

RFMS PTSA
9/8/09 Minutes

RFMS 1st PTSA meeting of 2009-10 school year held in RFMS Media Center. Called to order by Executive President Judi Casey.

Promethean Board presentation with ~\$6,000 request from science teachers for 1-3 boards. PtSA budget for Student Services is ~\$5,000. Suggestions of increase in donations, increase PTSA dues as WHS did but RFMS did not. School is restricted in asking for funds but PTSA isn't, send request on Listserve.

President's Report: Judi Casey stated open Chair positions of Student Programs, Sunshine Committee and Parliamentarian; Planned dances are 7th grade 10/15 & 5/14/10 and 6th 10/30, 8th 10/2 & 5/7/10;
Request for Back to School Night Table 9/10/09; Recommendation for Spirit Days/SGA; Are sanitizers provided in light of swine flu and bird flu?

Principle Report: Dr. Jones introduced Ms Morris, 8th Grade Administrator, Mr. Fles, 7th Grade Administrator and Mr. Johnson, 6th Grade Administrator. Visionary Plan for year with goals of 1. Teaching and learning is focal address through instructional visits to each class for assistance/feedback, equitable class practices and rigorous class instruction. 2. Reading and Interact strengthening, 3. TV Production Class, 4. Increase technology usage, 5. Increase # of courses and extracurricular activities, 6. Individualized action plans and 7. Increase Staff capacity to meet needs (Frost scores top in this area for MSA's/HSA's) He reported 1 student elected not to watch Obama's speech.

Treasurer's Report: Discussion of Budget; Specify need rather than generic disclaimer for funds; suggestion for Promethean Board donation signs at PTSA table for Back to School Night; Separate Fund to be kept for PBoards with checks sent directly to treasurer. Motion for Action and Budget passed;

Frost Informer: Articles due by Oct 15th for newsletter

Board/Committee Chair Updates: None

New Business:

1. Gaithersburg West Development – John's Hopkins land, 10 years out for build out; high rises/rail/multipurpose facilities; put issue out on listserv, get opinions from parents at next PTSA meeting

2. Funding request for Congressional Hearings & 8th Grade In-house Assembly ("What's the Matter"), motion passed for funding from student services line item

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Avjian

Recording Secretary (Notes transcribed from parent as Recording Secretary not present for meeting)