



PTA Meeting

November 10, 2015

I. Call to order

Michelle Ross, president, called to order the regular meeting of the Dare Elementary School PTA at 7:00 pm on November 10, 2015 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. The spellathon brought \$12,250.25 income, not performing as high as hoped for. The purchase of a Square to process credit card chip technology approved.
- b) Principal's Report: Lindsey Caccavale, Principal. Expressed thanks to hospitality committee. School would like to recognize students' achievements outside of school (i.e. scouting, athletic achievements). The Green Zone Ceremony was a great opportunity for DES. Teachers participated in professional development in November - Writer's Workshop Conferences consisting of teacher writer's workshops, non-fiction in January. Dare is in the process of procuring a grant to fund an author visit school in the spring.
- c) Teacher Reports: Jill Reames (K-2 representative) Hautz (3-5 representative) Not present.

- d) Guest Speaker: Tony Darncharnjitt, Dare parent, owner of Party Essentials. Presented their Affiliate Program (free to join, EIN needed) in which an organization receives 5% back from purchases each quarter. Teachers and staff of the school receive 20% off in store and parents receive 10% off. He is willing to work within budgets in planning school events.
- e) Cut and Paste: Debbie Williams for Colleena Ireland (not present), committee going well, projects plentiful.
- f) Directory: Teresa Green, currently in production. Much more participation this year than in prior years.
- g) Hospitality, Janine Denny, going well, many good volunteers. Next event is a teacher cookie exchange December 16, 2015.
- h) Spellathon: Teresa Green, event completed, prizes have been dispersed, and income was \$12, 250.25.
- i) Cultural Arts/Reflections: Jen Gates, currently setting date for Sheila Arnold Underground Railroad performance in December, and Lil' Red in February. The Reflections program was a big success, with entries increasing to 13 from 3 last year. Currently in the judging phase. Would like to display student artwork on campus to recognize the entries not advancing to county level.
- j) Skate Date: Carolyn Anderson, K-2 date November 13, 2015, 3-5 date November 20, 2015. Low registration thus far.
- k) Spirit Wear: Mandy Hunt, gear is in very high demand. Phasing out "bling" shirts in favor of glitter screen print. Low participation in Spirit Day on Fridays, perhaps SCA representatives could assist in tallying for classes.
- l) Watch Dogs: Michelle Ross, event on October 20, 2015, had huge turnout. New shirts are very well received and preferred. Three shirts have been placed in the office for volunteers without their own to wear.
- m) Trunk and Treat: Michelle Ross, event was a success. Good turnout. Ideas for next year, 24 maximum trunks, an additional registration table, requiring PTA bags to be used for t-o-t to ensure registration. Brooke Owenby taking over committee beginning 2016-2017 school year.
- n) Dare Spirit Night- Plaza Azteca: Michelle Ross for Ingrid Bayne (not present), received \$55 cash for September, \$150 check for October, next spirit night November 17, 2015, from 4-10 pm. Please write Dare on receipts.

V. New business

- a) Announcements:
No PTA meeting in December.
CHROME club starting soon.
Ties and Tiaras on Thursdays beginning November.

- b) Teacher Grants: Due to the budget shortfall, there will be reallocations. PTA will fund teacher mini-grants. Mini-grants are available for pre-K, K-5, Art, Music, PE, Library, and special education. Guidelines are \$100 per grade level, all teachers in the grade level must be PTA members by September 30, 2015 (extended through November 16, 2015), apply for mini-grant as a grade level after January 1, 2016.

- c) Walk-a-thon: Presented as a fundraising alternative to spellathon by Monica Ott. Takes tremendous effort but can be successful using website for donations.

- d) Next Meeting: January 12, 2016, at 7:00 pm.

VI. Adjournment

Michelle Ross, president, adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Sabrina Brown, Secretary

Minutes approved:

As Written: _____

As Amended: _____

Date: _____