

RFMS PTSA Minutes 11-10-09

Meeting called to order by President Judi Casey at 7:35 PM

President report: 1. Dances successful with ~136 students per dance. Question posed about 8th graders and Dr. Jones responded 8th graders not really interested and no parent present reported interest for 8th grade activity either.

2.865 PTSA members

3. Working on Promethean Board fundraiser

4. Introductions of new attendees and Mom whose family will be relocating from Cincinnati who was attending meeting

Secretary's Report: Minutes Approved

Treasurer's Report: \$1480 membership, \$820 Promethean boards at \$1495 per board, need \$6,000, \$1060 from 1st dance, \$389 for Frost Informer, \$18725 currently in bank.

Principal's Report: 11/5/09 had first Elementary School Math night with 75-100 parents, Ms. Morris coordinated and had good feedback. Lots of info was provided and plan to continue in future; Principal Intern Program 11/23/09-12/23/09 and Ms. Morris will be in charge while Dr. Jones is out of building. He will visit Beijing China Middle School #5 11/21-11/27 to develop partnership then other administrative activities; Today was National Mix It Up Day and at lunch students had assigned seats. IPOD Shuffle giveaways, 1 per grade to encourage interaction. Questions placed at each table to act as prompts for conversation. Worked best with 6th Grade and less as up in grades; Next Thursday Turkey Trot @ WHS. Goal \$1200 and 1200 cans. Need to put into listserve to encourage donations. Collection to begin 11/11/09; Information on Parent Academies on MCPS website and need to add to PTSA website; Muddy Branch Square sponsored shopping spree for schools starting up and RFMS has won 2 of 8 years.

Board/Committee Chair Updates: Frost Informer deadline this Friday; Helping Hands had slow start With late notification but will plan to continue on Tuesdays; Awareness Fair now with date of 4/27/10; start sending out morning announcements on listserve like WHS, sold 41 additional directories and received \$1930 in extra donations

Student Programs: 8th Grade Science teachers requested \$720 for Interactive Chemical Demonstration, motion to approve, 2nd and passed to fully fund.

New Business: Deepa will follow up with massage fundraiser and do so quickly so as to be in time for Holiday gifts, Teacher, Virginia Past recommended a Spelling Bee fundraiser with a pledge per word students get correct with profits to go to PTSA. PTSA would coordinate and run. Since have 1 ½ months before promethean boards arrive and need to be paid for will plan on a late Jan/early Feb date and Ms. Morris will provide date to Judi Casey; suggestion made re: a family owning an ebay store to be used as a fundraiser as in Cincinnati school raised over \$2000, Sonia Rickman queried change in Informer printing from monthly to every other month or even online. Discussion ensued with issues of being greener, some not having computers, opt in/out options/send only to youngest child but in past did not see a real saving when did so. Question to be put into Informer with parent responding to Judi Casey and will discuss again in future for next school year; Mold update- ceiling tiles and vents had mold removed but tiles will be replaced as well as carpet-likely over Winter break. Looking at acoustical grade tile as replacement tile. Parent brought up issue of mold in Mr. Ackley's class and Dr, Jones to look into; Cluster meeting had more talk over Gaithersburg West development and reworking statement. Once reworked will be re-brought to each school PTSA. Process may get ugly; Next Principal breakfast 1/15/10 and will have a speaker from Univ of MD Admissions; Discussion about listserv and PTSA meeting reminders a week in advance, Recording Secretary will put word out then and night before.

Meeting adjourned 8:20PM

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Avjian, Recording Secretary