

## Robinson Foundation/PTSO Meeting Minutes - September 15, 2020

Meeting called to order: 6:05 p.m.

**In attendance:** Jeff Freund, Julia Fabris McBride, Justin Moore, Ganganath Koralegedara, Patresa Ebersole, Mini Siddique, Jesse Milne, Ellen & Aaron Rife, Andrew Lau, Rebecca Snell, Shawn & Caroline Harris, Abe Rodriguez, Patricia Blessant, Freida Same, Brianna Falvey, Lainie Mazzullo, (2 unknown attendees listed only by phone number on the Teams participants)

- I. Introductions
  - A. Julia called the meeting to order and introductions of those in attendance followed
  - B. Potential Board Member - Ganganath Koralegedara
  - C. Patresa shared the differences between Foundation and PTSO. Foundation primarily receives requests from teachers and tries to fulfill those. PTSO is more involved in the “fun things” (dances, rewards celebrations, etc) Both groups work together for the good of Robinson and routinely join together on larger purchases.
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Foundation - Justin made a motion to accept minutes from March, April and August 2020. Rebecca seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
  - B. PTSO - Rebecca made a motion to accept the minutes from March 2020, that was seconded by Mini. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Confirmation of proposed 2020-21 meeting dates
  - A. The two groups will continue with meetings being held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month with Foundation beginning at 6:00 p.m. and PTSO beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- IV. Discussion of Budget NeedsThoughts from Mr. Freund
  - A. Julia asked Mr. Freund what he sees the role of the two groups being in terms of securing funds for the needs that Robinson will have. Mr. Freund expressed that he is a loud supporter of his school and believes in holding the district accountable to the standards it sets forth and their responsibility to provide the schools with the necessary items to meet those standards. He is excited by the unique population of Robinson and the possibilities for students to give back to the community. Mr. Freund doesn't see why we are not able to receive Magnet funds as we pull from all over the city, have specific curriculum, and also greatly contribute to a unique experience that draws people to USD 259. Lastly, he sees both organizations working to “help teachers and kids together”.
  - B. Financial Report
    1. Foundation - Justin provided an update of expenditures and income since our last meeting. Checking balance is around \$5200. Motion made by Rebecca to accept the report that was seconded by Mini and passed unanimously.
    2. PTSO - Rebecca provided an update of PTSO activity as well as providing a full year at a glance so new people could see the typical items that are paid for by PTSO. An audit was successfully completed and the ending balance is \$8,417. Motion to accept was made by Mini and seconded by Frieda.
- V. Discussion of potential fundraising ideas - tabled until next meeting due to time constraints
- VI. Update on Shipping Container
  - A. A humorous anecdote was shared re: the delivery of the 40 foot storage unit that Mr. Freund had pictured as a shed. The purpose of the storage unit is to house PE/Athletics equipment, furniture that is needed to be moved from classrooms to allow for distancing once students are back on site, picnic tables, and other items as needed. If the excess furniture is picked up by the

District, there is no guarantee that we will get it back. Ms. Falvey shared that power washing is scheduled for Thursday, and primer and paint for next week. There are also plans to use the side of the unit for outdoor Movie Nights.

VII. Tax-Exempt form for PTSO

- A. Clarity was given on the form coming from the District and not something that PTSO needs to actively renew. Rebecca will communicate with Kim to get an updated copy

VIII. Miscellaneous Topics

- A. Patresa shared that the food in storage meant for rewards and dances needs to be used before it expires. Mr. Freund said that some was used during Report Week for the teachers and staff and he will look for other ways to utilize it. If necessary, Patresa and others are available to help clear things out.

- B. Freida spoke to the needs of PTSO: VP, Secretary, and Volunteer Coordinator

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. (motion by Jeff F, seconded by Jesse M)

Submitted by Patricia Blessant, Robinson Foundation Secretary