

Devon Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2010

In attendance: Kelly Lee, Dr. Tobin, Audrey Kese, Stephanie Thibault, Francie Rosato, Tricia Jennings, Tricia Petrane, Elaine Whiteman Klinger, Coleen Hillman, Lorann Wood, Cindi Overton, Brenda Hess, Cathy Rains, Lori Piccone, Sheila Czepiel, Kristin Schappell, Heather Hill, Amy Susanin

Review and Approval of Minutes

The March PTO Meeting minutes were approved. Lori will submit to Katrina Wester for posting on devonpto.org.

Principal's Update: Dr. Tobin

Enrollment:

- There will be one additional class next year. We will build a solid wall in the science room to convert it into two separate classrooms. It's TBD which class will be housed in the new room.
- For the 2010-2011 school year, there will tentatively be 5 kindergartens, 6 first grades, 5 second grades, 6 third grades, and 5 fourth grades.

Miscellaneous:

- Devon Elementary will be the location for the district's "extended school year program" for applicable students. This will not affect the Devon Dragons Fun Camp. The summer reading camp will be at Beaumont Elementary.
- Kindergarten notifications (a.m. or p.m. classes) are scheduled to be mailed out at the end of April.
- Kindergarten orientation will be June 2.
- The playground blacktop is scheduled to be resurfaced by the District in the summer of 2011.

President's Report: Kelly Lee

PTO meetings:

- The May meeting will be on the 19th, at which we will vote on the new officers and present the budget.
- The June 9th meeting will be at Kelly's house.

Spring Fair:

- Diana Empoliti put a volunteer sign-up sheet in the school lobby.
- There will be one inflatable, a high striker, dunk tank, t-ball game, and more.
- If it rains, Circus Time will provide more games instead of the inflatable.
- We are not looking for any business sponsorships for the Spring Fair; it would be too much to ask of our local businesses on the heels of the Friendraiser silent auction.

- We will approach a car dealership about sponsoring a table and perhaps bringing a “show car” to the fair.
- We’re considering a “Fun Run” instead of a Spring Fair next year. TBD.

Treasurer’s Report: Cathy Rains

- **Acme:** we received the owed money from the register receipt program.
- **Friendraiser:** brought in over \$28,000 (before expenses); we had 218 people; the bar was almost totally donated.
- **Grade Wish Lists:** we have received the kindergarten, 1st and 4th grade lists—still waiting on 2nd and 3rd grades.
- **Chinese Festival:** the 2nd grade used a portion of their money to purchase eggrolls for the students.
- **PSSA Snacks:** there was a miscommunication regarding the 3rd grade snacks. Cathy will find out if we can use some of the leftovers for the 4th grade PSSAs coming up.
- **School Gifts:** The basketball pole pads have been paid for as well as the indoor recess games in the cafeteria. Upcoming school gifts will be discussed at the next meeting.
- **National Nutrition Month:** the PTO donated \$300 to fund Ruthy Christner’s “I tried it I liked it” campaign.
- **School Clubs:** 100% paid.
- **Matching Gifts:** a Devon family has donated \$500, which will be matched by Microsoft Corp. by the end of the summer. Please ask Cathy about employer matching gifts if you are interested.

Vice President’s Report: Audrey Kese

PTO Board Positions:

- We are still working on filling positions on the PTO Board for the 2010-2011 school year.
- Thank you to Amy Susanin for stepping in to be the VP of Fundraising next year. It would be great to have a co-chair for this position as well.
- We still need an Assistant Treasurer.

Miscellaneous:

- The Acme receipt fundraiser is being discontinued.
- We should consider a plant sale next year; other schools do it and make a lot of money.

Fundraising: Elaine Whiteman Klinger

Friendraiser:

- The Dinengebgs were great hosts.
- We had a lot of silent auction items—approx. 75 more than last year!
- The ride to school on a fire truck was the big ticket item.
- The food was partially donated.
- We need more kitchen help next year.

Issues, Affairs, and Programs: Stephanie Thibault

- **Turn it Off Week:** Jeanine O'Mara and her committee put together a great packet.
- **School Club:** They were very successful this year. Thanks to Lori Piccone for helping out.
- **School Board Representative:** we should consider rotating this position among PTO Board members.

Cultural Arts: Linda Murray and Lorann Wood

Arts Express Week:

- Kristin Schappell reported that the schedule is all set for the week and parents will be receiving emails to volunteer.
- May 3 will feature two opening assemblies.
- May 7 at 2 p.m. will be the final performance.
- The Conestoga High School Theater Department will perform for the kids. Other entertainers include Brian Dusinberre, Raf Rosato, and a puppeteer.
- Linda will coordinate the PE workshops with theater games.
- Each class will perform an Aesop Fable; Mr. Stever will portray Aesop as the narrator.
- Lauren Baran will be coordinating the comedy/tragedy masks being decorated by the kids and displayed throughout the school.
- Barb Weigand will be heading up the decorations committee.
- The 2011 Arts Express Week theme will be "Circus."

Spring Fair: Lorann is working on getting the class raffle baskets together.

Social Functions: Brenda Hess and Coleen Hillman

- Karen gave the deposit to Grand Slam for the 4th grade party.
- The 4th grade yearbook is on track.

School Services: Francie Rosato

We are working on the transition to delivering the Devon Dispatch electronically. Details to follow.

Upcoming PTO Events:

April

19-23 Turn it Off Week

21 PTO Meeting at 9:30—Present Officer Slate

28 Handel's Spirit Day

May

3-7 Arts Express Week with Walnut Street Theater

- 12 Spring Concert
- 19 PTO Meeting—vote on Officers, present Budget
- 21 Spring Fair 4:30-8 p.m.

June

- 2 Kindergarten orientation
- 3 Field Day
- 9 Proposed Final PTO Meeting/Coffee