

# PTO Meeting Minutes

## February 20, 2006

**Location:** Deerfield Elementary School Library

**Present:** Kelli Ezzell, Meg Tolmie, Christopher Hibner, Sheryl Norton, Laura Larson, Natalie Cwik, Kristin Leigh, Dawn Johnson, Becky Collar, Val Bultman, Molly Poirier, Darnell Reppen, and Mary Winkler

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:10 pm

### Principals Report:

- DES Principal Chris Hibner
  - Revenue Caps (Handouts):
    - ✓ How do they work.
    - ✓ Budget forecast handout
      - 85% of expenses are fixed.
    - ✓ Enrollment Information/Projection
    - ✓ Operations Referendums are being utilized by other districts to maintain operational expenses.
  - NOTE: Anyone wishing to have a copy of these handouts, please contact Kelli Ezzell or Chris Hibner.

### Teacher Representative Report:

- DES Teacher Kristin Leigh
  - THANK YOU note from the DES staff for a spectacular open house.
  - Enrichment programs – will there be a questionnaire/evaluation form following enrichment programs as has been done in past years? Teacher feedback was that it was intimidating for the students and the teachers having the animals brought into the bleachers for the students to “pet,” and was not necessarily appropriate or safe.
    - ✓ Discussion included following-up with Val Bultman to see if she will do it this.
    - ✓ Discussion will continue on this at next meeting.

### Committee Reports:

- PTO Officers/Reports
  - Treasurer’s Report – Belinda Storms
    - ✓ Balance as of 02/20/06 is \$6,792.73 in checking and \$1,000.00 in savings.
  - Santa Secret Shop – Val Bultman
    - ✓ For the 2006/2007 school year a procedure sheet will be developed which includes a layout of the room.
    - ✓ A request will be made to keep the Santa Secret Shop room upstairs for the 2006/2007 school year.
  - Market Day –
    - ✓ Sales typically average between \$300-\$400 each month.
      - November - \$474.97
      - December - \$368.34
      - January - \$431.08

- Teacher Appreciation Week – Natalie Cwik and Beth Vander Grinten
  - ✓ We are open to suggestions for this great event. If you have a theme or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Natalie or Beth.
    - Theme suggestions: Olympics, Mini-Olympics for teachers; CSI Detectives.
    - Discussed contacting Room Coordinators for assistance.
    - Motion made by Dawn Johnson that May 1-5, 2006 be Teacher Appreciation week pending approval by Chris Hibner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Natalie Cwik. Discussion all in favor of this. All approved. **NOTE:** This week did not meet with approval by Chris Hibner due to conflicts in schedule. Chairs are working with Chris Hibner to pick a week that fits all schedules.
  
- Enrichments
  - ✓ Enrichment Committee - Due to the extent of planning and the responsibilities involved with planning the DES enrichment activities, for 2006/2007 there will be an Enrichment Committee developed.
  
  - ✓ Teen Topic – Bridges Enrichment including 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
    - Discussion included that Val indicated to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade that she would work with them.
    - Bridges requesting \$200 for “Fade to Black,” this includes 6<sup>th</sup> grade and will be a ½ day event. 6<sup>th</sup> grade would walk over to DMS for event.
    - Topics include: bullying, drugs, alcohol, internet safety (chatrooms).
    - Discussion included whether or not 6<sup>th</sup> grade should be involved.
    - Discussion included that more information is needed. Can Bridges provide a flyer or have Bridges and/or Michelle Jensen come to present it to the DES PTO so that all questions are answered? Or, can a write-up be provided with more specifics on what topics are all included in Teen Day?

**New Business:**

- Enrichment Committee
  - Discussion on expanded enrichment committee for the 2006/2007 school year. Volunteers needed for expanded enrichment committee, those interested in participating, please contact Kelli Ezzell.
  
- Molly Poirier will post the PTO Newsletter and PTO Meeting Minutes to the Deerfield School Website.
  
- Our local McKay Nursery representative, Jim Collar, has the ability to offer us FREE trees through McKay’s “Color it Green” Plant Give-away Program. Either four Shade trees or eight Flowering Crabs – Jim recommended the Emerald Queen Maple Shade trees. Kelli Ezzell will discuss and fill out the form with Chris Hibner.

**Old Business:**

- None

**Other:**

- Craft Fair:
  - The deadline was missed for the Arts & Crafts book, therefore the upcoming 2006 DES Craft Fair is not listed in the book, however, it is listed on their website (the site people using the book are referred to).
  - The rate is posted as \$40 with a \$5 discount for returning crafters.
  - Motion made by Lesa Herms via phone conversation to amend the November Rate Change motion – Amended motion is as follows: for the rates to be increased by \$5 (\$40 Booth price) for the 2006 Craft Fair, contracts received by August 1 will receive a discounted Booth price of \$35. Discussion continued. Amended motion tabled – to be seconded and voted on at next meeting.
  
- March PTO meeting
  - March 13, 2006. Meeting will be at 6:30 pm at the DES, enter off of Liberty Street. Babysitting will be provided Free of Charge.

**Meeting Adjourned – 7:40 pm**

Respectfully submitted by Beth Vander Grinten, Reviewed by Kelli Ezzell