

PTO Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2006

Location: Deerfield Elementary School Library

Present: Kelli Ezzell, Lesa Herms, Beth Vander Grinten, Natalie Cwik, Kristin Leigh, Dawn Johnson, Belinda Storms, Carolyn Duffy, Becky Collar, Meg Tolmie and Chris Hibner

Meeting Called to Order: 6:34 pm

Committee Reports:

➤ PTO Officers/Reports

▪ Treasurer's Report – Belinda Storms

- ✓ Balance as of 06/05/06 is \$2,886.48 in checking and \$1,000.00 in savings.
- ✓ Allocation of remaining funds:
 - Teachers/Needs and wants were taken into consideration. Discussion also included adding playground equipment to each grade level (ie: jump ropes, playground balls, basketball, football and frisbee).
 - Motion made by Beth Vander Grinten to spend +/- \$1,100 on Teachers/Needs and playground equipment (see attached list of purchases), 2nd by Becky Collar. All approved.
 - Motion made by Beth Vander Grinten to put \$1,000 into the PTO Savings account, 2nd by Belinda Storms. Discussion included looking into a Money Market versus a Savings Account. Belinda Storms will look into Savings Account versus Money Market and put the money where it best increases our dollars. All approved.
- ✓ PTO Tax Exempt Status:
 - Discussion included PTO needs tax exempt status to be acknowledged by IRS. In addition, PTO should be filing tax returns. Kelli Ezzell will follow through with the appropriate paper work to obtain a tax exempt status. In addition she will look into any additional insurance that might be needed.
 - Discussion included developing by-laws for the PTO. Kelli Ezzell will look into the Cambridge area PTO By-Laws and draft something for the DES PTO to review.
 - PTO Today Online – discussed the various opportunities that are available to the DES PTO through PTO Today online. The cost for the advanced level is \$99 for 1 year.
 - Motion made by Lesa Herms to spend \$99 on PTO Today, 2nd by Becky Collar. All approved.

▪ Enrichments

- ✓ Committee will focus on Character Education Enrichments that have a focus on a particular message.
- ✓ Enrichments will be chosen by committee majority vote.

▪ Character Education Day

- ✓ Suggestions for 2007 included 2-3 breaks with freeze pops or popsicles as one of the breaks.
- ✓ Another suggestion for 2007 was a Dunk Tank. The cost of a Dunk Tank is approximately \$125. Mr. Hibner along with a few Special Teachers would man

the dunk tank. Students could pay \$.25 a Ball to throw, or \$1.00 to automatically walk up and dunk the teacher/principal.

- ✓ Motion made by Kelli Ezzell to rent a Dunk Tank for the 2007 character education day pending the cost of liability insurance, 2nd by Natalie Cwik. All approved.
 - Motion.

Principals Report:

- DES Principal Chris Hibner
 - Discussion arose on the current budget and staffing for the Deerfield School District. For further information, attend the meeting on June 19th. Finance is 5:00pm and Board Meeting is 6:30pm.

Teacher Representative Report:

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New Business:

- PTO Web-Site – Discussion tabled due to lack of time.

Old Business:

- Sign Grant – We did not receive grant this year, but will reapply next year.

Other:

- Back to School Gathering – Discussion included holding a back to school gathering/potluck in August as a welcome back to students. Suggestion was to get Oscar Mayer to donate hot dogs.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by Beth Vander Grinten,

