

Rilke APC mtg January 9, 2009

Present: Brett and Patty Wilbanks , Jeff Lentfer, Crystal Wrabetz, Jo Sanders, Petra Nickerson, Jeff Ulom, Debra Schwicht, Claudia Bittlingmaier, Liz Crafford, Jeff Lentfer

Verein want proposals re what to do with money they earned at auction
Crystal wants to talk to staff to find out what THEY want: computer software?

Nick, Charmin, Kevin, Scott Gurisko, Crystal, Brett Wilkbanks on tech committee; they may not have met yet.

Jeff Lentfer expressed concern re rumors of financial woes, is the school solvent? Is it closing? Other parents are also concerned. Crystal explained numbers, frozen funds, etc. We are solvent; we certainly don't feel like we are closing! Petra explains need to be vigilant, careful, look and work toward next year, renegotiate lease. Jo: need to let others know good feelings, high standards; that's how people decide to come here. Kinderfests convert people and then when they talk to other people they get really excited.

Crystal: 210 students, will lose some when Brezenskis request papers; hot water and furnace problems; called AirTemp because Fred not available; Fred then came and set of fire alarm as he worked. Puppeteer coming next week. Two new interns for Spring (March 1, April 1), one for the whole year next year, a few temoraries in and out during the year. Local teenagers coming to help soon, too. Crystal going to Germany Feb 7-14 at German govt's expense to learn more about German education. Connie says we cannot close off student entry for this year to older students since we're below our #s. Snow removal has not been well done for awhile.

Petra: see budget document; challenging to juggle funds in and out of various funds. Old money still hard to use because we get different instructions from folks at district, depending on the day.

Building committee: Jeff says that Joe Weinberger (and his lawyers) thinks we'll still owe some money for janitorial. Owe \$8200; hope to negotiate down to half that. Board motions that: We will pay up to 50% of the still-outstanding charges for janitorial charges leftover form Changepoint. Motion passes unanimously. Jeff and Joe Weinberger will meet with them.

Curriculum Committee: curriculum coming along nicely; building-wide focus on Berlin wall coming soon. Most work being done in Social Studies and geography.

Verein: Auction turned out well, don't know total earned yet. Potluck suggested by other people for next year. Need to know where auctioned parking spots are located. RSV has about \$6000, minus Winterfest funds, Drama club ~\$800, Travel club ~\$754, After school programs ~\$300.

Old Business:

Jo would like to have kids allowed to wear Sprechen Sie Deutsch, etc. t-shirts to field trips (attracts attention) from others. (Brett asked about scout uniform, which was passed last month.) Motion: All Rilke wear allowed on field trip days. Motion passed unanimously.

Nutrition Committee survey almost ready for distribution.

New business: Election committee still needs a parent for the committee. Election to be held 13 February; 2/1 last day for nomination; website can have pic and bio of all nominees; Jo Sanders will be on committee so she can sit all day to supervise balloting. (Need parent list and ballots) Petra, Jo, and Jeff will be eligible for officer position.

Executive Session 1/09/09

Parent concerns with TB test for wrong child; other kindergarten issues; OCS report on a family

Crystal's replacement for while she's in Germany

Crystal's contract