

Robert Frost Elementary Community Council Meeting

September 9, 2008

Members and Visitors Present:

Dianne Zollinger

Dona Harris-Principal

Jennifer Olsen

Mary Fuller –transitioning teacher

Nicole Olsen

Lisa Kerr

Becky Hall

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Mrs. Hall is chairing Presidential Fitness this year at Robert Frost. She used her husbands GPS to measure the mile run. A vote of thanks was given to her for her extra efforts.

There will be a training for Community Council on Sept. 16, 2008 at Farnsworth Elementary, 3751 S 4225 West WVC. Tues., Sept. 16, 2008. Mrs. Harris will be inviting the new teachers to attend who are going to serve on the committee.

It was decided that the first Tuesday of each month at 4:15 P. M. would be a good time for the meeting of the Community Council.

Mrs. Harris gave a brief summary of the plumbing that had been done in the school and the new enhanced classrooms technology. She also showed the new master schedule for the school. This was to ensure small group instruction and the push-in of teacher aides in the classroom.

Robert Frost will have reading coaches in K and 1st grade this year to help facilitate the new reading program and help with push-in programs. The coaches will work with other grade levels in future years. All out grade levels will participate.

Mrs. Harris was pleased to announce that we had passed AYP. She also acknowledged the three new teachers who have been added to our staff and how happy we were to have them.

Mrs. Harris expressed her thanks to Ken Garff's Road to Success Program and American Family Insurance for supporting our students with a wonderful reading incentive program. They will give our school 4 bikes, 2 for the upper grades and 2 for the lower grades. Students will receive a ticket for every one hundred hours of reading and will enter their names in box for the drawing in the spring. She noted that Mr. Garff has sponsored over 200 schools in the state. There will be monthly incentives to encourage the students to work towards the goal of 20 minutes a night.

She asked Nicole Olsen if she would be in charge of acquiring the bikes for our school.

#### Financial Session:

- \$1000 for AR tests in the library for literacy support. Jennifer Olsen –moved we approve it  
Nicole Olsen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

- Money for Professional Learning classes for teachers and for the substitutes when needed.

Nicole Olsen moved we approve it

Lisa Kerr seconded the motion

- Money to pay an aide from the Trustlands fund for 15 hours a week for literary and numeracy support.

Jennifer Olsen moved we approve it

Nicole Olsen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

- \$5000 for Leveled Library to go with the Imagine It Reading program for grades we did not yet receive.  
\$2000 for Intervention Open Court program for below level instruction  
Lisa Kerr moved we approve it  
Nicole Olsen seconded the motion
- \$340 for access to program information and ideas to support professional learning in the school for literacy and numeracy.  
This would allow us to have access to all the new studies on literacy and numeracy programs that will help improve and keep us updated on strengths in these programs.  
Nicole Olsen moved we approve it  
Lisa Kerr 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
- Jennifer Olsen request \$99 so that we could register for the National Spelling Bee by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008. This will help support literacy. (We made a note to Mrs. Devey so she could assist in this program.)  
Nicole Olsen moved we approve it  
Lisa Kerr 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

All voting members agreed on the passing of the financial requests on this date.

A request for a school choir was made. It was noted two teachers have volunteered. We also wondered if there weren't some parents who would like to direct it.

Parents requested that we have a list available to all parents of the titles of all the AR tests so they can help children choose the right books at the Public Library. AR tests are available on the school web site and at the Park Library.

Jennifer Olsen asked if we could please be sure the WOW- Reflection Poster be put back up in the main hall to keep the students aware of the program and hope to inspire them to start working on it.

It was suggested that the Jump for Heart Posters be moved to the gym.

The parents expressed their approval of the new Online Scheduler for SEP conferences. The meeting was dismissed at 5:35 PM

