

Raskob RPA Minutes
11/6/13
8:45-9:30
California Room HNU

Attendees: Zondra Howe, Karen Cevallos, Marianne Mitosinka, Karen Kelley, Bridget Rivezzo, Edee Ben Ari, Julie Porte-Vega, Debbie Deganshein, Carol Kusmierski, Karen Fierer, Marjorie, Stamper-Kurn, Karine Bohbot, Jessica Baiocchi, Debora VanEckhardt

Review and approval of minutes: Approved

Comments from the Raskob Administration:

- WASC review will happen in spring. This is an accreditation process that happens in a 6-year cycle. This is Raskob's 2nd time.
- March 9th 3pm-4pm parents are invited to meet with the WASC review committee. All parents invited
- Parents requested to do a meet and greet when the WASC reviewers come to the school.
- BASI testing happens every spring. The tests take place in regular classes throughout the week to help create a low stakes environment.
- An analysis of Raskob students' former scores shows in the low average range without accommodations and above average range with modifications. Eddy will share this info with the WASC review committee and HNU Board of Trustees.
- Please fill out survey in director's letter.
- Jessica is working on new placements after open houses.
- Jessica attended the AET (Association of Educational Therapists) conference. It was a great event and she plans to do an in depth teacher in-service teachers.
- Professional Development day Fri. 11/8. Teachers will be out in the morning.

New Secretary: Karen Cevallos

Treasurer Report:

- 70% of RPA dues have been collected. The 67%target has been beat and we have collected a higher percentage than last year. We have a \$6,300 balance but will pay \$1,800.00 for chrome carts which leaves \$4,500 available.
- Mini grant donation \$1000.00—higher than expected.

Book Fair:

- Suggestion: We should have a wish list for books on tape during Book Fair. (It was noted that Raskob students are eligible for "Book Share".

- Great job by committee.
- Proceeds go directly to school in books.
- Laura Books on MacArthur is very supportive.
- Suggestion: Add more books on tape for library.

Spirit Wear:

- Open now on line. Thanks Mark Vega.
- No money made from sales-- it's to enhance school spirit.
- RPA should buy examples and put them up in office and give lots of notice before spirit wear day. (Edee will do this.)
- Could make business cards stating URL to make the ordering process easier for parents.

Parent Education:

- Thanks to Margery for organizing.
- 18 people came to Cyber Safety presentation.
- Next work shop: Ideas for addressing anxiety.
- Two possibilities: Dr. Tomkins or Dr. Peters. Both are available for Thurs. in March.
- Neither seems to be overwhelming opinionated on medication.
- March 27th (Thurs.) is the potential date. Margery will check prices and availability.

Quarterly Coffees:

- We will have the next coffee and meeting on Feb. 5th.
- We will ask Polly Mayer to speak.

Fundraising:

- The Soiree is coming up. It is an evening event on a Sat. night.
- All parents and teachers are invited. There will not be an auction this year.
- Should we change the name to make it less intimidating and less formal? The consensus is "yes" so we will think of a new name.
- March 8th is the possible date.
- The Sees fundraiser is beginning. Money will be due Nov. 21st.
- Next year we might switch to an online process but this year we are still using the form. This fundraiser has been worth over \$1,000.00 in the past.

Committee Reports:

- *Student service Project:* They will contact RPA for help. Raskob will do a can food and toy drive. (It's an HNU project.) There are no dates yet.
- *Technology:* The grant application is still being reviewed. We won't know if we got it until Jan.
- *Building and Grounds:* Hoping to get the irrigation by Feb.
- *Library:* They checked possibly cataloguing books with HNU but decided it would burden the HNU library department with late fees and check out. Karen Schneider, the HNU librarian, is looking into the possibility of a self-

check out software. There is also the possibility of using an intern from San Jose but we would need to cover salary for a part time position.

- *Raskob Cares*: Hasn't gotten started yet. Marjorie will e-mail the committee sign-ups to get it going.
- *Communications update*: We are getting ready to launch the new Google discussion group but are still having a little difficulty. It's on the website but hasn't been launched yet. Dominique will work on it.

Closing Comments: Next meeting on 12/4.