

**Robert Frost Middle School PTSA**  
**January 13, 2009**  
**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

The Robert Frost Middle School PTSA met on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 in the Frost Media Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm.

**Dance Report.** AE recommended that the PTSA hold one dance for all three grades in the spring—a theme dance, with contests (“Rock Band” was one idea), prizes, etc. Discussion of the future of dances followed. Dr. Jones said that it would be OK to combine 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades but not 8<sup>th</sup> grade. A motion was made and seconded to have a 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade dance in the spring. Motion passed and a date will be selected soon.

**Principal’s Report.** Dr. Jones reported that recent, successful events at Frost include the Choral and Instrumental Concerts and the Geography Bee. The Spelling Bee will take place at the end of the month. Parents are invited to attend the Principal & Parent Breakfast, featuring a presentation Cyber-Bullying, on Friday, July 16. Dr. Jones distributed a flier about the upcoming Montgomery County, “Yes Montgomery Can” volunteer weekend. BQ will share this information on the PTSA list-serve. Dr. Jones reported that the Board of Education voted to cut the cost of fees associated with the curriculum by approximately 60%. More information will follow from MCPS.

**Vice President’s Report.** PTSA will continue to promote the Family Night at the Wizards, and discounted tickets will be offered to all staff in the Wootton Cluster. Any remaining tickets will be offered to the Montgomery County Police Department.

**Cluster Report.** JP reported that there will be a Wootton Cluster meeting on January 14, 2009. The cluster representatives will discuss the Operating Budget so that RE can speak on behalf of the Cluster when MCCPTA presents testimony later this month. There was consensus that Frost supports the County’s proposed budget.

**Book Fair Update.** The Book Fair is set for March 2-6. Two evening events will be held, Family Night on Tuesday, March 3 and a Women’s Night with a discussion of “Knowing Pains” featuring a Frost parent (essayist featured in the book) on Thursday, March 5.

**By-Laws Update.** Bob reported that MD PTA had a question about the continuing resolution regarding a balanced budget. Bob responded to the MD PTA Bylaws Chairperson.

**Board/Committee Chair Updates**

*Safety Committee.* The security office window was denied again by MCPS. Discussion followed. Dr. Jones also reported that the estimate to install a window is \$6,460; MCPS funds are not available in this year, but may be in next year’s budget. Dr. Jones reported that Frost will receive 31 security cameras. Further discussion of the window was tabled and the topic may be re-introduced by the PTSA during the 2009-2010 school year.

*Informer.* The deadline for submissions for the next issue is January 15. A question was raised about businesses or individuals advertising in the newsletter. The MCCPTA newsletter guidelines will be reviewed to see if this topic is addressed.

*Helping Hands.* The magazine and book drive for Shady Grove Hospital was a success. Items are currently being collected for soldiers overseas. The next meeting will be January 28 in Room 203.

*Sensitivity Awareness Program.* Volunteers are needed for the program on February 4.

**New Business**

Volunteers for the Nominating Committee will be needed soon, and parents are asked to consider serving as a PTSA officer or chairperson in 2009-2010.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary