



## ***PTA Meeting***

October 13, 2015

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

Michelle Ross, president, called to order the regular meeting of the Dare Elementary School PTA at 7:02 pm on October 13, 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, which was approved by general membership. Currently 235 members and national dues to be paid.
- b) Guest Speaker: Brandi Davis, Secretary of York County Council, and PTA Mentor to DES. Presented tips for PTA, see attached "Do's and Don'ts of PTA Administrator Relations." YCC Meeting October 15, 2015.
- c) Principal's Report: Lindsey Caccavale, Principal. Great start to the school year with Kindergarten Roundup and Back to School Kick Off. DES received banner for high performance during the spring JDRF walk. Hospitality Committee appreciated as it frees school funds for professional development. Cultural Arts presentation, Trickster Trilogy, was a hit. This school year teachers will emphasize literacy, teaching the reader and teaching the writer. Project Based Learning promoted. DES was chosen to present Green Zone anti-bullying efforts to the School Board on October 26, 2015, at 7 pm. Month long activities will culminate in a Green Zone Ceremony including

pledge, planting tulips, and raising a green flag on October 30, 2015. Spellathon underway. Safety drills have been ongoing and are successful.

- d) Teacher Reports: Jill Reames (K-2 representative) presented use of Remind App to promote communication between parents and teachers. Hautz (3-5 representative) reported no incentives needed for teachers to join PTA, but frequent reminders would be helpful.
- e) Back to School Kickoff: Sabrina Brown, event was a success, and feedback suggests to plan again for next school year.
- f) Open House Job Fair: Michelle Ross, event went well, feedback was positive, new volunteers signed up.
- g) Membership: Michelle Ross for Debbie Williams (not present), 235 current members, 4 business sponsors.
- h) Cut and Paste: Colleena Ireland, committee going well, new volunteers. Add cut and paste to Tuesday announcements to ensure teachers are aware of the service.
- i) Hospitality, Janine Denny, going well, many good volunteers, and the shift toward more health conscious food options seems to be well received.
- j) Spellathon: Teresa Green, Testing is Friday, October 16, 2015. Packets will be going back home on October 19, 2015 to collect money. Students must return money by October 26, 2015, in order to be eligible for prizes. Spellathon is very labor intensive and needs volunteers.
- k) Cultural Arts: Michelle Ross for Jen Gates (not present), Trickster Trilogy was much enjoyed, and currently setting date for Sheila Arnold performance.
- l) Skate Date: Michelle Ross for Carolyn Anderson (not present), K-2 date November 13, 2015, 3-5 date November 20, 2015. Need volunteers.
- m) Watch Dogs: Michelle Ross, event will take place on October 20, 2015, 6-7 pm in the cafeteria, expecting 64 attendees. Lindsey Caccavale presents possibilities for part-time watch dogs to promote participation.
- n) Trunk and Treat: Michelle Ross, setting up on rear black top this year to promote student safety. Event is October 22, 2015, 6-7 pm. Thus far 33 attendees registered, 11 trunks, and 14 bags of candy donated.

- o) Dare Spirit Night- Plaza Azteca: Michelle Ross for Ingrid Bayne (not present), would like to obtain check for last spirit night before promoting future events, turn out not as high as expected.

**V. New business**

- a) Announcements:
  - Letter expressing gratitude from kindergarten teachers for funding field trip to pumpkin patch.
  - Book Fair to be held November 13-19, 2015.
- b) Next Meeting: November 10, 2015

**VI. Adjournment**

Michelle Ross, president, adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Sabrina Brown, Secretary

Minutes approved:

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

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

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