



PTA Meeting

January 12, 2016

I. Call to order

Michelle Ross, president, called to order the regular meeting of the Dare Elementary School PTA at 7:04 pm on January 12, 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, presented budget report, which was approved as presented.
- b) Principal's Report: Lindsey Caccavale, Principal. Expressed thanks to hospitality committee. Cultural Arts presentation by Sheila Arnold was great. Feedback on the PTA Directory this year has been good. JDRF would like to schedule date for walk, potentially in early May with fundraising kickoff in April. Dare will participate in the Great Kindness Challenge at the end of January. Bobby Kipper, founder of the Green Zone, visited the school and Dare will pilot a bracelet program. New Green Zone Ambassadors will be announced at the February 2nd Lil' Red Cultural Arts assembly. The Teacher/Para of the Year nominations will be announced at the February 12 teacher breakfast. A grant was obtained to fund a visit by author Ginjer Clarke on February 23, 2016. Staff changes- Amy B. has moved and a new SPED para will be hired; J. Johnson was part-time and moved to full-time. DES is honored as a Distinguished Title I School for five years in a row. DES has secured the services of Pebble Go, Moby Max (math prescriptive

learning), and Starfall. Students will have full access at home using their student logins.

- c) Teacher Reports: Jill Reames (K-2 representative) L. Hautz (3-5 representative) Not present.
- d) Cut and Paste: Debbie Williams for Colleena Ireland (not present), committee going well, projects plentiful.
- e) Passive Fundraising: Debbie Williams, Box Tops check for \$869 was received, there will be another mailing in March.
- f) Hospitality: Janine Denny, next event is a teacher breakfast February 12, 2016, 8-845 am.
- g) Volunteer Committee: Janine Denny, planning a meeting with coffee/baked goods this spring, will send flyers. Effort to secure volunteers for vacant positions in the fall. Training is offered June 2, 2016, for PTA positions.
- h) Cultural Arts: Jen Gates, Virginia Opera is scheduled to perform Lil' Red on February 2, 2016, at 915 am. Would like to schedule Shield Arnold for a performance during Black History Month. Young Audiences has availability in March for a hip hop math group.
- i) Skate Date: Carolyn Anderson, K-2 date April 15, 2016, and 3-5 April 22, 2016.
- j) Movie Night: Allison Lucas (not present) and Debbie Williams, scheduled for February 11, 2016, 6-8 pm.
- k) Dare Spirit Night- Plaza Azteca: Michelle Ross for Ingrid Bayne (not present), would like to continue this fundraising effort.
- l) 5th Grade Celebration: NEED CHAIRPERSON! Graduation Ceremony being scheduled for early June.

V. New business

- a) Announcements:

Janine Denny advised of meeting to address school overcrowding at YES on January 21, 2016, at 630 pm with Dr. Shandor and Dr. James.

- b) Teacher Grants: Mini-grants are available for pre-K, K-5, Art, Music, PE, Library, and special education. Teachers are now eligible to apply.

c) Next Meeting: February 9, 2016, at 7:00 pm.

VI. Adjournment

Michelle Ross, president, adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Sabrina Brown, Secretary

Minutes approved:

As Written: _____

As Amended: _____

Date: _____