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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

Collette Meador

Jennifer Smith

Nancy Tan

Prudence Neugebauer

Kyra Walgos

Janet Kehoe

Kassie Kehrer

Tracy Vander Meer

Vicky Shaw

### Actions:

- ✓ **Devorah:** Have we received funds from Amazon Smile?
- ✓ **Stacey:** Be prepared to have PTA membership forms ready for school Open House events.
- ✓ **Stacey:** Have picture board ready with samples of what the PTA does for the school.

### Approval of Minutes:

- April minutes approved.

### Principle Update

- The school will receive a new server on 7/6. The IT team will also reimage and move the desktop computers from the computer lab.
- Maker's Space:
  - Used the \$1000 remaining in the budget for seating.
  - \$3,000 budget set for next year.
  - Can we tour it during the meet the Meet the Teacher events? Good exposure. – May not be ready in time.

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### End of Year PTA Lessons Learned Brainstorming:

- Quarterly events – Having multiple events at once draws in more people.
- Communication:
  - Dispatch ideas:
    - Add a student drawn comic section.
    - Teacher spotlight – done by lottery.
    - Description of the different Specials.
    - Student article: get a student perspective, perhaps the YMCA kids can contribute.
    - Key dates
    - Bi-monthly
    - Name: Durant Dispatch Jr. (the middle school is also called the Durant Dispatch)
    - Start a Committee: Start small
    - YMCA kids to work on the newsletter
    - How can I be move involved with the school section.
  - Include PTA information in the YMCA newsletter
  - Website:
    - Integrate Signup Genius.
    - How can I be move involved with the school section
      - Cafeteria coverage
        - Lunch mom's and dad's
        - What are their responsibilities?
        - Need a schedule – ex: Sign on to help every Tuesday.
- Yearbook – have students participate
  - Yearbook club.
- Membership
  - Track members vs. participation
- Keep kids coaching:
  - YMCA has reached out to a local retiree community. If they find more volunteers than they can use, they will pass them along.

### Social Committee:

- Would like to give some of the events back to the PTA. Jennifer will meet with Cathy.
  - We don't need to do all of the same events as last year.
- Recommend maintaining the \$5 parent donation in July.
- Teacher appreciation & social committee are separate.

### Meet the Teacher/Open House Events

- Will the PTA have forms to hand out?
- Display pictures of technology and other items that have been purchased by the PTA.