**Tuesday January 14, 2014**

**DES PTA Minutes**

**1902 Michelle Ross called the meeting to order**

**Secretary Report** – November 2013 minutes – passed

**Treasurer Report** – Concern about total amount; amount is fine due to up and coming events. Budget approved

**Principal Report** – DES has achieved an award for Title One school for passing rates greater than 60% in reading; January 22nd will be for Professional Development where they will be observing students writing; January 27th will be Project Based Learning – this will be where they will come up with a solution for a problem i.e.: student pick-up; the division testing calendar is on the website; New material requisition for language arts where they will be developing a new literacy curriculum – looking at three different resources

**Movie Night** – Allison Lucas – was held January 10 and was very successful. Between 40-50 showed; salads were a hit; discussion of tickets due to many unexpected families showed up; ran out of food

**Hands on Science** – Brandi Davis – February – the first Thursday in the afternoon for 4th graders and first Tuesday of the month in the morning for 5th graders; test run for introduction for 3rd graders that will be SOL related; training for volunteers will be emailed; waiting for confirmation from 3rd grade teachers; 3-5th presentation in gymnasium is coming from Richmond

**International Night** –Brandi Davis - cancelled; too many conflicts with the calendar and other events

**Cultural Arts** - Brandi Davis – Pinocchio’s Sister; Civil War Presentation for 3-5th grade; 4th grade and possibly 3rd and 5th going to Colonial Williamsburg; PTA helping to pay

**Dance of Decades** – Jamie Smith and Allison Lucas –lt will be February 21st; 60’s, 70’s and 80’s dress, theme and music from 6:30-8:00; Brandon Traner has offered to DJ free of charge; will need committee; teachers may be asked to help with event (esp. since International Night has been cancelled); possibility of costume contest, photo booth (looking for volunteer photographers) serving cookies (sign up) and punch (may ask hospitality); saving money by using YES decorations

**Skate Date** – Caroline Anderson - dates March 14 K-2, March 21 3-5

**Year Book** – Brantlee Lemmink – Thanks to Mandy for donating pictures; Need more pictures; possibility for a contest to design cover for year book

**Newsletter** – Mandy Hunt – will be sent out next week

**\***The next “Dare Night” at the Pizza shop is Tuesday, January 21, 2014 – our numbers have decreased; will remind families in Thursday’s Tid Bit; between 5-10:00 for dine in and carry out; teachers could put reminders in agenda’s; one classroom (rotated) will receive $130 each month

**\***Volunteer Forms will be going out soon for all events up and coming

**\***May 5 will be the JDRF walk for diabetes; education will be April 22 @ 0915 where packets will be passed out to students participating

**Meeting adjourned 1942**