

Rochester School for the Deaf
Parent Staff Association Meeting Minutes
2/4/2009

GET MOVING

- The event has been moved to 2/10/2009 from 2/12/2009.
- This was done because the gym was not available to use on the 12th. However, now basketball practice has been scheduled for that night. PSA Board members discussed concerns regarding this. Date of event will not be changed again.
- We will have 4 games to use from the “Get Moving Kit”
- Hula Hoop
- Shoe Box Relay
 - Ben will bring shoe boxes.
- Limbo
- Mirror Mirror
- Dinner will be from 5:30 – 6 p.m. (RSD Dining Room)
- There is no food allowed in the LRC.
- Theresa will order Pizza to arrive at 5:15 p.m.
- Theresa will check with Lisa Dewindt-Sommer to see what paper products we have left over from the Holiday Party.
- Theresa will check to see if the dorm students can help with child care.
- Swimming and Games at 6 – 7 p.m. (Pool/LRC)
- We have 2 lifeguards available.
- We’re not clear who will cover the cost for lifeguards. In the past, RSD may have covered this cost.
- PSA Board will supervise in the locker rooms.
- Linda Bove event is scheduled 7 – 8 p.m.
- GVERRID will help with snacks.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:

- After School Event (brought up from last meeting by a parent)
- Theresa looked into St. Mary’s calendar.
- There is one recreation therapist that sets up all activities
- This person works very closely with all the school districts.
- St. Mary’s calendar has many events listed. Sports and other field trips were shown on this calendar. Very creative and includes activities for children of all ages.
- Theresa has not received a letter from the parent who brought up concerns about the fact there were no activities for children K – 3rd grade.
 - PSA was to provide feedback on this letter before it was submitted to appropriate people.

TEEN VIOLENCE WORKSHOP

- Theresa followed up on the teen violence panel planned for last Fall but canceled.
- Lynn Finton asked about hosting the violence workshop in the Spring or Early Fall.
- Mary Mowl was under the impression that the Violence workshop was approved for Feb 12th.
- PSA was not aware of this violence workshop as a result, it will not be held.
- PSA Board members discussed concerns regarding communication challenges when it comes to events being scheduled at RSD and not communicated with board members.

WEB UPDATE

- All the current and past PSA meeting minutes have been posted on the RSD Web site.
- Each Board Member's bio will be posted next week.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS :

- Next Board meeting will be held on March 9
- Book Fair will happen on March 23 – 27.
- Consider having Margaret Jenkins and Vicki Nordquist tell stories in ASL
- Give away \$1 coupons from Target for folks who want to purchase books.
- Suggestion on using Jr.NAD students to do storytelling as well.
- Camp Fair – April 16
- Julia will contact all folks involved and have students who attended share a short narrative on their experience at each event.

RSD/RSDAA 5K Run – June 6

- PSA has been asked to get involved but no information was given on what our roles will be.
- Will we be asked to bring people
- There is a short mingle event that day from 1:30 – 4p.m.
- Reception and Hall of Fame Awards that night.
- No carnival / Spring Fair being hosted again this year at RSD.
- Consider having current and past students show their Art Work before and after race.

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PSA MISSION STATEMENT

- Ben received guidelines on how to write a mission statement. He'll work on this some more.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

- Concerns were raised on need for childcare during PSA meetings.
- Consider requesting childcare for every PSA meeting and event
- Concerns that interpreters were provided but childcare couldn't be.
- What are the guidelines to requesting a student sitter.

- Consider hosting a parent night some time in the Spring in someone's backyard.
- Opportunity for parents to mingle
- Consider having Jr.NAD students babysit during this event as part of a community service.