

PTO Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2007

Location: Deerfield Elementary School Library

Present: Beth Vander Grinten, Kelli Ezzell, Lesa Herms, Chris Hibner, Kristin Leigh, Sheryl Norton, Anna Ehrhart, Nancy Thomas, Julie Qualle, Peggy Pope, Darnell Reppen, Debra Alldredge, Erik Witt, SuAnn Bartenhagen, Kristin Wild, Jen Stevens, Amie Groleau, Michele Wee, Belinda Storms, Carolyn Duffy, Sandy Fischer and Natalie Cwik,

Meeting Called To Order: 6:35 pm

Committee Reports:

- PTO Officers/Reports
 - Treasurer's Report – Belinda Storms
 - ✓ Balance as of 03/12/07 is \$7,461.89 in checking and \$2,000 in savings.
 - Santa Secret Shop –
 - ✓ Santa Secret Shop lost money this year. Based on the discounts we receive, we should make approximately \$200 on this event. We actually had to pay in an additional \$50 to cover our losses.
 - ✓ Many students walked out with products and didn't pay. Some parents called in that their child came home with their entire check as well as a bag of gifts. More supervision and volunteers is definitely needed.
 - ✓ Discussion included whether or not we should continue. Those teachers present had both pros and cons. Suggestion included having evening hours or after school hours.
 - Enrichment Committee – Carolyn Duffy
 - ✓ Health Fair - April
 - The 4-6th grades will be receiving a small emergency kit, Jen Stevens will assist in getting donations, approximately 155 needed.
 - Volunteers are needed for this date.
 - Suggestion made to have muffins, or light snacks for volunteers. A motion was made by Anna Ehrhard for \$50 for Health Fair needs, 2nd by Natalie Cwik. All approved, motion passes.
 - Teacher Appreciation Week – Beth Vander Grinten, Peggy Pope and Natalie Cwik
 - ✓ Themes has been picked – puzzles and games/mental marathon. Volunteers are needed for both assemblies as well as Sunday set-up.
 - ✓ Dates – April 16th – 20th
 - ✓ A request was made to get additional funds for a Root Beer Float Party for the students. They contribute greatly throughout the week in appreciation of the staff and this would give something back to the students as well. Motion made by Natalie Cwik to cover the costs for a School Root Beer Float party, 2nd by Peggy Pope. All approved – Motion Passes.
 - Character Education Day – Patti Knapp
 - ✓ Date – June 1st
 - ✓ New this year, we will have a dunk tank. DES staff will volunteer to be dunked. Each student will get 1 free shot, an additional shot will be \$.25, or you can pay \$1.00 to go up and push the dunk button.
 - ✓ Volunteers are needed, please contact Patti Knapp

- Market Day – Anna Ehrhart
 - ✓ Upcoming dates are: March 29th (2nd Grade), May 3rd (Kindergarten), and May 31st (3rd Grade). Volunteers are needed for each of these months. The most volunteers are needed from 1:30pm until 3:00pm.

- Principals Report – Chris Hibner
 - Kindergarten Registration is April 11-12th. It is very important that those having children entering Kindergarten register so that we have accurate numbers for the budget.
 - Kindergarten Visitation will is April 26-27th.
 - Open Enrollment available.
 - Class placement information form is available to fill out. This form is utilized to find out students study habits, social skills etc. This information is utilized to best pick a teacher to fit your students academic needs. Specific teacher requests are not guaranteed.
 - Chris Hibner announced his acceptance to a position offered to him as School District Administrator of the East Troy school district. He will start this position on July 1, 2007. He has been with the Deerfield School District for 13 years, 8 of those as DES principal. He will be greatly missed.

- Teacher Representative Report – Kristin Leigh
 - School Kidz Kits are being offered again to all DES families. This is not a money maker for the PTO, but is offered as a convenience for DES families. The cost for next school year will range from \$25 - \$42 depending on grade level.
- Additional Teacher Reports
 - Book Fair – Darnell Reppen
 - ✓ We are very fortunate to be offering a third Scholastic Book Fair. What makes this third book fair so unique is that the books are being sold at ½ price. The dates will be April 30th through May 4th. Hours are as follows:
 - Monday and Friday – 3:00pm – 4:00pm
 - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – 3:00pm – 6:00pm
 - Also Open during School hours, students can shop during their IMC class scheduled time.
 - NOTE: Books only are being sold at this book fair, no gadgets.
 - Spring Music Program – Nancy Thomas
 - ✓ The students have been working very hard for this. We will no longer offer punch and baked goodies following the program. Instead, each child will received a treat in their homeroom following the program.

- New Business
 - Request was made by First Grade teacher Deb Annen for a classroom subscription to National Geographic Young Explorer Subscription. If ordered within the discount time period, the cost would be \$74.55.
 - ✓ Motion made by Peggy Pope to give Deb Annen \$74.55 for a class subscription to National Geographic Young Explorer Subscription, 2nd by Kristin Wild. All approved – Motion Passes.
 - NOTE: This was amended to include a subscription for the entire first grade including Kristin Leigh and Elizabeth Tebon’s classrooms.
 - Request was made by Barb Callahan for \$150-\$200 to help cover the costs of a Health/Wellness all staff In-Service program. Kristin Wild came forward and offered to pay the \$200 as a donation from her business Wild Company Realtors.

- Budget – This discussion was tabled.
- Old Business
 - None
- Other
 - Women’s Networking Group – Julie Qualle, Chiropractor
 - ✓ This group has been organized and it is open to the public. The next group meeting is April 12th at 6:00pm in Waterloo at the Coffee Station, Bldg 129. This will be a wine tasting event (\$10 request for wine will be accepted). Anyone wishing to come, please do.
- Adjourn – 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Beth Vander Grinten, DES PTO Secretary

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