**March 11, 2014 DES PTA Minutes**

7:02 Suzan Fusco called the meeting to order

**Guest Speaker** – Mrs. Kris Wessler and her new Master Gardner partner Mr. Steve Dodson; discussion of the butterfly garden; 200 plants will be donated by the Game and Fishery from Pennsylvania; Tyler Laporte, an Eagle scout, will be working on the garden; in the fall will be mulching and adding composite

**Secretary Report** – February minutes passed

**Treasurers Report** – added pizza shop, Dance of Decades and Ned Show proceeds; discussion

**Principal Report** – Mrs. Caccavale – Discussion of budget reports; asking for 2.9 million to fund budget including increase in teachers salary and some kind of benefit and some kind of technology plan; asking public to email board of supervisors to show support of proposal; March 18th is the proposal meeting and March 24th is the school board meeting in Public Hall;

Revamp the continued dismissal (parent pick-up) safety concerns – meeting with Transportation Safety Commission

Make-up snow days – lost our half days in the end of year

Bay Electric grant - $1,000 will be taken to Dare technology team to be meet everyone’s benefits

Mini grants for the teachers – discussion

Instructional Literacy Model – integrated approach to teaching literacy will roll out next year for grade K-5- discussion; will be observing a Newport News class next week

End of the Year Slide show – looking for parent to manage; discussion

**Teachers Report** – spring exhibition for first grade – launching a Dare to Care; discussion; possible mini-grant

**Committee Reports** –

Book Fair – Jamie Smith – March 21-March 28, 2014; sign up genius for volunteers

Dare Night (pizza shop) –Michelle Ross; only $87.42 made last week; next pizza night – March 18

Hands on Science Update – Brandi Davis- experiment training was last week; Thursday, March 18 will be for 5th graders

Cultural Arts – Brandi Davis – March 15 @ 2:15 “Jabber Talky”

Dance of Decades – Jamie Smith and Allison Lucas – was great success; brought in $390.00

Hospitality – Anna Billings – March 19 – Teachers Breakfast

Passive Fundraiser – Debbie Williams and Anna Billings – working on another mailing, however, will not receive check until fall of 2014; discussion of incentive program over the summer for collections

Skate Date – Caroline Anderson – K-2 this Friday March 14; will have new snacks and door prizes donated by Mandy from spirit wear

Yearbook Update – Brantlee Lemmink – Flyers went home for yearbook; discussion; possibility of photography club for 4th and 5th grade students with the possibility of helping with the yearbook; discussion

Dare Newsletter – Mandy Hunt – Need all information by first week in April with hopes of having newsletter out on April 15th

Fifth Grade Celebration – discussion; Brandi Davis and Amanda Stonier meeting to discuss the following day; more to come

New Business:

*Teacher Mini-Grants* – Money made from Pizza shop

 To date:

 Ipop – Toaster Oven

 Second Grade – CD’s with accessories

 Mr. Winfree – Money for 3 new choral risers

*Discussion of Vacant Committee Chairs for the 2014-2015 school year* –

 Hands on Science – Brandi has graciously offered to continue to keep this going, however, a co-chair is needed; Teresa Green has offered

Cultural Arts – This is Brandi’s last year at Dare; will need new committee chair

Cut and Paste – Nozomi Overstreet will be stepping down as chairperson; Colleena Ireland will take over as chairperson! Thank you Colleena

Movie Night – Randi is continuing her education; Allison is in need of a co-chair.

Reflections – Darlene is in need of a co-chair

Spell-A-Thon – Suzan is in need of a co-chair (Teresa Green has offered)

Welcome Committee – This is Amanda’s last year at Dare also.