



## ***PTA Meeting***

February 9, 2016

### **I. Call to order**

Michelle Ross, President, called to order the regular meeting of the Dare Elementary School PTA at 6:58 pm on February 9, 2016, at the DES Library.

### **II. Attendance**

Sabrina Brown, Secretary. The following persons were present: Please see attached attendance sheet.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Sabrina Brown, Secretary, presented the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

### **IV. Reports**

- a) Treasurer's Report: Teresa Green, Treasurer, presented budget report, which was approved as presented.
- b) Principal's Report: Lindsey Caccavale, Principal. Cultural Arts presentation Lil' Red by Virginia Opera was well enjoyed. The JDRF kickoff assembly is scheduled for April 18, 2016, and the walk will be held on May 2, 2016. March is Read Across America Month. The Scholastic Book Fair will take place from the 19<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>. DES assembled a parent focus group, a leadership team, to examine homework and write a policy for Dare to guide teacher assignments. Data will be presented at the next PTA Meeting. March 1, 2016, is Election Day, and will also be a school day. Precautions will be taken with regard to PE classes and parking issues are expected. Regarding YES overcrowding, Dare is no longer the "opt out" school for the magnet program. The teacher and para of the year will be announced at the Valentine's Day breakfast on February 12, 2016. So far, Dare students participating in the Great Kindness Challenge have 6838 acts of kindness!

- c) Teacher Reports: Jill Reames (K-2 representative) not present. L. Hautz (3-5 representative) A Math Night is being planned by Mrs. Hautz and Mrs. Blackmon. It is tentatively scheduled for April 12, 2016, from 6-8 pm. Goal to have fun with math. To be held in cafeteria and include rotations throughout classrooms- 4 stations (measurement, technology, shopping, and games) run by teachers for K-2 and 3-5. Would like PTA assistance with providing dinner, budget dependent.
- d) Passive Fundraising: Debbie Williams, Box Tops, there will be another mailing by March 1. Members can register Kroger cards at customer service at Kroger to donate to Dare PTA. Target RedCard holders are also encouraged to register through Target to donate to Dare PTA.
- e) Hospitality: Janine Denny, next event is a teacher breakfast February 12, 2016, 8-845 am. Snacks will be provided on February 26, 2016, an early dismissal day.
- f) Volunteer Committee: Janine Denny, planning a meeting this spring, will send flyers. Effort to secure volunteers for vacant positions in the fall. Training is offered June 2, 2016, for PTA positions.
- g) Cultural Arts: Jen Gates, Virginia Opera performance of Lil' Red on February 2<sup>nd</sup> had a great response. Upcoming events include a hip hop math performance in March (K-2/3-5), and Sheila Arnold to perform Oney Judge on March 30, 2016. Also working toward providing a Rainbow Puppets presentation through Young Audiences Virginia for K-2, and Japanese Taiko Drums for 3-5.
- h) Movie Night: Allison Lucas and Debbie Williams, scheduled for February 11, 2016, 6-8 pm. Will arrive at 5 pm for setup. PTA would like SCA to possibly work concessions and SCA member would receive free admission in exchange.
- i) Dance of the Decades: Allison Lucas and (Jamie Smith not present), scheduled for March 10, 2016, from 6-8 pm. DJ is booked and there will be games and a photo booth. Advertising via Facebook page and posters, and the SCA Morning Show (perhaps dressing up and doing a skit).
- j) 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration: NEED CHAIRPERSON! Graduation Ceremony scheduled for June 9, 2016, at the Grafton Complex. Pool Party needs to be scheduled for the first week of June.

**V. New business**

a) Announcements:

Kindergarten Roundup will be on an evening in May. PTA to have Spirit Wear and Membership available.

b) Teacher Grants: Teachers are now eligible to apply for mini-grants. No applications thus far.

c) Nominations for PTA Officers: Positions are open for the 2016-2017 school year for both executive board members and committee chairs/co-chairs. There is a procedure for nominations for future officers. Potential candidates are encouraged to attend PTA meetings throughout the remainder of the current school year.

d) Next Meeting: March 8, 2016, at 7:00 pm.

**VI. Adjournment**

Michelle Ross, President, adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Sabrina Brown, Secretary

Minutes approved:

As Written: \_\_\_\_\_

As Amended: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_