

PTO Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2006

Location: Deerfield Elementary School Library

Present: Kelli Ezzell, Lesa Herms, Beth Vander Grinten, Belinda Storms, Chris Hibner, Kristin Leigh, Becky Collar, SuAnn Bartenhagen, Jen Stevens, Peggy Pope, Julie Schifano, Sheryl Norton, Laura Larson, Natalie Cwik, Anna Ehrhart, Kim Gjerme and Robin Schlefke

Meeting Called to Order: 6:39 pm

Committee Reports:

- PTO Officers/Reports
 - Treasurer's Report – Belinda Storms
 - ✓ Balance as of 11/13/06 is \$8,400.91 in checking and \$2,000.00 in savings.
 - Craft Fair Recap – Lesa Herms, Becky Collar, Beth Vander Grinten and Sheryl Norton
 - ✓ The income from the craft fair is currently \$8,658.67. There are some expenses yet to be paid, after these expenses, we should still have a profit around \$8,000.
 - ✓ Attendance was down, possibly due to the weather. Profits were up.
 - ✓ Parking Shuttle was hardly utilized.
 - ✓ Suggestions:
 - Have map at admission desk for both levels.
 - More signs at admission desk.
 - ✓ Complaints:
 - Crafters were cold. The garage door was open and in future years we should try to keep this closed.
 - Concessions couldn't sell soda – we need to check into this at the district level.
 - One crafter that was placed in a classroom was not happy with location.
 - ✓ Raffle Recap:
 - We sold approximately 5,000 raffle tickets. We had a great return on tickets from those who took them to sell.
 - Prize list will be published in the Independent Newspaper.
 - Santa Secret Shop
 - ✓ The dates are set, it will be December 13, 14 and 15th.

Principals Report:

- DES Principal Chris Hibner
 - School Safety was again discussed.
 - 15 Minute Power Point Presentation included the following:
 - ✓ Assessments
 - ✓ Financing
 - ✓ Curriculum & Instruction
 - ✓ Reporting Tools (Report Cards)
 - ✓ Hiring Process
 - ✓ Teaching in General
 - ✓ Philosophy on Teaching
 - ✓ Education & Reform
 - Email Chris Hibner if you have any questions or comments.
 - "World is Flat" – Excellent reading resource for High School

- No Child Left Behind and the Wisconsin Promise focuses on:
 - ✓ Accountability of Schools
 - ✓ Research Based Education – very important!
 - ✓ Highly qualified Teachers
- Lower Level After School Student Pick-up Safety Concerns
 - ✓ The school is utilizing signs to encourage parents to pull forward as far as able to in the fire lane.
 - ✓ It is stressed that we need to be conscious and aware where are students are.
 - ✓ Suggestion made to have cones block the cross walk so parents/guardians are not parking in fire lane before school is let out. The first grade is out for recess at the end of the day and the cones should be out prior to this time.
 - ✓ The discussion included that this issue continues to be a safety issue and concern for parents and maybe the School board should interceded. It was quickly pointed out that this is an Operation Issue, not a Board Issue.
 - ✓ Suggestion made to have the Facilities Committee attend for suggestions on pros and cons.

Teacher Representative Report:

- DES Teacher Kristin Leigh
 - Suggestion made that parents would like to purchased an extra Student Reference Book (optional) so that they can have a spare at home.
 - Scholastic Book Fair – November 20-22nd. Volunteers are still needed, please contact Darnell Reppen at DES if you are interested in helping.

New Business:

- None

Old Business:

- None

Other:

- PTO Insurance – The General Liability Insurance premium was due. The total cost was \$235 and covers 11/06/2006 through 11/06/2007.
- Reminders:
 - Market Day Reminder – Pick-up is Thursday. Bridges is receiving month of November.
 - January PTO Meeting – January 8th at 6:00pm Pot Luck
 - February PTO Meeting – February 5th at 6:30pm
- THANK YOU to All of the community for the Craft Fair and a special Thank You to all of the volunteers that make it work!

Meeting Adjourned – 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by Beth Vander Grinten, PTO Secretary

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