

RFMS PTSA Minutes 1/12/10

Meeting called to order by President Judi Casey at 7:30 PM

President report:

1. Cluster response to Gaithersburg Wets/Science City has been reworded and refer to attached sheet. One parent reported she had received an email directed to the Asian community encouraging them to support the development. Further discussion and APPROVED as currently worded.

Secretary's Report: 12/8/09 Minutes Approved

Treasurer's Report: Budget attached, Had bank fees and will need to monitor but may be due to 2 bounced checks, have 877 PTSA members, consider increasing dues next year-WHS raised theirs this year

Principal's Report: 1. Thanks to Ms. Morris for her work as Principal Intern

2. Promethean Boards have been ordered, will have a site-visit upcoming, still Need \$9k more

3. Reported on his China trip, awesome; trying to have a group of 12 Frost students and 2-3 staff for our sister school 3/26-4/4/10 pending MCPS approval. Some of their students will be coming here in October. Trying to ID common study area for future interactive teaching. Trip highlights: teachers rotate not students, wear uniforms, military style morning line-up and routine, students start class with recap of previous lesson and other students critique them.

4. Concert Wed at WHS

5. Principal-Parent breakfast this Friday with speaker from U of MD regarding college admissions. > 100 parents have RSVP'd. Discussion re: having speaker gear towards Middle School students

6. Exams begin 1/15/10

7. Band room update: floors have been replaced, ceiling tiles still need to be replaced and Dr. Jones will get a timetable. Reiterated air quality testing previously had passed within acceptable limits.

8. Heat had been off for a few hours for repairs and entire school had been very cold

9. Leak in Mr. Child's room is fixed.

10. SGA requesting water bottles to be allowed and Dr. Jones will re-assess, vending machines on before 3 but unable as a county rule and to remind staff to turn off room lights when leave

Board/Committee Chair Updates: 1. Awareness Fair in works, MD Relay, Roy amputee coming and Interact pending

2. Dessert Theatre: Has started, performance dates: 4/15 7PM, 4/16 6:30PM, 4/17 1:30. Fro updates www.desserttheatre.webs.com. Discussion re: lack of Dessert Theatre parent coordinating volunteer needs and need to have a chair and add onto Chair list for 2010-11 school year.

3. Student Programs- \$2,000 for outdoor ed

New Business: 1. Lost and Found- Priscilla Quakenbush reports she collected, cleaned and donated last years remnants, 18 large black garbage bags worth! Discussion to put out twice a year at events such as book fair and end of year and email parents so that they will go through as the students will not. Pricilla will spear head this effort.

2. Spelling Bee: due to snow closures lost effort to hold in January but will plan for March as a fun/fundraiser with payment per word

3. NAMI Teachers and Parents as Allies program flyer distributed and query made as to whether to host a presentation. All in agreement. Will try for March PTSA meeting 7-9 and hold PTSA Board meeting 6:30-7, or other meeting date if March does not work for NAMI. Question to include students to be queried by Susan Avjian to NAMI.

4. Ledos fundraiser to be held in Feb, dates not remembered but to go out in email
5. Question posed to student present re: bullying, drugs, alcohol in school but student did not feel they were problems
6. Student questioned about why she comes and she reported she likes to be involved
7. 5th Grade Parent night is coming up, WHS recommendations for 8th graders coming in next month

Meeting adjourned 8:45PM

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Avjian, Recording Secretary
Per report from Judi Casey, President