

RASKOB PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes 12/4/2015

1. Welcome and comments by RPA president. (Marianne Mitosinka)

Thank you to Dr. Cunningham (Raskob's coffee morning speaker) for sharing her knowledge about the neuropsychological evaluation processes.

Attendance: Administration - Jessica Baiocchi. Parents - Marianne Mitosinka, Leland Traiman, Mark Headley, Becky Stephens, Erica Dennings, Phillip Wright, Ginny Fine, Amy Schoenblum, Sandy Chapek, Shelley Friedkin, Margeret Cellini, Angel Masri.

2. Review and approval of minutes of the last meeting. (Shelley Friedkin)

- a. Minutes approved.

3. Comments from the Raskob Administration. (Jessica Baiocchi)

- a. Alumni Night – only 5 students signed up so far. Timing seems to be an issue. Ideally would like more 10th/11th graders. Due to current low alumni student numbers, the event will spread to include parent's presentations. RPA is asking that Stephanie take this on for this next year and plan to hold the event in September or October when students are less impacted by other commitments. There is also the Raskob High School Fair hosted in May and this is an opportunity for parents to speak to many local schools. In addition, every October the local High School Fair is held at Scottish Right Center, this is a huge event where all schools are represented.
- b. Food Plan update – other local schools interested in the food delivery plan have dropped out and this will make the meal plan less cost effective. We can still go ahead, but the cost per day will increase from \$4/day to somewhere around \$5.40/\$6.00 per meal and Raskob will need at least 40 students. Jessica to check whether this is 40 students signed up or 40 meals ordered each day.
- c. Technology – a big thank you for the arrival of the Chromebooks and cart, both have arrived and are being used.
- d. Holiday toy drive will start next week. Raskob community are collecting toys to pass onto Oakland Fire Department.
- e. 2 new students joined Raskob this week and another 2 students are to start January 2016. An updated student/parent roster will be distributed in January.
- f. Winter Performance – coffee, tea & water is to provided during the event and the 8th graders are doing a bake sale as a fund raiser, there will also be a bazaar.
- g. Library – there will be a grand opening in January and a fundraiser in the Spring for new books.

4. **Treasurer's Report.** (Phil Wright)
 - a. Update on finances. See attached budget. Chrome books will be reflected in the January report. Revenue from Sport Basement will also appear in January. Sees candy needs a push next year as it was 30% below last year's income, however, Sees sent a lot of candy that was not ordered by us and we have permission from Sees to sell it. Dayna is doing a great job of trying to sell this and all money raised from this sale will go to the RPA.

5. **Holiday Gift Donations.** (Mark Headley)
 - a. Money for holiday gifts for the Raskob faculty and administration, target is to gift \$100 for each of 26 staff. A separate reminder email to parents asking for a \$50 contribution will go out next week. Amy will make the notecards for the teachers. Checks payable to Mark Headley. Using Paypal was suggested, but Marianne pointed out that these funds are payable to the person collecting on behalf of the faculty, not to the RPA and there are security issues associated with using an individual's account for RPA purposes. It was also noted that the RPA does not have its own bank accounts, everything is handled by HNU.

6. **Fundraising.** (Erica Dennings)
 - a. Erica kindly offered to host the social on March 19th, 2016. Her home is centrally located in Oakland near the Village Market (Rockridge neighborhood). Raskob may fund the event.
 - b. Erica signed Raskob up with United Scrip – scripzone.com. You can pay by credit card and the gift cards come directly to your home address. The shipping cost is \$1 for up to \$8 gift cards. Cards are shipped out next day and great customer service. You can also opt to do ecards. Each merchant offers a different rebate percent and you have to subtract 3% off the rebate percentage for using a credit card. Once you complete your transaction you will be informed how much you earned for the school. Our ID # is RDSL1. Erica will coordinate with Phillip (treasurer) where the money earned should be deposited so that Raskob can use it. RPA agreed to proceed with this new program.

7. **Parent Education.** (Amy Schoenblum)
 - a. Next coffee speaker is Polly Mayer and then Stephani Wulkan from Raskob. Looking for Spring speakers for the informal living room learning sessions.

8. **Closing Comments.** (Marianne Mitosinka)

Reminders: Alumni Night is 12/10, the Winter Concert is 12/18, the next teacher appreciation breakfast is 1/14 and the next RPA meeting is 1/8. Landscaping around the school is taking place over the Christmas break.