

Raskob RPA Meeting

March 4, 2015

Attendees

- Stefani Wulan
- Amy Schoenblum
- Bridget Rivezzo
- Ann Schreiner
- Phillip Wright
- Ginny Fine
- Marianne Mitosinka
- Kristin Porter

Agenda & Discussion

- 1. Welcome and comments by RPA president. (Marianne Mitosinka)**
- 2. Comments from the Raskob Administration. (Stefani Wulkan, Jessica Baiocchi)**
 - a. Edee is back this month; Jessica is out with pneumonia
 - b. BASI testing is this week; makeups are on Friday for kids who miss testing during the week
 - i. Accommodations are made, as needed, while kids are taking tests
 - ii. What does research on accommodations say?
 - iii. Purpose of testing is to pinpoint:
 1. What supports (accommodations) work for kids
 2. Where they individually need focus
 3. Global trends (school trends where to add resources for development)
 - c. Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)
 - i. Coming out 3/9 7-9PM to talk to parents
 - ii. Coming out 3/16 to work with students
 - d. March 25, 2-5PM, is Science Showcase; everything will be on YouTube
- 3. Review and approval of minutes of the last meeting. (Phil Wright)**
 - a. Minutes approved
- 4. Treasurer's Report. Update on finances. (Anne Schreiner)**
 - a. Little activity this month
 - i. eScrip: \$11 came in
 - ii. Save Mart: \$200 came in
 - iii. No more membership dues; we're sitting at 65% participation
 - b. Social coming this month, so expect more activity; target is \$6650 based on # of families this year
 - c. Hospitality will be over budget; will transfer quarterly coffee budget to cover gap
- 5. Raskob Social on 3/14. Update on planning for our most important fundraiser. Get volunteers for flowers, beer, non-alcoholic beverages, greeters for the door. (Wanda Cole-Frieman and Anne Schreiner)**
 - a. Seems to be on target
 - b. Expecting about 50 people
 - c. We will send follow-up letter to all parents after the social
 - d. 4 people have volunteered to bring items
 - e. Is this for friends as well as family?
 - i. Probably not. Let them give in other ways.
 - f. Are we trying to do too much with having fundraising at the social?
 - i. Perhaps create a different letter for those who don't attend. We can use/modify the letter from last year.

- 6. Fundraising Objectives for the Raskob Social. Review fundraising objectives and vote on them. Discuss letter and fundraising materials for the Social. (Marianne Mitosinka)**
 - a. Attachment including options was handed out. Options are not listed in order of importance. Goal is to narrow list into 3 categories:
 - i. Technology \$6100: iPads, document cameras, etc.
 - ii. Outdoor Equipment & Improvements \$1000: recess, benches, etc.
 - iii. Clocks \$900: atomic clocks, art supplies, etc.
 - iv. Categories voted on and approved for these amounts
 - b. Umbrellas appear to be for aesthetics only, not functional. Motion to remove umbrellas from list was approved.
 - c. Questions about what is facility's responsibility:
 - i. Clocks are not something that facility provides.
 - ii. Current bench and all outside equipment was purchased by RPA
 - d. Recess equipment: Wall ball is popular, basketballs
 - e. Where do kids store backpacks in the rain?
 - i. They typically take them inside; tried the bins, but they get nasty.
 - f. Have extensively researched outdoor storage and there are no good options.
 - g. Are fundraising target amounts listed with items? Yes
 - h. \$10,000 to replace fence around basketball court. This is a facilities issue.
- 7. Quarterly Coffee on April 1st. Discuss speaker and coffee providers for the next quarterly coffee. (Amy Shoenblum)**
 - a. April 1: can't find a speaker, it's the retreat week; motion approved to move coffee meeting to May 6
- 8. Teacher Appreciation Lunch on May 6th. Discuss plans for the lunch. (Kristin Porter and Julie Porte Vega)**
 - a. Made decision not ask parents to bring stuff since too many other things are happening. Don't want to ask parent for more.
 - b. Will have this catered; anticipate spending \$400 - \$500; Defer to Ann Schreiner if we choose professional caterer
 - c. Other options: Whole Foods, Market Hall
 - d. We expect 35 people, but budget for less since there is so much food, for example 30 people
 - e. Teachers like card, but don't need to buy flowers. Will ask each child to bring a flower (from garden)
- 9. Raskob Open House / Pizza Dinner on May 14th. Discuss plans for providing pizza dinner. (Ginny Fine)**
 - a. Last year ordered 25 large pizzas from Red Boy
 - b. This year 25 large pizzas: 6 pepperoni, 5 veggie, 10 cheese, 4 gluten-free
 - c. Note: HNU should get discount from Red Boy; compare prices with Cybelles
- 10. Update on Next Year's Board. (Marianne Mitosinka)**
 - a. Phil to check with Amy Wright about interest in communications chair
 - b. Will add specific target requests to newsletter, e.g. "we need a communications chair", "we need a fundraising chair", etc.
- 11. Closing Comments. Reminder that our next meeting is Wednesday, April 1st.**
 - a. Proposal to move April board meeting to March 27 was approved