

## **RASKOB PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES 2/5/16**

- 1. Quarterly Coffee.** Thanks to Polly Mayer for her informative presentation.
  
- 2. Welcome and comments by RPA president.** (Marianne Mitosinka)  
Thank you all for coming. It is good to new faces at the meeting. Attendance: Erica Dennings, Shelley Friedkin, Ginny Fine, Margaret Gelini, Tiffin Groff, Edee Ben Ari, Marianne Mitosinka, Phillip Wright, Amy Schoenblum, Jessica Biaocchi, Lisa Scheffer, Rob Kearsley, Colleen Broderick, Karen Kelley, Barbara Brown.
  
- 3. Review and approval of minutes of the last meeting.** (Shelley Friedkin)  
Minutes approved.
  
- 4. Comments from the Raskob Administration**
  - a. 3-year check-up from WASC is due. Raskob is accredited until 2020, however, another short visit that will happen in Fall 2016. Edee is required to attend the WASC training and will be accrediting another school in the Penninsula. (Edee Ben Ari)
  - b. Thank you to Lisa Scheffer for connecting Fumiko Hoeft from BrainLENS.org and UCSF Dyslexia Center with Raskob. Fumiko will visit Raskob in April, and is planning to offer a talk for parents in Fall 2016. (Edee Ben Ari)
  - c. The library is now open and is looking great. There is currently a fundraiser taking place as a generous parent is offering a \$ for \$ grant. Checks go to Raskob or payment can be made through paypal. The money raised will go directly to buying new books. Jessica is looking into doing a 'readathon' this Spring. Parents will have the opportunity to look at the library on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm. (Jessica Baiocchi)
  
- 5. Treasurer's Report.** (Phil Wright)  
Update on finances: Operating accounts and income reports reviewed (see attached).
  
- 6. Fundraising Objectives..** (Marianne Mitosinka/Edee Ben Ari)  
Discussed and voted on fundraising goals for the Raskob Social, March 19<sup>th</sup>:  
*Professional Development:* Customized training for Raskob faculty to optimize the use of technology in the classroom. **\$4,000** for two day training and will include ongoing consulting.  
*Technology:* MacBooks for Stefani and Jessica (2 @ \$1,500 each) includes license, tax, 256G of flash storage, 8G of memory. **\$3,000**. This purchase will allow Jessica and

Stephani to not have to use their personal computer and also update the Raskob website, manage photos, testing data and have more space available, in general. Go Pro Hero 4 Silver Extreme Bundle, a program that allows students to make videos and edit. **\$450.**

*Library:* Kindle Fire 8 (10 @ \$150 each). Kindle also allows the background contrast and this can help students read. These Kindles will stay at school; they can be synced with home devices. **\$1,500.**

*Garden Area:* Metal picnic tables with seats (3 @ \$1,000 each). **\$3,000.** Cantilevered black umbrellas (2 @ \$1,400 each) includes delivery. **\$2,800.** Bench/storage containers (4 @ \$250). **\$1,000.** This area will become an outdoor classroom and will be wheelchair accessible. Fundraising objectives described above totalling **\$15,750** were voted on and approved.

7. **Fundraising.** (Erica Dennings)

Raskob Social planning: The committee will meet virtually this Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> February.. Erica will create a task list and share food list from last year. Parents will bring beverages, all food will be provided.

8. **Search Committee.** (Amy Schoenblum/Marianne Mitosinka)

Marianne is currently updating the job descriptions and will put a packet together for the search committee, to include the bylaws, the volunteer sheets for last three years, and job descriptions.

9. **Parent Education.** (Amy Schoenblum and Lisa Scheffer)

- a. Karen Kelley will be presenting about Assistive Technology - Best Options for Children with Learning Differences on Sunday, February 28th, 4:00-5:30 pm at The Mitosinka/Wick Home in Piedmont.
- b. The Big Picture screening will be scheduled in April or May, as a shared event with Aurora, although held at Raskob.

10. **Book Fair.** (Marianne Mitosinka)

Julie Porte Vega wrote a detailed Book Fair Report. It is a lot of work and only made \$300. Need to reconsider the timing of the fair and the event in general. Suggestion made to move it to 'Back To School Night' or 'Open House', as this may be a more lucrative time and provide more foot traffic. Question raised: Do we need to consider letting this event go? Discussion to be continued.

11. **Closing Comments.** Reminder that the Raskob Social is 3/19, the next teacher appreciation breakfast is 3/17 and the next RPA Meeting is 3/4.