

RPA Meeting Minutes

10/02/13

8:30-9:30

California Room HNU

Attendees: Lisa Crawford, Dana Calderon, Zondra Howe, Bridget Revizzo, Marjorie Stamper-Kurn, Karen Kelly, Marianne Mitosinka, Jessica Baiocchi

A couple of attendees had to leave early so the meeting strayed a bit from the printed meeting agenda order.

Parent Ed/Book Fair: Marjorie Stamper-Kurn

* Parent Ed topic and speaker not combining so easily with Book Fair. Meeting today at Laurel books to continue discussion. Possible dates 11/5 and 11/6 with 11/6 being the first choice.

Possible topics still being considered for parent draw are:

- Cyber Media and Technology (keeping our kids safe on-line), combined with a daytime assembly on gaming for the students.
- Anxiety (performance and disorder). This topic had interest via the parent survey but might be better served in the spring to give time to retain a speaker.
- Homework strategies

Dr. Michael Tompkins and Jennifer Selke were discussed as possible speakers for above topic areas.

* A morning coffee option was considered to coincide with the book fair and also another online order push in the spring to coincide with a spring speaker.

* Marjorie and Jessica will contact above speakers regarding availability.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Crawford for Anne Schreinier

* Budget was reviewed. Bill not yet received for Chrome Books.

Fundraising Report: Lisa Crawford.

* Spirit Wear logo is complete. Cafe Press possibly up and running by the end of October for on-line ordering.

* Waiting to hear from Lisa Jones regarding availability to host the Soiree.

* See's candy flyers to be going out in October. If your company/employer gives See's candy as holiday gifts, consider ordering that inventory from Raskob during this opportunity.

* There is 42% participation with Raskob dues. Another letter push will go home with kids with a dues due date. Hopefully this will get us closer to 100% Raskob family participation.

* Other fundraising ideas being considered:

- Raskob Dinners Out at restaurants that would give a percentage of their nightly income back to Raskob.
- Receipt collection from patrons at selected grocery stores, also to receive back a percentage of total collected.

- Raskob community out at such places as Sky High or possibly bowling alleys, again to receive a percentage of sales.
- Raskob community garage sale

If you have other fundraising ideas, please contact Lisa Crawford.

Past Meeting Minutes: Bridget Revizzo motioned to pass the minutes from the September 4th, 2013. The motion was seconded by Marianne Mitosinka. Minutes approved. It was also discussed to have the board read and approve the minutes on line so the minutes could be posted sooner on the school website.

President's Report: Marianne Mitosinka

*Marianne relaying concern from parents regarding all the student possessions left all over the playground. It becomes an issue during after school pick up with students taking a lot of time to gather their belongings as parents wait in the car line. Could advisory teachers help with reminding students to put all belongings in one place? Could organization be a life skill topic? Could there be organization bins? Jessica will talk with Edee about possible solutions.

Administration Report: Jessica Baiocchi

* A Pay Pal account is set up for Raskob. Now able to use Pay Pal for general donations to school.

* Alumni Night is scheduled for November 13th, 6:30-8:30. 6:30-7:00 will be a pot luck with the event following. This is a good opportunity for Raskob middle schoolers and parents to hear from alumni students about their transition to high school.

* The Association of Educational Therapist conference is coming up October 25-27.

* Halloween is fast approaching. Middle School will celebrate with a party the last 30 minutes of school. They will have the opportunity to change into costume during lunch. Elementary school room parents are to contact their teacher to coordinate class parties.

* School Dance coming October 25th.

* Chrome books are being used in the classrooms. There have been some challenges with getting them set up but teachers and students are using and enjoying them.

* Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) will be visiting Raskob this month to begin the accreditation process. Raskob is now in the period of self review with the final accreditation to be in the spring.

* 2500 alumni names from Raskob Institute and Day School have been retrieved. 300 to 500 names from the school over a 15 year period. This is in preparation for the 55th Anniversary of the Raskob Institute and Day School in 2015.

* Teaching staff is asking if mini grants are available. The board will let Jessica know when the funds for the grants become available.

Communications: Bridget Revizzo

* Website is up and looking good. Bridget to be in contact with Marjorie to get the Google Group up and running.

Committee Updates:

* Technology - A notice from the Raskob Foundation was received. The 25K technology grant will be reviewed the third week of November. Let's send good "granting" thoughts to the foundation.

* Grounds - October 13th Raskob Clean Up Day has been cancelled. Will reschedule to coincide with spring planting, soil amendment, and irrigation work. The goal is for HNU to pay for and install irrigation in Jan/Feb. HNU is to come up with a cost to install railing along walkway by the middle school math classroom.

* Library - Nothing started as of yet. Jessica will meet with the HNU Librarian to see where we might start with regards to cataloging. Bridget to contact librarian from Lick to also get ideas as to how to start organizing Raskob's library.

Next RPA Meeting, 11/5/2013

8:30-10:00