

Rochester School for the Deaf (RSD)  
Parent Staff Association (PSA)  
1/12/2009 PSA meeting

#### Discussion on Holiday Party at RSD

1. Very positive outcome
2. Highest Attendance ever
3. Need to coordinate better with dorm kids for next year
4. More staff attended this year than ever
5. Many staff appreciated being able to bring their families
6. Some staff never saw Holiday Party flyer
7. Many last minute RSVPs
8. We didn't have enough chairs
9. Consider RSVP online or including an envelope when we send flyers out to families
10. \$410 paid by families; actual Outback cost was \$300. The rest of the cost went to plates, utensils and sodas.
11. Add Holiday Party and Future events to RSD website calendar and PSA site

#### Next Event - "Get Moving" on February 12, 2009

1. Consider using the pool/gym
2. Consider having families RSVP online
3. Concerns regarding use of pool
  - i. Which lifeguard is available?
  - ii. There is a ratio vs. kid requirement
4. Families to bring dessert
5. PSA to provide sodas and pizza (4/5 bottles of pop left over from Holiday party)
6. Use Kit for "Get Moving" event.
  - i. What's in there?
  - ii. Purpose : Cabin fever, teach families how to be creative in the winter
7. PSA will need to have another meeting to finalize all plans
8. Set up committee to review kit and discuss ideas
9. We may need to pay the lifeguard
10. There is a girls basketball tournament that starts 2/12
11. Consider moving event to Wednesday, 2/11
  - i. Difficulties having staff on Wednesdays due to Staff meeting until 4:30
12. Event open to all staff and their families
13. Feb 5<sup>th</sup> last day to RSVP due to lifeguard reasons

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Next Event - "Get Moving" on February 12, 2009 (continued)

14. Cost : \$5 per family
  - i. Families/Staff bring dessert too
  - ii. Consider 5:30 – 6:30 swim
  - iii. 6:30 – 8 Get moving kit and pizza
  - iv. Interpreting would depend on who is going.

Monarch Fundraiser

1. This was the worst year for Monarch.
2. Late delivery – even though we submitted everything early
3. Out of stock or discontinued items
4. We still have not gotten the bill
5. Out of stock items have not yet been delivered
6. One parents' check bounced
7. One student still needs to set up a payment plan.
8. Need to discuss if we're going to continue using Monarch again next year.
  - i. Profit 52% if we decide now.
  - ii. Vote: Passed – continue using Monarch again next year.
9. Consider starting to sell early; first week of School if we can.
10. Is there an online ordering system we can use?
  - i. How do we assign school/student?

Violence/Bullying Workshop

1. Theresa will email Mary Mowl again to see about setting up a panel.

Mission Statement

2. Theresa will contact Jen Adams to obtain something Jen has that will allow us to develop a mission statement with ease.

Scholarship requests for Camp

3. We need to set up guidelines
4. We need to see what other schools are doing.
5. Each board member will try and find something that may be useful.

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New afterschool program wanted (Intramural Soccer/Basketball for 8 – 12 year olds or Weight lifting)

1. A parent brought up a desire to set up a new after school program that is very successful at St. Mary's.
2. Helps children lose weight
3. Better behavior at home
4. Do better in school due to activities involved in
5. For children between 8 – 12 year old
6. Beginners/Intra-mural Soccer or Basketball
7. Weight lifting
  - a. Discussion about why children under the age of 12 should not lift weight.
8. Very useful tool to recruit more students
9. Consider starting this next year
10. Get support from PSA
11. Parent was encouraged to start with a letter of interest to appropriate people
  - a. Bring letter back to PSA for feedback
12. Find out how many staff needed for this program.
13. Parent needs to be serious about acting on this request.
14. Check on St. Mary Website – see who PSA contact there is, get more information about the program (staffing needs, costs, etc..)

Next meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 6 PM.