

Raskob RPA Minutes
June 5, 2013
8:30-10:00 AM
California Room HNU

Attendees: Zondra Howe, John Aronis, Bridget Rivezzo, Marjorie Stamper-Kern, Marianne Mitosinka, Pam Rich, Lisa Harper, Jessica Baiocchi, Karen DeGalan, Jean Souza

Last meeting minutes: Official minutes from May 1st meeting not available. They will be reviewed and approved at the first RPA meeting of the next school year.

President's report: Letter from outgoing president Marta Senz (not in attendance), was read by Pam. Marta expressed her thanks for board members participation and accomplishments and gave good wishes for next year.

2013-14 Board positions: Pam Rich.

VP of Academic Life position still open. Attempts will be made to recruit new parents at the beginning of the next school year at back to school night.

Director/Faculty report: Jessica Baiocchi.

- * Railing down the steps has been fixed by HNU.
- * Everything set for graduation Mon. June 10th.
- * Raskob was voted "Best of the Best" in the Parent Press for elementary school special education.
- * Staff survey results are in. Jessica and Marianne will look at the list and it will be further discussed at the RPA retreat as to how to prioritize the suggestions made.
- * Admissions are going well. Middle school is full for next year and school tours and shadow days continue.
- * Auction raised 12 thousand dollars. Bridget and Marianne expressed thoughts re: the amount of time and energy the auction takes vs monetary gain. A concentrated letter campaign was mentioned as a possible alternative for the coming year.
- * Looking for parents to possibly organize separate grade level BBQ or some type of playdate for kids to get to know each other prior to the beginning of school.

Treasurer's report: John Aronis

- * A written report was passed out. End of the year surplus balance is approximately 7 thousand dollars. Exact figures won't be known until the end of the fiscal year when all transactions are

cleared.

* A budget committee meeting will be scheduled for August prior to the start of the school year. VP of fundraising, treasurer, and president will attend.

Building/Grounds: Marianne Mitosinka

* Marianne continues to work with HNU and a landscape architect on ground renovations.

* The middle school bathroom doors are very heavy causing hesitation of some students to use those downstairs bathrooms.

Student Service: Zondra Howe

* Zondra reported that she will touch base with Ms. Flores again at the beginning of next year. RPA will help support any community type project that the student council identifies needing more support with.

Technology: Bridget Rivezzo, Jean Souza

* Grant writing continues to move forward. HNU advancement office is assisting with finding grant money that might be available to Raskob. A current proposal is being finalized and submitted by July 15th.

* Bridget, and Jean along with Ms. Hagstrom have identified Google Docs as the primary delivery system to be used for the middle school writing program. They are recommending that chromebooks also be use in conjunction. It is thought that these two forms of technology will be able to move the school and students forward in the area of supported technology. They are asking RPA for \$5,500.00 for 15 chromebooks, headphones, and cart to pilot this program. A motion was made by Marjorie to accept the request. The motion was seconded by Lisa and accepted by the RPA.

* Debbie Silverman and Bridget are working on improving the Raskob website. A motion was made by Marjorie for the RPA to financially support the website. The motion was seconded by Jessica and accepted by the RPA.

Academic life: Pam Rich

* Pam read a message from Kim Van Hoesen expressing her thank-yous to the RPA for their support over the year.

* Kim will be reminding parents about the staff appreciation gift Thurs. after school and will also ask parents about hosting the grade level BBQ/get together over the summer.

New business: Noel Hanson will organize and set date for the back to school picnic.

Meeting adjourned.

