

FOESL Minutes September 15, 2015

Attendees- Jana Reddoch, Diane Polscer, Julie Solomon, Dawn Swanson, Betty Inscore, Margueritte Kim, Courtney Fitzloff, Elizabeth Hutchins, Mari Schwalbach, Chris Gong, Beth Rosch, Michele Levis, Jan Halsey, Laura Nepveu, Keith Packard, Libby Berridge, Lara Ingham, Patrick Fuller, Chris Myers

Senior student Jenny Dai brought in her painting for the Book Fair poster. She had it professionally photographed and sent us the file. She needs us to complete the graphics on the computer. Michele Levis and senior student Zach Levis will work on this and get back at next week's book fair meeting. The possibility of using this image on T-shirts was discussed. Individual shirts could be ordered through a service such as Café Press.

Julie Solomon reviewed our approximate balance of \$6000. She will present the financial report when she gets the information from accounting.

Keith Packard reviewed the usual time frame in preparation for GOBS next spring. Announcements should go out in the divisional newsletters after the book fair. Collection of books starts the week before spring break and continues until 2 weeks before the May event. We need to determine the GOBS May dates and put on the OES calendar.

Dawn Swanstrom reviewed the need to search for collection and sorting space. Last GOBS used one of the apartments in Morris House and the space was still tight. With the construction of the new Lower School, there is very little space. We agreed with Jon von Behren that we would search after the Christmas break. The routing of student drop off may also change over the break. Books are usually collected at drop off.

Betty Inscore discussed moving the teacher wish list online. This would help prevent duplication of effort for her. This could be done. It would also be more efficient to charge student accounts directly. Could this be done? Will discuss with Julie and business office.

Lara Ingham would like a cap on the number of books requested by an individual teacher, possibly around 10. Laura Nepveu expressed concern that with 15-20 students in each class, each parent might not then have the opportunity to purchase a book for the teacher.

Community outreach opportunities were discussed. Student performance groups, such as choir or instrumentalists, could be approached to be at the bookstore or in the space next door to the store. Libby Berridge discussed the ambiance of the bookstore and our need to be respectful of that, as well as to other patrons. We don't want to have too many people or distractions.

Beth Rosch brought up the idea of bringing US students to the store after school for a "Books and Pizza" event. She will try to arrange this through the US.

Patrick Fuller will look in to the 8th grade class excursion on Thursday Nov. 12. If possible, this would be an "opt-in" event and we will arrange OES bus transportation during the day.

Lara Ingham requested \$650 from FOESL to purchase OBOB Young Reader books for 4th and 5th grade. This was approved by the group.

We will add a book fair meeting next Thursday September 24, 2015, at 1:30 -2:30 in the DVR.

Minutes submitted by Jana Reddoch