

M.I.R. Parents Inc
Turnagain Elem, Romig J.H. & West H.S.
Board Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2016 6:30pm
Elena's Relo at West High



Call to Order and Welcome Time _6:35 PM_

Presidents Report- Heather Probasco

Caitlin motions to pass minutes with edit to add Anna Walker to staff in attendance
Angie Cagle seconds

Secretary Report- Brooke Dudley

1. Presentation of minutes

Treasurers Report- Karen Biggs/Kristian Dahl

1. Review of current financial statements
 - a. Profit and Loss Budget presented by Kristian and Karen
 - b. UN day race
 - i. Carr Foundation sponsored race, \$2500 added last fiscal year but was designated for this race.

Old Business:

1. Anchorage United Nations Day 2k/5k (October 22)
 - a. Participation was down for all races this year including ours.
 - b. Jenny Kimball would like to step down as race director. Cara will help but we need a committee.
 - c. Consider joining forces with the Japanese immersion program to boost both races
 - d. Not having a running club may have also hurt the race.
2. After school classes
 - a. Limited by construction we would like to see more classes happen
 - b. Ms Olga is doing a dance club
3. Membership drive- Elena is winning

New Business:

1. Coffee sales committee
 - a. Easy quick fundraiser cost is \$15/bag making \$7-8 profit
 - b. Starting next week, Heather P. is organizing.
2. Father Frost committee
 - a. Forming committee right now, this is a good time to volunteer. Contact Maria B.
 - b. Elena found a 12' tree for \$285. Storage could be an issue.
3. Russian exchange students
 - a. All students have visa's 29 students, 2 parents, 2 admin
 - b. Some students will be with same host family here
 - c. Have some volunteers to host, need 10 more families from middle school and high school
 - d. Want to form a Welcome Committee
 - i. Need to prepare, looking to parents who traveled to Russia to be on this committee. Culturally, we should receive them the same way they receive us.

- ii. We might be sending as many as 30 students to Russia next year.
 - iii. We will go to Seward to see the whales this will be the main highlight.
 - iv. They will be at Maslenitsa celebration
- 4. 12th grade graduation: May 4, 2017, 6 pm at West High
 - a. First class to go K-12-they want to make a permanent gift to West and Romig. 16 graduates. Elena wants to create art for Turnagain.
- 5. MIR Scholarship/West High Owl award/recognition
 - a. Students have expressed idea of a type of award for achievement in the Russian Language.
 - b. There is a Russian game called Who, Where & What? A competitive intellectual game. Most advanced student throughout the year. Whoever wins receives an Owl statue. Asking parents to form a committee to give a scholarship.
 - i. Angie motions to budget for the Owl award. \$200.
 - ii. Bonnie Paskavan seconds the motion.
 - 1. Motion passes
 - iii. Need someone to run the committee

Good of the Order

We need to communicate better what happens in the upper grades. Some more opportunities for upper grade.

Try to offer things to these students so they are aware of what they can do after High School.

There was talk of lecture series, how to use immersion skills. Example topic: organization.

1. Elena Farkas asks form MIR student advisory committee. We need to
 - a. Discussion: will the students attend? Kids are busy in the evenings.
 - b. What topics do we need? Pathways after High School. Elena feels organizational skills would be a priority.
 - c. Lunch time might work for Jr. High. Nils Anderson institute of the north.
2. Tatayana A : Romig concessions will start for fundraising for the trip to Russia. Expects to earn about \$1000. can buy presents for Russia.

Adjourn: 7:50PM

Upcoming:

Next MIR Board Meeting will be December 14, 6:30 PM at Llouac Library - All are Welcome!

Father Frost Celebration: January 14th at Romig Middle School - Time?

January 25, 2017, 6:30pm (Elena's relo #13 at West High) - MIR Membership Meeting