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Minutes

Durant Road Elementary PTA Minutes

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The meeting was called to order by Donna Kuni at 6:30 PM.

In Attendance:

Stacey Fenton

Janet Kehoe

Devorah Granow

Donna Kuni

Collette Meador

Theresa Dew

Prudence Neugebauer

Actions:

- ✓ **Stacey Fenton:** Set up online payment system on the PTA's website.
- ✓ **Nancy Tan:** When is field day?

Approval of Minutes:

- February minutes approved.

Principal Update:

- Dr. Seuss Day – went well
 - Every classroom had a personal reader.
 - Three NC State Football players came to read to students.
 - PTA funded the decorations and food for the volunteers.
 - Green eggs and ham were served for breakfast.

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Financial Update:

- Reviewed financials.
- The Treasurer is not going to allow budget surplus to carry over from year to year any longer.
 - Devorah Granow will contact the committees to ensure they spend the funds this year.
- Working to remove the self-sustaining items that aren't part of the PTA from our accounting books. Ex: yearbook and 5th grade trip.
- Teacher previsions: Teacher filings were due 2/29. \$6k paid out, another \$1.6k to be paid for activities that will be held later in the school year.
 - There is \$2k left over in this fund. Last year – transferred into mini-grants. We brainstormed on how to spend the money this year:
 - Ms. Kehoe would like to create a Makers Space. It is a hands on science lab for project based learning for creative collaboration between students. It will be set up in the computer lab.
 - Need items like Legos, 3D printers, Play-Doh.
 - Ms. Kehoe will gather an overseeing committee. It will be funded by the PTA, but not supported by the PTA.
- 2016-2017 budget planning will begin in May.

Art Fair:

- **Recommendation:** Open the food trucks early so the YMCA parents can get purchase food before the event.

Carnival (Scheduled for April 22nd with an April 29th Rain Day):

- Signup geniuses have gone out.
- There will be a basket raffle this year.
- Ms. Kehoe requests that we do not raffle off a golden ticket this year.

PTA Committees Updates

No Fuss:

- Labels for Education & Box Top contest will be held 4/22 – 5/22.
 - Will encourage Box Top drop off at the carnival.
 - Will look into doing a Tyson's each year.
 - Contest idea: Have graduated prizes as they reach thresholds.
 - Consider starting a capital funds account for fundraising. Possibility support he Makers Space.