

**PARENTS AT ROOSEVELT  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 16, 2007**

Present:

Maggie Carlson, Ann Cole, Shari Engelbert, Jeremy Hansen, Kathy Herrmann, Amy Kranitz, Joy Marshall, Peter O'Day, Juan Cuadros

1) Reports

Administration - Juan Cuadros, Assistant Principal

Discussed Superintendent Russell's visit. RMS still does not know the number of students we'll be allowed to transfer in next year. If the number is too restrictive, we'll have to cut back on programs.

New volunteer coordinator interviews now, to start in December

Safe Ways to School – new program at RMS to promote walking and biking to school in the whole south region

Staffing – not known who will replace retiring French lead teacher Colette Richardson next year

The new PE requirement of 50 minutes every day is being phased in by next fall; this will squeeze available time for other classes

Financial – Kathy Herrmann, PAR Treasurer

We have the funds to spend \$5,000 for more computers on wheels (“COWS”). We approved Kathy to do this.

We have \$59 K in the bank, some earmarked. For example, Volunteer coord. Position will cost \$12,000.

We set goal of raising \$10K at our spring event, “Showcase Roosevelt”, same as last year.

Site Council – Peter O'Day, parent rep

They discussed how RMS will cope with transfer limits being discussed in the “Shaping 4J” report.

Scrip, coupon book sales – Maggie Carlson

Paper scrip doesn't raise much money, but keeps good relations with supportive local businesses. Escrip raising about \$800 a month. Chinook books are easiest way to make money for school.

2) Other fundraising

Share Engelbert shared the draft of the letter to go to all RMS parents for our EEF Direct Donation Drive.

We decided to do a phone tree – ask House parents to call their parents and ask them if they got the letter and we hope they can help

This money is essential to basic staffing; we are appealing to donors to preserve our performing arts programs

### 3) Immigration simulation

An annual all-6<sup>th</sup> grade activity, Ann Cole and Wendy Harris are coordinating volunteers

### 4) George Russell visit – Peter O’Day

4J Superintendent visited RMS and spoke to about 60 RMS parents. We appreciate his openness and concern. We are concerned that they want to limit RMS enrollment (by restricting numbers of students who can transfer in), which would mean we don’t have enough students to maintain all of our programs. This question was not completely answered. We want to express:

- 4J needs to prioritize excellence
- RMS is willing to compromise, but we think 4J needs to shore up other schools before cutting back on successful schools
- We are doing what’s best for ALL kids, such as our Advisor program, elective system, strong academics and arts

Peter will coordinate drafting up of our concerns (attached document) to share with the District.

### 5) Future monthly meetings

Deb McCarty coordinates these evening parent informational meetings

January – we may bump up SEHS principal Randy Bernstein to this month.

Future meetings looking at local health care professionals, counselors who work with this age group

### 6) Other

Our next meeting is Jan. 18

We will discuss our spring event, “ShowCase Roosevelt”

Possible dates April 18 or April 25