

DRES PTA Board Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2014 PTA Board Meeting

Attendees

- Nancy Tan, Vice President
- Teresa Winstead, Principal
- Liz Armbruster, Secretary
- Tracy Van derMeer
- Rachel Zelibor
- Melissa Spence
- Melanie Scannell
- Stacey Fenton
- Val Leary
- PN

January Action Items

- Liz: send out Spirit Night email to PTA mailing list
- All who are interested: sign up for "Reward Volunteer" app. This is the app Nancy uses to track volunteer hours which resulted in our winning \$1000.
- General PTA meeting/Math Night: January 23.

Agenda

Ms. Winstead reported on the events related to the fire set outside the school today. The area is taped off and is being investigated as a crime scene.

Reflections – Val Leary

- Breakfast Wed. 22nd 8 a.m. in the media center.
- Prizes will be awarded across the categories. We have a county-area winner.
- Use the video which placed to promote next year's program
- Val will do this again next year.

Fundraising opportunity

Katherine Ocobrick (?) The Best of Wake County book

- Coupon book -- \$7000 in discounts
- Supporter buys the book for \$20 and gets that plus the mobile app.
- We keep \$50. Done on consignment, no minimums, we are not charged for unsold books.
- Do not charge us for lost or damaged books
- Grocery, pizza, Dicks, Sam's, BJ's, etc. All franchises are in, not just specific locations.
- All are buy one get one,
- Provide full support for the school program
- Action: to consider when the PTA works on fundraising planning

Principal's Report – T. Winstead

- Tree Ring: Ms. Biddlecome contacted Tree Ring. All but one family has been contacted and refunded.
- Met with Strawbridge and looked at the class pictures. Cindy Jarrett has identified classes that need pictures, planned out what the pages will look like. Will be a nice elementary yearbook. \$15 per book (our cost \$14).
- Open house last Thursday, next is January 28. Got some nice feedback from that.
- Read to Achieve nights; The 14th and the 30th. Recommended for third and second grade parents.
- General PTA meeting Jan 23rd. Dinner/PTA meeting/Math
- Dispatch article to Liz for the PTA meeting & Chick-fil-a dinner at the PTA meeting.
- Spirit Night reminder on the 27th Bella Italia
- Working with Holly Shaw (Wildwood Forest). Kindergarten readiness is an issue for our students. Discussing with 4 year old teachers in preschools about what Kindergarten is like under CommonCore to help teachers prepare their students better for their first week at school. Have two kindergarten teachers from Durant work with two from Wildwood. The session will be here to talk about reading and math and making students independent when they get to kindergarten.
- Kindergarten orientation earlier this year (April) and work with parents to get students ready. (Then the kindergarten picnic can be in May.)
- February Board Advisory Council meeting is the same date as the Feb. PTA meeting. Will do a PTA planning session on February 10; and in March meet

Carnival

- Rachel and Nancy are co-chairing it. Working on putting together a team to support.
- Games and
- Would like to ask fifth graders to coordinate the food and concessions and take a percentage. (last year made about \$126 on chic-fil-a sales)
- Kiwanis makes a donation based on their sales (Last year appx. \$249)
- Cotton: needs a table and two chairs
- Need to fill a few spots: Volunteer Coordinator – pull from high school and send them the sign up genius list. And put kids in the timeslots. Melanie S. tentative
- Communications and Contests – Stacey
- Nancy and Rachel Kick off Meeting last week of January.
- Prizes and Food: note there are prizes left over from last year; need a model for handing out prizes.
- Cake Walk – Can you use homemade items? Coordinate with the food lions to donate; also ask specialty bakeries to donate cakes for special
- Baskets – Donna Kuhney (sp?)
- Budget - \$3400 for expenses
- Is Teresa ok with raffling the “Golden Carpool ticket?”

Grants

- We did not get the Lowe's grant for grounds improvement. Can resubmit in February, but may want to focus our efforts on getting funds for things that we need and can support.
- Stacey to follow up on Sprint Grant.

Treasurer's report

- NSF – We've had just a few bounced checks; Tracy would like to waive the bounced check recovery service on our account so the check writer is not continually hit with NSF fees. Board agreed to do this; if it becomes a bigger problem we can revisit it. Tracy follows up with parents and asks them to pay their balance in cash and with our \$5 bounced check fee.
- Cash balance \$51,672.16.
- Boxtops received a check for \$2,530.76 (last year was about \$1284)
- Art Gallery: \$2,840 (\$1500 more than last year (Frames were less, and margins were higher)
- Cabot Cheese money \$1000 from Nancy's "Reward Volunteers" app which tracks volunteer hours.
- Computer purchase: \$22,835 for desktops for lower grades, laptops for upper grades.
- Ms. Weaver would like another iPad cart. 20 iPads. Tracy thinks we can find some additional money to support this. (Kindergarten)

Spirit Wear

- Order form came home on January 13.
- Tie Dye will be a black/white print on a blue/white
- Order deadline: Feb. 21; shirts will be sent early March.
- Order turnaround is 2 weeks.
- Mark up is smaller, but we don't have to keep extras on hand.
- Can do another cycle later. Keep the cycles simple and don't do as many color options.
- 44 Large youth Tshirts; 10 sweatshirts; still in inventory
- Tshirts will be promoted on the school news

Spirit Day Update – Devorah Grunow (email)

1) I copied the Flyers and will ask Tracks 1, 2 and 3 teachers put them in "Monday" folders on Tuesday, January 21 (because no school on 20th). I will request Track 4 teachers put the Flyers in students' folders on our 1st day back - Thursday, January 23rd. Timing isn't smooth....

2) I emailed Mrs. Winstead today and provided her with all the information in case she wants to do a phone call broadcast about Spirit Day.

3) I believe we mentioned that an email could go out to DRES families about the Monday, January 27th Spirit Day at Bella Italia. Questions: Liz, do you send those emails? If not, who would send it? If it is you, here is my attempt at drafting that email. I forget who mentioned

this (Liz or Tracy), we might want to include in the email an explanation of what the money from Spirit Nights goes to fund.

Durant Road Elementary School is having a SPIRIT DAY on Monday, January 27th at BELLA ITALIA RESTAURANT. 11am to 10pm/ Dine In or Carry Out /Bella Italia Restaurant/ 10630-101 Durant Road / www.bellaitaliaraleigh.com / (919)676-0076

You will receive a FLYER in your child's class folder. Please bring the flyer with you and DRES will receive 15% of sales.

International Night: February 13

- Flyer went home January 13, 2014

Other

- Favorite thing book in the office for teacher appreciation
- Add School Tool Box Program to planning meeting agenda
- Add Officer recruiting to planning meeting agenda