

Robert Frost Middle School PTSA Meeting

Minutes: November 13, 2012

1. Approval of minutes from October 9 PTSA meeting. (approved by unanimous consent)
2. Treasurer's Report and Budget Discussion (Fang Jiang)
 - a. Balance sheet through 10/31/2012.
 - i. Revenue through 10/31/2012- \$17,216.85 (majority is membership dues [\$12,912.63] and spirit wear [\$2622.95]). Expenses through 10/31/12- \$5090.91 (majority is MDPTA dues (\$1177.50) fun nights [\$1277] and spirit wear [\$1538])
3. MCCPTA delegate report (John Casper)—Topics from Oct 23 MCCPTA Delegates Assembly
 - a. If there is sequestration of money from federal government, there will be a \$300 mil decrease in school funding.
 - b. New MCCPTA website was launched
 - c. The MCPS Technology Initiative passed. The initiative will provide promethean boards for all schools and wireless technology for all middle and high schools.
 - d. MCCPTA Health and Safety Committee now has an Edible Gardens subcommittee.
 - e. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Testimony to Board of Education- Wootton Cluster Testimony is Nov 15.
 - f. CIP and Operating Budget Priorities were approved.
4. Principal's report (Dr. Woodward)
 - a. New E-reader policy—Nooks and Kindles can be used at school.
 - b. Plans are underway for the trip to China over Spring Break.
 - c. Dr. Woodward will be 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.
 - d. Goal for the Turkey Trot-- \$1100 money plus canned goods.
 - e. Upcoming events: Dec 6 is college day for 8th graders; Dec 7 is career day for 7th graders.
 - f. This year, a Gallup poll on student engagement replaces the poll conducted in previous years. Students will participate in late October.
5. New business-
 - a. Alex will try to find someone help address the request to put ads on the PTSA website.
 - b. Discussion with students on how to have more successful social events.
 - i. Need more publicity
 - ii. More involvement of a wide range of students in planning
 - iii. Consider a different time- possibly right after school instead of at night
 - iv. Feedback from 6th grade dace: need more activities at the events because there were not many people dancing.

- v. Consider having students help with the music instead of professional DJs
- vi. For the spring—consider a school dance, with sports activities in the gym. Also include a raffle.
- c. Alex presented information about a Cyber club that include 2D or 3D game design. The club is paid for by participants. For new schools, there is a 2 class commitment. Attendees agreed it is worth pursuing.
- d. Membership and directories
 - i. 480 directories were printed and will be distributed right after Thanksgiving.
 - ii. Current membership- 381 families and 38 faculty. Last year there were about 500 members, but they were individual.

Submitted by- Kellie Schoolar Reynolds, PTSA Secretary