

Roosevelt PTO Meeting

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Joint Agenda

1. Outdoor Enhancement Project

- Lowe's grant \$2,300 & a \$1,000 Quarry Quest grant. Mr. VanDuser has graciously volunteered to continue to help us execute this project.
 - Scope "outdoor classroom"
 - Labor/Design/Trimming -- Looking for someone who has the talent to design the layout. If anyone knows any parent or teacher who has experience in laying out designs, please let us know. Mather Zickler suggested that someone from Lowe's may be able to help with the design.
 - Timing of the project -- one week after school has ended. Mr. VanDuser is looking at what kinds of jobs and volunteer opportunities will be available to parents and teachers. Mr. Johnson will put out an email communication to families looking for volunteers.
 - Joanna Morey reminded the group about the need for planters and barriers to keep skateboarding, etc. to a minimum.
- Peace Pole "planting" - Rhonda Rossing. Where should we place the Peace Pole? We would like the decision to be made before the landscaping project so the pole can be placed before concrete and bricks are laid down.
- Outdoor Gardens: Hay Bale and also Butterfly Garden - Joanna Morey and Rhonda Rossing. Looking at using gardens as a teaching opportunity. Right now, there is a hay bale sitting in the yard. We are looking to see if it needs to be enclosed, etc. We are looking to see what will happen if it is not protected. They are looking to see what items they need to build into the grant. The Butterfly Garden has also been cleared out for the spring. If you are splitting any of your perennials, please let Mrs. Rossing know.

2. 2014-2015 Scholastic Book Fair -- Fall (Oct. 29/Oct. 30) Nicole VerHagen has graciously offered to lead the charge next year; however, Alliance is happy to include Roosevelt.

3. 2014-2015 RIF Strategy. In the last two years, we've received \$6,000 for RIF. We are not spending the money that quickly. The group discussed different options: 1. a voucher system giving each child a \$5.00 voucher to choose their own book; 2. purchase more books and have three give aways each year. John P. made the motion to go to three RIF distributions next year. Seconded by Mather Zickler for Roosevelt. Seconded by Nicole VerHagen for Alliance. Motion carried.
4. Summer Library Donation Request - Jenn McMahon requested \$75 from each school to purchase summer library prizes. \$150 dollars was donated by each school.
5. Student Experience Residency - Jennifer Stevens, Iroquois Potter. She has done a program with the Appleton School District that got very good reviews. Currently looking at a 1- or 2-week program. Looking at Oneida Cultural Grant that would cover the first week of her stay. Total cost \$350 per school. If we have her stay two weeks, the cost would be \$970 per school. K-3: Pinch pots (introduces students to Iroquois pottery) 4-5: pot of thoughts (students learn about the uses and meanings for Iroquois pottery and different ways to use them. Students create a class pot with traditional symbols and words.
6. Book Room Help needed (inventory and alphabetizing) - Help is needed with the book rooms. We need help doing inventory of both rooms. This could be done at any time before the end of the school year. Jennie Eastman-Kiesow, Mrs. Hallett, and Joanna MOray volunteered. More volunteers would be wonderful! Contact Mrs. Monroe or Mrs. Morey if you are interested in helping.
7. Talent Show - May 30 at 10 am. Twenty-five acts in the first rehearsal.
8. Crossing Guard Recognition - Each school will recognize the crossing guard with a gift card.

Reports:

- Principal's Report - Mr. Johnson. A reminder that there are a lot of things coming up on the calendar. Watch your newsletters for what's coming up. There are so many things that are happening for your kids and your families not only at Roosevelt/Alliance, but throughout the community. Thank you for the generosity and kindness shown to teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. Principal interviews/updates: Last week, there were interview screenings held. There will be three finalists being interviewed Thursday morning. Mr. Johnson will be giving tours of Roosevelt and Alliance on Thursday morning. Thank you Allison, Kim, Marsha,

Julie, and Susan for their help on the interview committee. Thank you, again, to the group for the willingness as parent groups to meet on one night and work together.

- May 30 -- Alliance Ten Year Celebration. All Roosevelt Families are cordially invited. First part of open house will be classroom visit. Second part will be musical in nature. The Murphy Family Band has volunteered to perform. Books will be given away while supplies last thanks to a grant.
- Die Cut Machines -- some new items needed. Allison Baughman also donated an electronic cutter that teachers are welcome to use.

Teacher's Lounge Make Over -- Three parents deep cleaned the lounge. We purchased plates, silverware, a k-cup carousel, a toaster and more.

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1. Tree for Mr. Johnson - Maple tree. We are responsible for planting, but District will take care of. We'll be purchasing the tree from Schmaltz Landscaping. John P. made a motion to spend up to Andrew Thorsen and Jenn McMahan will walk the grounds to decide on tree placement. Schmaltz gives a stake with ribbon tied on it. 2 year guarantee.

2. Budget Review - Jenn McMahan will send an email to remind teachers to turn in their receipts. Please spend the grant money. Pensive review. Jenn McMahan will ask teachers who used Pensive to please let us know their thoughts on the program. Was it worth the money? Will they use it again next year?

John P. made a motion to spend \$150 on the summer reading challenge prizes. Seconded by Allison Baughman. Motion carried.

3. Vote for 2014-2015 PTO Officers: Mather Zickler made a motion to nominate the following for officers. President - Allison Baughman, Vice President - Jehan Brown, Treasurer - Jamie Popp, and Secretary - Jenn McMahan. John P. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

