA as of February 9, 2009.

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. The Student Support line item will have an expense of \$1,600.00 for the Simulated Congressional Hearing (to be held in May) in next month's Treasurer Report. The unused membership cards have to be returned to avoid a charge.

Principal's Report. Dr. Jones introduced Ms. Kathy Fine, 6th grade science teacher. Ms. Fine gave an overview of the 6th Grade Outdoor Education program. The 6th grade team is requesting funds from the PTSA to help pay for this program that directly affects the students. Discussion followed. A motion was made and seconded to contribute \$2,000.00 from the School Support line item for the Outdoor Education program. Motion passed.

Dr. Jones reported that the Spelling Bee was a success, as was the Sensitivity Awareness event. The display case has been installed in the hallway near the cafeteria. There will be an essay contest for Black History Month. Frost is gearing up for the MSA testing, March 16-27.

Vice President's Report. The date for the 6th/7th grade dance is May 1. There was a proposal for the DJ to provide a "Rock Band"-type contest and other add-ons that would raise the DJ cost to \$1,200.00 for the evening. Discussion followed and there was consensus that this was too expensive for one dance. The Dance Committee will take a look at this.

Cluster Report. Wootton Cluster parents and administrators will meet with the Board of Education at one of the Cluster schools. This happens every few years, and our schools are able to present concerns and successes for our Cluster. RE distributed a list of "Sample Priorities" to be shared with the Board. Discussion followed about what is most important for Wootton Cluster students, staff and parents. It was suggested that priorities should include testing, student stress and mental health, curriculum-especially math and science, adequate support for teachers, overcrowding and facilities, and support for students on all levels. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 23 at Cold Spring Elementary School, and anyone interested in speaking at the meeting should contact a Cluster Coordinator.

Board/Committee Chair Updates

Frost Informer. The deadline for submissions for the next issue is February 13.

Membership. We have 651 members.

Helping Hands. Items are currently being collected for soldiers overseas.

Sensitivity Awareness Program. The program was held during the 6th grade Reading unit, “Triumphs” and was well-received by students and staff.

New Business

It is time for parents to consider serving as an officer or chairperson for next year’s PTSA. Volunteers are needed for the Nominating Committee. Board members will contact local elementary schools to encourage incoming fifth grade parents to become involved in the PTSA at Frost.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Mooney
Recording Secretary