

PTO Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2006

Location: Deerfield Elementary School Library

Present: Kelli Ezzell, Lesa Herms, Beth Vander Grinten, Belinda Storms, Chris Hibner, Kristin Leigh, Dawn Johnson, Carolyn Duffy, Becky Collar, SuAnn Bartenhagen, Jen Stevens, Kristin Wild, Patti Knapp, Mary Winkler, Peggy Pope, Julie Schifano, Joyce Brown, Sheryl Norton, Vicki Sanger, Sandy Fischer, Evonne Haak, Anna Ehrhart, Joan Sheets, Karen Witt, Laura Larson, and Darnell Reppen

Meet and Greet: 6:30 pm – 6:45 pm

Meeting Called to Order: 6:47 pm

Committee Reports:

- PTO Officers/Reports
 - Treasurer's Report – Belinda Storms
 - ✓ Balance as of 09/11/06 is \$3,029.13 in checking and \$2,000.00 in savings.
 - Open House – September 27th, 5:00pm-6:30pm – Patti Knapp
 - ✓ Volunteers needed for baked goods and teacher dinner food contributions.
 - ✓ Discussion including adding a nutritious snack (ie: apples or carrots) to coincide with the School health and wellness guidelines.
 - Enrichments
 - ✓ Complete schedule not available yet. First enrichment already occurred in early September. Teachers felt it was a great fit for all grade levels.
 - ✓ Discussion included keeping the enrichments to the \$3,000 budget as well as utilizing the High School students and programs for enrichments.
 - ✓ Suggestion was made to find area businesses to sponsor enrichments.
 - Craft Fair - Lesa Herms, Becky Collar, Beth VG, Sheryl Norton and Carolyn Duffy
 - ✓ Volunteer Schedule available, please sign up to volunteer. Shifts available for Friday night set-up, all day Saturday and Saturday night clean-up.
 - ✓ Contracts are in for over 70 booths.
 - ✓ Raffle Tickets will be available for distribution at Open House. Kristin Wild will join Sheryl Norton and Carolyn Duffy on the Raffle Committee. The freezer that was won through Market Day will be listed as a main prize for the raffle. Suggestion made to find monetary donations and the raffle committee would "purchase" prizes with the monetary donations.
 - Market Day – Anna Ehrhart
 - ✓ Market Day is the only Elementary School fundraiser other than the Craft Fair. 10% of all purchases goes back to school. Kindergarten will be receiving their order forms soon, all others should have received their order form. You can also order online at www.marketday.com, school code is #7180.

Principals Report:

- DES Principal Chris Hibner
 - Great Start to school year. The students from Kindergarten through 6th grade are displaying extremely positive attitudes and the kids are really excited to be back.
 - Speed Bumps are gone (HUGE round of cheers for this)! They will be replaced with some form of caution/speed control.
 - Everyday math on-line program will be available for 2006/2007. Students need new passwords for this school year, once they become available, the students can use the on-line software.
 - Many goals for the 2006/2007 school year:
 - ✓ Personal – Positive culture & climate in the classroom. More visibility in classroom. Parental involvement is essential. More use of the school web page.
 - ✓ School – Continue towards the achievement of the District Goals. Uniform report cards. Improve on writing expectations and increase the quality of writing amongst the students.
- NOTE: All goals can be found on the school web page at www.deerfield.k12.wi.us.

Teacher Representative Report:

- DES Teacher Kristin Leigh
 - Awesome start to the school year. Both staff and students are happy to be back, creating a very positive atmosphere.
 - Thank you from the staff for the PTO purchases.

New Business:

- Scholastic Book Fair – November 20-22 – Darnell Reppen
 - The book fair will again coincide with parent teacher conferences. Many volunteers are needed to make this successful. Please contact Darnell Reppen at DES if you are interested in helping.
 - Students are allowed to preview books during specified times at school. Teachers also make “Wish Lists” for parents wishing to make contributions to classroom libraries. Based on the purchases, the school receives free books for our school.

Old Business:

- PTO Today – Discussion Tabled due to time constraint.
- By-Laws Draft – Discussion Tabled due to time constraint.
- Tax Exempt Status & Insurance – Discussion Tabled due to time constraint.

Other:

- Homecoming Parade – PTO will again purchase candy to hand out to all students of DES. Belinda Storms will purchase candy and snack bags. Chris Hibner will have Student Action Committee (or school representative) bag the candy. Candy will be distributed to each classroom teacher to distribute to all students.
- Students must have a permission slip to walk with another organization. Students will only be released to a PARENT or to the organization they will walk in the parade with. All students not walking with an organization or being picked up by a parent MUST walk with their classroom. Kindergarten will not walk in the parade. They will watch from the sidelines. All students NOT picked up by a parent, will return to the school following the parade.

Meeting Adjourned – 7:53 pm

Respectfully submitted by Beth Vander Grinten,

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