

MEETING MINUTES

RMS PTO MEETING

May 6, 2016, RF Library Meeting Room

Meeting Called To Order by: Stephanie Schrodт Time: 9:21 am

Present: Sarah Lempia, Stephanie Schrodт, Stephanie Wernet, Allison Parrell, Larry Garstki, Ed Condon, Marisa Green, Sally Gibbs, Julia Potter, Deb Wolkstein, Nancy Snyder, Julie Moller, Katie Osga, Stacey Williams, Sarah Hampson, Maureen Spielman, Kim Gladden, Maria Preuhs, Cheryl Considine, Tania Wilson, Annie Dwyer

Executive and Administrative Reports

Presidents' Report

Sarah Lempia and Stephanie Schrodт

- The April 8, 2016 minutes were approved.
- Everyone went around the room and introduced themselves.
- PTO Slate: Stephanie passed around the PTO Slate for next year. Stephanie feels there is a nice mix of Willard and Lincoln people. We have two co-treasurers for next year, Bob Gorman and Karen Simon. We are hoping to add a new committee called Connect4Kids. We are also hoping to add a Family Care committee, which will help families who don't qualify for financial aid but can't afford certain school costs. There was a motion to approve the Slate for next year; motion passed.
- PTO Appreciation party will be June 2; evites will be sent out soon.
- There will be an announcement sent out today regarding school supplies. Pick-up will be August 23. Purchases will be directly through the vendor's website, cutting out the middleman (Revtrak).
- PTO Grants: Sewing machines have been purchased. Sixth graders are working with them now for their IDU project.
- Tuesday was Teacher Appreciation Day.

Treasurer's Report

Stephanie Wernet

- Stephanie reviewed the P&L. There are still check requests outstanding. Books have been closed for the school year. All expenses and receipts have to be in to Stephanie by June 15. A final year P&L will be sent out June 30.

Principal's Report

Larry Garstki

- Two weeks ago was incoming 5th grade parents meeting.
- Graduation is close. Lots of 8th grade activities going on now. Graduation is June 1; dance is at OPRF, same as graduation.
- MAPs is next week. State Science Assessment (part of PARCC) is coming up for 5th & 8th graders.
- Wednesday night was a meeting of the Consortium of West Suburban Schools, consisting of 15-16 schools, including RMS. RMS provides the space for schools to give the ACT and SAT. Awards were given to 46 students who scored well.

Superintendent's Report

Ed Condon

- A Little Night Music is tonight.
- The Board has earned its 23rd award from American Business for finance.
- Pat Meyer, Board president, will be moving from River Forest and there will be a vacancy. The Board will be taking applications for that vacancy and will select a replacement within 45 days of his resignation.
- Roosevelt exterior project will begin almost after school ends. Willard and Lincoln have interior projects going on during the summer. There are still classes available for summer school. Online registration for 2016-17 school year will be ready soon.
- Board approved National Equity Advisory partnership.
- COW approved a new science curriculum called IQWST Science to start this fall; it is a digital format. RMS science and math teachers have worked on this all year. Also RMS will use a new geometry book beginning this fall.

Board Liaisons' Report

Marisa Green

- COW: there will be twelve slots available this fall for early childhood program (pre-school), and only three have been filled so far. It is a tuition-based program. Previously this was only available for special needs kids. This will be at Willard. We will be looking for kids with a variety of disadvantages, not just developmental disabilities.

Administrative Reports

Grade Coordinator Updates:

- 5th grade: New coordinators will meet at the end of May.
- 6th grade: Gearing up for the IDU project. Sewing machines are working properly. The end of year Field Day is being planned.
- 7th grade: 7th grade parents help staff the 8th grade graduation activities.
- 8th grade: Career Day speakers have been recruited. Graduation committee video has been secured. Dance committee is working on decorations for the Hawaii theme. Receipts have been coming to Stephanie Wernet.

IMPACT

Stacey Williams and Maureen Spielman

- Parent Cafe had speakers who talked about drugs and alcohol, plus a RFPD officer talked about legalities. They shared what is going on in our community, and what the kids are doing. Marijuana addiction, opiate use and alcohol use are the main problems. Marijuana is especially potent now as compared to 30 years ago. The longer kids abstain from drugs and alcohol, the less likely they will become addicts.

NEW BUSINESS

- Thanks to everyone's volunteer efforts. There is now a collaboration between Brooks, Julian and RMS for shared parent events. At Brooks there will be a panel called "What I wish I knew before going to OPRF", May 11 at 7 pm.
- Connect4kids: Maureen spoke. Started at Lincoln. Guest speakers talked about various kid issues. Social/Emotional Learning is emphasized. Hoping to spread to RMS.

Meeting adjourned 10:28 am
Allison Parrell, PTO Secretary