

RASKOB PARENTS ASSOCIATION
MEETING Minutes 3/4/16

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

Thanks for coming on a dismal day.

In attendance: Marianne Mitosinka, Lisa Schaffer, Karen Kelley, Amy Schoenblum, Becky Stephens, Mark Headley, Phil Wright, Jessica Baicchi and Edee Ben-Ari

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

Minutes approved.

3. Comments from the Raskob Administration. (Edee Ben Ari, Jessica Baiocchi)

- a. The Library fundraiser collected \$1200 for books.
- b. Admissions are going well. (About 70 plus or minus) Will notify families next week. Financial assistance letters go out next week as well. This year began under enrolled, but quickly picked up.
- c. Megan Sweenie to attend a National Association of Independent Schools training regarding strengths based approaches, implementing next year.
- d. Edee will be going to Field Studies week this year. Parent info meeting Tuesday, may be cancelled due to lack attendance.
- e. Polly is going to a Learning and Brain conference and will report back.

4. Treasurer's Report. (Phil Wright)

Update on finances (slow month.) See operating accounts and income reports for more information.

5. Fundraising.

Erica Dennings not able to attend meeting, so information on status of Raskob Social planning not available. She may be handling all details on her own.

Evite responds so far – 26, target 50 people.

Another email to be sent to staff and Amy to send reminder evite to parents.

Discussion regarding organization of Social Committee

Marianne to create signs for donation baskets

6. Search Committee. (Amy Schoenblum, Mark Headly)

- a. Descriptions of jobs on website
- b. Voting on proposed slate in to happen in June.
- c. There are important non-board jobs (eg, website, currently done by Debbie)
- d. Page volunteered to be room parent coordinator
- e. Consider two people for Parent Education position. Co-presidency also being considered.

7. Parent Education. Update (Amy Schoenblum)

- a. Thank you to Karen for wonderful workshop re: Tech Resources (see handout)
- b. Movie night - Big Picture, or Read Me Differently (possible to have film maker come.) Date not scheduled
- c. Still looking for speaker regarding Social Media safety.
- d. Discuss working with teens and parents on self esteem, conflict, teen resilience (Edee, Stephani) Possibly in May for kids? Healthy choices, positive life styles. Tailored to our site.
- e. Alumni night in early Fall, late September
- f. High school night May 5 different
- g. Famiko Hoeft (from UCSF) possible speaker - coordinate with educational therapy dept.

8. Teacher Appreciation Lunch.

Mark Headley to coordinate.

Closing Comments.

- a. Reminder that the Raskob Social is 3/19
- b. Next teacher appreciation breakfast is 3/17
- c. Next RPA Meeting / Quarterly Coffee is 4/8.
- d. Open house, 5/18 pizza dinner, coordinated by Ginnie Fine (request for 1 adult in each class room to bus)