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# Minutes

## Durant Road Elementary PTA Minutes

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The meeting was called to order by Nancy Tan at 6:30 PM.

### In Attendance:

Stacey Fenton

Candy Shattleroe

Nancy Tan

Allison Tobias

Tracy Vander Meer

Collette Meador

Kyla Walgos

Vicky Shaw

Devorah Grunow

Donna Kuni

Jennifer Smith

Theresa Dew

### Actions:

- ✓ **Allison Tobias:** Source frames for the Art Fair.
- ✓ **Allison Tobias:** Decide if food will be offered at the Art Fair.
- ✓ **Stacey Fenton:** Set up online payment system on the PTA's website.
- ✓ **Donna Kuni:** Seek out kid feedback from the PBIS assembly.

### Approval of Minutes:

- January minutes approved.

### Principal Update:

- **Literacy Committee:** The decision on how to spend the literacy support dollars in the PTA's budget has been made we will purchase the following:
  - K-5 Mentor Texts
  - Book: Starter kits for K-2.

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### Financial Update:

- The PTA has received \$2,700 in general donations this year. Of which \$900 was from corporate donations for their employee's volunteering at the school.
  - \$250 from Sprint
  - \$650 from Microsoft
- How can we spread the word about corporate donations?
  - Stacey Fenton put a blurb on the PTA's Facebook page.
- Received a check for \$2,100 from the recent Box Top collection contest.
  - We are still \$2,500 under budget for the year.
- The DRES PTA has recently made the following technology purchases for the school - totaling \$8,900:
  - Six Apple TVs & six converters
  - 45 headphone sets for technology and ESL classes.
  - Ten iPads
    - 6 for Specialists
    - 3 for the Media center
    - 1 unassigned
  - Printer for the kindergarten classrooms
  - Learning A-Z subscription
  - Printer ink for the entire school
  - Paid for four teachers and one administrator to go to the NC Tech Conference.
    - They will roll out what they learned to the rest of the teachers in the school.
- Mini-grants
  - This year we had \$4000 in the budget for teacher mini-grants.
    - There is \$1700 remaining in the budget.
  - Any leftover teacher provisions funds (filing deadline is 2/29) will be rolled into the mini-grant program.

### Art Fair:

- Allison is working on sourcing the frames this week.
- Will there be food offered at the event?

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### Carnival (Scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup> with an April 29<sup>th</sup> Rain Day):

- We had our kick-off meeting last week.
- The following responsibilities were assigned:
  - Nancy Tan: Food, face painters, and fireman
    - Food we'll have Kiwanis, Marcos, Kona Ice, and seek out Jason's Deli for volunteer food.
  - Rachael Zelibor: Inflatables and cake walk
  - Donna Kuni: Volunteer Coordination
  - Mary Kate Fish: Vendor Coordination
  - Angela Miterko: Prizes
  - Liz Armbruster: Games
  - Candy Shattleroe & Stacey Fenton: Raffle
  - Stacey Fenton: Communications
    - Recommendation: Explain what the cake walk and raffles are for new parents.
- Lessons learned: We won't use the outdoor classroom this year. It has traditionally been a dead zone.
- Raffle: We will bring back the basket style raffle with parents donating items to fill their classroom's themed basket.
  - We will presell raffle and game tickets.
    - Plan on having an online payment system available.
    - We will have two Squares available the day of the carnival.

### International Night (Event for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders):

- Planned for this Thursday night.
- Parade will be held Thursday morning at 8:45.
- We have coverage in all areas from high school students via Sign-up Genius as well as teacher volunteers.
  - 6:30 P.M. Select third grade classes will perform a Mexican Hat Dance.
  - 6:45 P.M. Select fifth graders will perform African Drum Circle.
  - 7:00 P.M. DRES Chorus sing songs from around the world.
  - 7:15 P.M. Native American tribal dance

### Family Reading Night (Event for K-2<sup>nd</sup> Graders):

- PeachJar flyer went out today with a Sign Up Genius.
- If you're interested, please sign up online.

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*PTA Committees Updates*

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PBIS:

- Have \$70 remaining in the budget.
  - Donna Kuni suggested using the mini-grant program for future PBIS needs.
- Had the PBIS recognition assembly. It was a big hit!
- The Golden Trashcan is getting good buzz around the school.
- Donna Kuni would like kid feedback.

Nominating Committee:

- The board approved the following nominees to be presented at the next General PTA meeting for voting:
  - President: Donna Kuni
  - Secretary: Collette Meador
  - Treasurer: Kyra Walgos
  - VP of Communications: Stacey Fenton
  - VP of Parent Involvement: Jenn Smith
  - VP of Events: Tracy VanderMeer
  - VP of No Fuss: Theresa Dew
- Donna Kuni will request bios from the nominees. This will go out to the room parents along with the date the vote will take place.

Cultural Arts:

- **Space Station Conservation** performances will be held on Feb. 19th and March 11<sup>th</sup>

No Fuss:

- Labels for Education is going away at the end of the school year.
  - Push to get them in before the deadline.
  - Stacey Fenton scheduled a blurb on the PTA's Facebook page.

Teacher Appreciation:

- Letters went home on Monday requesting \$5 from parents to support the Teacher Appreciation Committee. The money is used to purchase items for celebrations, retirement gifts, and events like the following:
  - Two luncheons, chocolate day, Valentine's Day, pumpkin day, just to name a few.
- The class with the most donations will win a pizza party.