

Rochester School for the Deaf

Parent-Staff Association (PSA) Meeting

October 4, 2011

Meeting started at 6:02 p.m..

In attendance: Benjamin Leyer, Karen Mayes, Peter Artinian, Denise Stappenbeck, Guillaume Chastel, Mike Williams, Jennifer Bailey and 2 interpreters.

Parent Night: Agreed that the schedules would be good for parents to make time to visit the classrooms and that teachers needed to remind parents that if they wanted to discuss specific concerns about their child/children, they can schedule it for another time.

Holiday Fundraising: Guillaume had the holiday gift brochures sent home with students and he hoped that RSD could raised \$3000. It was asked what the money would be used for and he said Holiday Party, Teacher Appreciation Week, camps, and scholarships.

Benjamin discussed an idea for fundraising... through recycling... old laptops, electronics, etc. He hoped that it would increase the environmental awareness among the students.

Denise Stappenbeck discussed Book Fair and Adventures in Education. She asked for PSA's help with the tickets for Adventures in Education; Book Fair is in need of volunteers and would be held December 5-9, 2011.

Agreed to set up the budget for PSA.

Karen Mayes discussed concerns about security guards not being fluent in ASL and learned that some of the guards were on contract, hence not required to know ASL.

Peter Artinian said that he met with Chris Bradley to discuss afterschool activities and Chris B. said the sign up for Pee Wee NAD would occur in January 2012.

Karen Mayes mentioned that RSD PR Director Frank Kruppbacher e-mailed to her about Indiana School for the Deaf's PTCO's president, Kim Bianco Majeria coming to Rochester, and that representatives from RSD PSA may attend Kim's community presentation at RIT/NTID. Kim hoped to visit RSD and meet with high school students (Jr. NAD) to learn more about Kim's experiences as a leader in the ISD community.

Guillaume re-visited the issue of an ASL teacher at RSD. Denise Stappenbeck explained that New York State does not recognize ASL therapy like it does for speech therapy.

Adjourned: 7:41 PM

Submitted by Karen Mayes