

RFMS PTSA
10/13/09 Minutes

RFMS PTSA meeting held in RFMS Media Center. Called to order by Executive President Judi Casey @ 7:35 PM.

President's Report: All welcomed to meeting and introduced selves.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sonia Rickman distributed budget. Reported high PTSA membership with students now eligible, 837 members to date. Directories in, \$1259, MD & MCPTA dues paid along with insurance, website, Informer and \$1000 for dances to date. Promethean boards so far have collected \$675, how to fundraise more. Question of adding email or online to directories discussed and tabled for now.

Principle Report: Dr. Jones reported Promethean Boards had been ordered, took a leap of faith PTSA would come through as takes 2 months, 21 parents attended Principal Breakfast, >460 parents at Open House Columbus Day with positive parent feedback and Talent Show 10/23/09.

Frost Informer: Deadline 10/15/09 and comes out early November

Board/Committee Chair Updates:

Helping Hands-(Susan Avjian) Not added into Club packet but Dr. Jones can get room as a Frost sponsored event. Question rose of day other than Wed.

Dances: 7th grade 10/15 and 6th 10/30. Need more volunteers for 7th. Question of what happened to 8th grade dance. Discussion of lack of interest and try in spring for a 8th grade social. Dr. Jones will ask SGA their thoughts

Membership: This year made clear was individual, not family and more members obtained, 224 are students. Question of how to include students, Dr. Jones to follow up with SGA and add into morning announcements before PTSA meetings. Students receive their own card.

Student Programs: 6th Grade asked for \$2600 for outdoor ed for evening extra programs. Current \$76 per student for day activities and extra asked from student \$10-15 for evening. Last year \$2000 given. Discussion ensued about costs of other student programming from last year: \$1600 year-end parties, \$710 Band trip, and \$1600 Mock Congressional Hearings. During review it was discovered that some budget approvals from previous month meeting had not been included in minutes. Specific information unavailable and to be provided by Judi Casey and minutes amended with information. Motion for Outdoor Ed, seconded and approved for \$2000 at current time.

New Business:

1. Fundraiser- needed for Promethean Boards. Judi Casey reported a parent who is a Chiropractor has offered massage vouchers for \$10(or amount RFMS determines) for ½ hour massage in local office with RFMS keeping all proceeds. Discussion ensued on logistics of selling, no door-to-door, limited time offer, put on listserv for Chairperson. Discussion of other Fundraisers eg restaurants, Dore Jean noted last year Executive President was in charge of Fundraising.

2. No Teen Coordinator from Rockville present to speak

3. Judi Casey reported a request from Peer to Peer to talk at meeting. Discussion of informative verses sales pitch. Content could be presented by in house staff and lists of available tutors provided by Counseling Dept. Consensus negative to pursue.
4. Mold in Band Room- Queried by Susan Avjian. Dr. Jones reported current status: Mold removed from ceiling, air ducts cleaned, determined one air handler not functioning properly and all ceiling tiles to be replaced per MCPS Quality Control. Private Contractor hired for recommendations and Air Quality will hire and follow all contractors' recommendations. Several air quality tests performed have gone from unacceptable to normal ranges and room now safe to occupy. Susan Avjian brought up question of odor still present, need for regular vacuuming of ducts as dust was hanging off duct during Open House, time table for work completion and issue of summer excessive humidity affecting instruments and causing them to break. Discussion ensued with Dr. Jones to follow up with Board and PTSA, shampooing of carpet recommended and question of replacement of carpet and pad, Richard Kalahan to follow up with company treating mold with Hydroxyl's and provide to MCPS and Dr. Jones for follow up.
5. Unicef- Susan Avjian brought up question of providing information and boxes for any students who choice to collect. Discussion ensued and majority agreed to provide.
6. Judi Casey brought up request from Wed Morning Group in Bethesda to share costs of having a speaker, Dr. Bradley, educator and author, for lecture 3/9/10. Discussion ensued and Judi Casey will take further follow up. Dore Jean noted last year \$250 spent on speaker, Kay Adams.
7. Gaithersburg West Development – Judi Casey presented report that Rich Edelman provided from Wootton Cluster meeting. Issues of need to present a united front in cluster, what to be unified in and where to draw line as a PTSA- how the school would be affected. Discussion and following points made, recommendations to re-write points as positive not negative and not finger point at elected officials, land for a high school in plans but no funds available from MCPS for a new high school and where would kids go, WHS already overcrowded but not past legal point where they could still add students, Falls Grove was stopped from WHS cluster but they had not been in WHS boundaries and Farm is for the most part, Diane Morris stated King Farm did not add significant number of students to College Gardens but is a different draw for the cluster, question of private study to see how would affect the schools demographically, interactive forum available through Donna Baron's site, www.Scale-it-back.com and different information re:when breaking ground and build out occurring.
Consensus for presenting a united cluster front, modify cluster statement, send Judi Casey wording changes and she will adapt and provided to Rich Edelman for presentation at next cluster meeting. Request and info to go out on listserve.
8. Question posed re: interactive yahoo group, brief discussion ensued and to be brought up at another meeting
9. Flu shots for students questioned by parent and discussion with change from provision at elementary schools to provision of links where can go for shot.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Avjian
Recording Secretary