

PTO Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2008

Location: Deerfield Elementary School Library

Present: Peggy Pope, Kelli Ezzell, Beth Vander Grinten, Sheryl Norton, Darnell Reppen, Barb Nelson, Gail Moynihan, Dawn Johnson, Julie Schifano, Erik Witt, Mary Winkler, Jen Stevens, Lesa Herms, Jaime McCabe, April Christianson, Joanne Polk, Kristin Leigh, Nancy Konkel, Natalie Cwik, Kristin Higgins, Tom Bush, Adam Benkers, Josie Benkers, Anna Ehrhart, Kellie Strege and Barb Nelson

Absent: Mark Becker

Meeting Called To Order: 6:36 pm

Approval of Minutes from September 8, 2008:

- Motion made by Julie Schifano to approve the meeting minutes from the September 8, 2008 meeting, 2nd by Barb Nelson. No discussion. All approved – Motion Passes.
- New Business – (Special request made to discuss this at the start of the meeting)
 - Request made by Nancy Thomas, DES Music Teacher, for \$332 to cover the cost of a moving cart for the recently purchased clavino piano. The piano was purchased with money from the elementary school music budget, high school music budget, music boosters and an anonymous donor.
 - Motion made by April Christianson to give Music Booster \$332 to cover the cost of the moving cart for the clavino piano, 2nd by Dawn Johnson. Discussion included who uses the piano and the breakdown of where the money came from to purchase the piano. All approved – Motion passes.

Committee Reports:

- PTO Officers/Committee Reports
 - Treasurer's Report –Sheryl Norton
 - ✓ Balance as of 10/13/08 is \$4,754.61 in checking and \$4,366.33 in savings.
 - ✓ Remaining expenses from the 2007/2008 school year are approximately \$900 for playground equipment. Current bill does not reflect discount. We will pay once Doreen forwards final bill for payment.
 - Enrichment Programs –
 - ✓ The next enrichment is scheduled for Friday, October 17th at 1:30pm. Parents are welcome to attend. The topic is "Attitude of Gratitude."
 - ✓ The enrichment schedule for 2008/2009 is still being developed.
 - ✓ A new chair is needed for the Enrichment Committee, Carolyn Duffy is stepping down, if anyone is interested please contact Peggy Pope or Kelli Ezzell.
 - ✓ Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra has contacted the PTO to perform at the DES in the Spring. The committee will consider this and look into any costs/fees associated with this.
 - Craft Fair – Lesa Herms
 - ✓ Flyers are available for distribution, help is needed to send to surrounding areas.
 - ✓ Newspaper ad placements have been made.

- ✓ A youth group has stepped forward to do the babysitting at the craft fair. The same contribution as last year will be made - \$150 to this organization.
- Craft Fair Raffle – Sheryl Norton
 - ✓ Raffle tickets have been distributed at the teacher conferences as well as by request and sent home with students. Approximately 3,200 tickets have been distributed. The drawing will be at 2:00pm on November 8th. Approximately 50 prizes have been collected already.
 - ✓ Anyone in need of raffle tickets, or to donate a prize, please contact Sheryl Norton.
- Craft Fair Vendor Coordinator – Peggy Pope
 - ✓ The craft fair is full with 110 vendors.
 - ✓ All crafters have been secured with contracts in.
- Market Day – Anna Earhart
 - ✓ The following grades will be sponsoring the upcoming months:
 - October – 3rd Grade
 - November – 2nd Grade
 - December – 6th Grade
 - January – 5th Grade
 - February – 4th Grade
 - March – 1st Grade
 - April –
 - May - Kindergarten
- Santa Secret Shop – Peggy Pope
 - ✓ During the Teacher Conference a poll was taken whether to continue Santa Secret Shop or to end it. Only 19 families responded with 12 for it and 7 against it. Santa Secret Shop will continue this year. Discussion included polling the parents of the entire DES by sending a flyer home with this years information materials polling the parents. Kelli Ezzell with draft a survey to distribute with the informational materials.
 - ✓ Volunteers are needed for this event. Discussion included again asking the Seniors from the Community Center, Red Hat Society Members, DHS Student Council and Charter School Students.
 - ✓ Last year we had great success with the cash registers.
- Principals Report – (Mark Becker was not present but left the following information)
 - Mrs. Hruby and Mr. Becker are putting the finishing touches on the character education T-Shirt slogan and design. He will be contacting Julie Schifano soon to go over pricing and ordering information. The plan is to send home a sheet with each student explaining the t-shirts to parents, requesting their child's t-shirt size and letting them know that the t-shirts are free, but if they wish, parents/guardians may wish to donate money towards their child's shirts.
 - October's character education theme is "Responsible Decision Making."
 - The elementary school recently received \$1,000 grant from Wal-Mart to go towards supplies for the 4K Classrooms.
 - Concerns regarding the lower level parking lot and parent/guardian pick-up and drop-off have been addressed.
 - Electricity at the DES went out for a short time on Monday (10/13/08), but was restored within 25 minutes. The back-up generator kept the hallways lit.

- Teacher Representative Report – Joanne Polk
 - Thank you on behalf of the DES staff for the upcoming enrichment “Attitude of Gratitude.”
 - Thank you to Peggy Pope and Gail Moynihan for having the wishing tree available prior to Teacher Confernces. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!
 - Ms. Polk will talk with 4K about sponsoring a Market Day.
 - Jane Folbrecht, Kindergarten Teacher, is requesting \$20 to update “Star of the Week” take home bags. The money will be used to replace books and games.
 - Motion made by Gail Moynihan to give \$20 to Jane Folbrecht’s Kindergarten class to replace books and games for the “Star of the Week” take home bags, 2nd by Jen Stevens. All Approved – Motion Passes.

- New Business
 - 2008/2009 Student Directory
 - ✓ The new Student Directory is out. In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, instead of receiving the entire student directory, parents/guardians will be receiving only their student’s grade level. This saves approximately 2,400 sheets of paper. Complete directories are available, if you wish to receive a complete directory that includes every grade level, please contact Kelli Ezzell.

- Old Business
 - None
 - ✓

- Other
 - Scholastic Book Fair a Great Success!
 - ✓ The book fair was a super success. Gross sales were approximately \$4,000. This brings \$550 in books for our IMC, some money towards Instructional Resource Catalog and a small amount for additional miscellaneous purchases.
 - ✓ The next book fair will be in February.

 - Referendum
 - ✓ School Board President, Tom Bush, thanked the PTO and congratulated the community on the great turn-out for the referendum. He was pleased to see 700 voters come to share their views and vote on the referendum. Thank you.

- Adjourn – 7:35 pm
 - Motion made by Kellie Strege to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Erik Witt. No Discussion. All approved – Motion passes.

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