

**RASKOB PARENTS ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES 1/8/16**

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

Happy New Year to everyone! Attendance: Administration - Jessica Baiocchi. Parents - Marianne Mitosinka, Leland Traidman, Becky Stephens, Erica Dennings, Phillip Wright, Ginny Fine, Amy Schoenblum, Shelley Friedkin, Caitln Melan, Kristen Porter, Karen Kelly, Lisa Scheffer.

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

- a. Minutes approved.

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

- a. Director's letters went out yesterday (1/7/2016).
- b. Thank you for the gifts over the holidays; they were greatly appreciated.
- c. The new Raskob roster is ready to go out. Two new elementary students joined this week, both 4<sup>th</sup> graders, these students are in addition to the two students who joined before the break. Current Raskob enrolment is 70.
- d. The library is now open and being used by students. The upcoming Science Fair will provide an opportunity for parents to see the library.
- e. Registration for next year is starting.
- f. Thursday Notes include photos of Raskob students and some students do not have release. Could we make RPA website protected or we do not archive the newsletters on the website? Marianne prefers that the website remain open so that prospective families can see it and thinks that it is important for the minutes to be archived so that the RPA history is accessible for current and future families. It was suggested that Amy W remove the photos from the newsletter before sending it to the web manager (Debbie Degenshein) to post on the web site.
- g. Thank you for Mark Headley for arranging teachers' gifts and to Amy Schoenblum for writing thoughtful cards to each teacher.

**4. Treasurer's Report.** (Phil Wright)

- a. Update on finances. Phil received a charge for \$500 labeled 'Upgrade parts for Raskob Macbooks' – Marianne did not recognize the charge and further investigation/rejection of the charge is to follow. Accounts circulated and attached. Phil noted that \$45 for VGA cables is not reflected in the current accounts.

**5. Fundraising.** (Erica Dennings)

- a. Raskob Social at Erica's house (March 19<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm). This fundraiser event is for faculty/staff and parents. It is a casual evening and an opportunity to mingle.

About 50 people usually show up. The budget has \$1000 available to support this event. Baskets are displayed and labeled, this way people can write a check for specific things or just more generally. Fundraising will be in several areas (the list is being finalized): 1. **Technology**: two mac books for Jessica and Stephanie and a Go Pro camera; 2. **Garden Area**: (courtyard by clinic rooms) 3 lunch tables, 2 umbrellas, and 4 storage boxes for earthquake supplies; 3. **Library**: 5 to 19 Kindles; 4. **Professional development** for the teachers to support their use of technology with the students. Last year the event raised \$14,000. Parents may be asked to bring desserts and beverages and Raskob cater the primary meal. There is a committee to organize the event. Marianne to send committee participant names to Erica.

- b. Scrip Cards – lots of reminders went out in the newsletters and Erica will check on how much activity there has been. Scrip Cards will send a check quarterly, and the next check will be in March/April. Erica to send details about Scrip Cards to Jessica and she will circulate to teachers so that they can purchase Scrip Cards too.
- c. Wish list by administration for fundraising is being worked and will be circulated at the next RPA meeting.

#### 6. **Search Committee.** (Marianne Mitosinka)

- a. It is time to establish a committee to recruit new board members and fill key positions. Marianne will provide a list of positions that need filling. A committee needs to be created and it was suggested that it should include Amy S, Phil & Amy W, Mark Headley and Jessica B. One focus for the committee is to bring families with children in lower grades into these positions.

#### 7. **Parent Education.** (Amy Schoenblum)

- a. Update on parent education evening events and quarterly coffees. Two more quarterly coffees with Poly and Stephanie. Two possible living room speakers: Karen Kelly will speak about assisted technology Gabriella Tempestosa may speak about special education and the College experience. Another important area for parent education is internet safety. There was a suggestion that Raskob join with other schools and offer to share the cost of the speaker. Film night with a speaker was suggested by Lisa Scheffer – ‘Read Me Differently’, the ‘Big Picture’ and possibly a UCSF speaker on dyslexia. Amy and Lisa to talk further.

#### 8. **Closing Comments.**

Reminder that the next teacher appreciation breakfast is 1/14 and the next RPA Meeting / Quarterly Coffee is 2/5.