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Minutes

Durant Road Elementary PTA Minutes

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

In Attendance:

Stacey Fenton

Vickie Shaw

Angela Miterko

Donna Kuni

Liz Armbruster

Tracy Vander Meer

Jennifer Smith

Theresa Dew

Devorah Granow

Mary Kate Fish

Prudence Neugebauer

Nancy Tan

Actions:

- ✓ **Donna Kuni:** Send open PTA position descriptions to room parents.
- ✓ **Ms. Kehoe:** Will ask the teachers for position recommendations based on parents in their classrooms that may be interested.
- ✓ **Stacey Fenton:** Send PTA membership teacher standings to Donna Kuni to include in room parent newsletter.
- ✓ **Ms. Kehoe and Technology Committee:** Have technology plan ready to announce at the General PTA Meeting during the Veteran's Day Concert.
- ✓ **Tracy Vander Meer/Nancy Tan:** Send survey to the teachers re: their thoughts on this year's Boosterthon.
- ✓ **Stacey Fenton:** Meet with Devorah re: online payment of PTA dues.

Approval of Minutes:

- October minutes approved.

Recognition:

- Tracy Vander Meer – Thank you for organizing a successful Boosterthon!
- Stacey Fenton – Recognized for 2 years of PTA Membership Coordination.

Financial Update:

- The budget was approved at last week's the General PTA meeting.
- Reviewed financials.
- 96% collected on Boosterthon.
- Each teacher will receive \$156 of teacher provision money. This money comes directly from Boosterthon.
- \$7K has been spent year to date on technology. This is what the PTA purchased for the school:
 - iPad bucket containing 6 iPads.
 - Kiosk at the Media Center for checking out/finding books
 - Identikid-new system for visitors checking into the school

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- Apple TV for the 3rd graders
- Letterland Apps for K-2nd grade
- Headphones (ESL, Special Ed)
- Printer for kindergarten classes

Nominating Committee Plan:

- Donna Kuni has found the official policies for procedures from the NCPTA website.
- Nomination Timelines:
 - Nov-Dec: Find candidates
 - Donna Kuni will send position descriptions to room parents.
 - Jan: Start actively recruiting
 - Feb: Push at PTA events
 - End of March: Have the plan in place.
 - Will make the official vote on the last PTA function of the year.
 - If everyone is in place, we can vote sooner and shadow sooner.

Spirit Night:

- Spirit Nights will be scheduled on the 1st Thursday night of the month and the night of PTA events.
 - Consider bringing spirit days to the classroom on the day of spirit nights to help promote the event.
 - Need a good communication plan.

PTA Committees Updates

Reflections:

- We had 30 artistic entries this year. This doubles the number of entries from last year.
- County winners will be decided in December.
- Schoolwide winners will be announced in January at the Reflections Breakfast.

PTA Membership:

- We have 19 new PTA members since we started the Membership Contest.
- We need 37 more members to meet our goal.

Wellness:

- The Wise family will host this weekend's Second Saturday Hike.

Special Ed:

- 136 students currently receive special education support at our school.
- Donna Kuni will continue the special ed page on our PTA page.

Volunteers:

- Book fair – working with local high schools volunteers. Mostly full for evening timeslots.
- Junior League – Use Quick Impact program for finding daytime volunteers.

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Cultural Arts:

- Great feedback from the theater group on the bullying program.

Labels for Education:

- Gathered 2K labels so far this year.

Square1 Art:

- Fundraising tool - 30% is comes back to the school.
- Ms. Kehoe will send voice message promoting the program.

Carnival Date:

- 4/22 and 4/29 as the rain date.

December:

- The PTA Planning meeting will be held off site.