M.I.R. Parents Inc.

Turnagain Elem, Romig J.H. & West H.S.

Membership Meeting

November 15th, 2017, West High Relo 13 630PM *Over 30px in attendance

Call to Order and Welcome

President's Report- Heather Probasco

Heather introduced the board and all other attendees introduced themselves. Heather introduced Mr. Nielsen from school board and talked about the issues that are being discussed in regards to Russian

Immersion program. Funding, Attrition, combined classes, lack of teacher assistants, teachers. Mr. Neilsen talked about how things work/decisions are made, he talked about the budget and that ASD is down 500-700 students unexpectedly. Members and attendees then asked questions and made comments, sometimes passionately, about frustrations in the Immersion Program.

Secretary Report- Carly

- -- Approval of last meeting's minutes: Karen motioned, Suzy Seconded
- -- Approval of Agenda: Mary asked to add babysitting at Russian class to Agenda then motioned. Adam seconded.

Treasurer's Report- Kristian Dahl/Karen Biggs: UN Run netted \$7500, sponsor names were read, we have \$160 in budget for babysitter. Heather motioned to approve, Angie seconded.

Old Business:

- 1. Officer vacancies (VP) call for nominations. Heather Nominated a reluctant Kaitlyn. Was voted in.
- 2. Anchorage United Nations Day 5k- SUCCESS!! Debrief-Davin suggested shortening the name for the website and not holding it on a 3 day weekend, and a little earlier than the actual UN day. A date was set for the first week of October.
- 3. Mak-it mug drawing. Heather did a drawing and gave away two mugs--Vera Clem and Charles Kaigel won the drawing.

New Business:

- 1. Kaladi Bros. Coffee Sales Kick-off November 15th- December 3rd.
- 2. School Store- Items to for purchase, budget line added--\$400, forms will be sent home with children
- 3. Russian Movie Night- at Turnagain Elementary- December 15th, 4pm. We have \$250 budget and will need permission slips. We decided that parents must be in attendance and we will provide pizza,
- 4. Russian Signs for Turnagain- Budget approval--YES we have a budget for Russian signs, \$1000
- 5. Russian Cultural Day- Volunteers, Committee, date(s) set to make happen at Turnagain--We decided to talk about this at a later date and form a committee to discuss in different time.
- 6. Father Frost Update, Russian book fair. We will have a father frost committee meeting December 15th. Olga (kindergarten mom really thinks costumes should be more colorful



- and traditional Russian. She offered to sew dresses for girls and asked for volunteers to help her.
- 7. Russian Interns- Committee sign up. Heather has sign up sheets that went around the room. We did not discuss Russian Intern other than announce Brooke as contact.

Good of the Order, Adjourn

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Sat., Jan. 13, 2pm sharp
Wed., Feb. 7, 6:30pm
Mar. 2-18 (+/- 1 day)
Mar. 21, 6:30pm
April 8, noon-3pm

Father Frost New Year Celebration @ Romig MPR
Membership Meeting @ Elena's Relo #13
Middle/High School Immersion Exchange trip to Russia
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