

Devon Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2011

In attendance: Audrey Kese, Tricia Jennings, Tracey Sloan, Kelly Lee, Amy Susanin, Heather Hill, Cathy Rains, Stephanie Thibault, Linda Murray, Lorann Wood, Tricia Petrane, Coleen Hillman, Cindi Overton, Chrissy Bennett, Evelyn Shreve, Sheila Czepiel, Tiffany Hoyt, Claire Kennedy, Sarah Keyes, Nicole Lohmeyer, Dr. Tobin

Welcome

Audrey welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Evelyn Shreve and Sheila Czepiel for their hard work on the Camp Fair.

Review and Approval of Minutes

The January PTO meeting minutes were approved. Tracey will submit to Katrina Wester for posting on devonpto.org

Faculty Update: Nicole Lohmeyer

- *Summer Camp:* Nicole is still working on the insurance necessary for camp. She will keep the PTO updated regarding this.

President's Report: Audrey Kese

- *PTO Presidents' Meeting Update:* All schools' newsletters are now distributed electronically. Many schools' PTOs are responsible for attaining and maintaining the email addresses for the families. We are very fortunate to have Karen Burns and Maryann Kotzer taking on this role.
- *Newsblast Update:* The Newsblast committee met to discuss making the 1st page of the Dispatch look more like an index. Hillside Elementary and Mainline Neighbors have good set ups. Kathy Meaney will continue working on it, as long as it doesn't get too complicated. The committee will meet one more time and then move forward with changes.
- *Nominating Committee:* Audrey asked the Board's VP and Recording Secretary, Tricia Jennings and Tracey Sloan, to take on this role. Their job will be to take names and keep an organized list of nominees. All VPs need to call their chairs to see if they will continue in their role for next year. The Nominating Committee will present names at the April PTO meeting.

Vice President's Report: Tricia Jennings

- *Pre-PTO Meeting:* Tricia will host a meeting to discuss nominations for 2011-2012. She will send out an email shortly.

Principal's Report: Dr. Tobin

- *Blue Ribbon Celebration Update:* The celebration is being planned for April 13th by a Faculty Committee. Dr. Tobin asked the PTO to fund several of the items; t-shirts for all students and staff, a quilt that will stay at Devon, small blue ribbons that will be mailed to 5th graders to thank them for their contributions, and a Philly Phanatic appearance, if the Phanatic is available. The board approved the approximate cost of \$3,700. Stephanie Thibault motioned to approve and Amy Susanin seconded the motion.
- *Budget:* The District is looking at many strategies to help balance the budget. The strategies are categorized into Level 1, 2 or 3 strategies. Level 1 strategies being more likely to be passed in some form. One Level 3 strategy being discussed is the redistricting of Elementary schools. Currently, Devon is the largest of the Elementary schools and is out of space. Since there are no funds for construction, redistricting is being considered. There would be no movement for the 2011-2012 school year.

Treasurer's Report: Cathy Rains

- *Innisbrook:* Earned \$300 less than budget
- *Year over Year:* Cathy compared last year at this point with this year's numbers. Overall, we are \$1,000 less than last year. Losing Acme dollars contributed to this.

Cultural Arts: Linda Murray and Lorann Wood

- *Arts Express Week:* Meeting was well attended. Next one is March 23rd. Save the Dates are being sent out soon to remind parents.
- *Step Africa:* Set for April, all school assembly.

Fundraising: Amy Susanin

- *Friendraiser:* Donations are still coming in. At Camp Fair, several camps donated a week. Goddard has approved parking in their lot. We are still waiting to hear from Septa. Email/letter going out to parents asking to donate their services, and volunteer requests going out through homeroom parents.

Social Functions: Coleen Hillman and Tricia Petrane

- *Pizza Bingo*: New date is March 11th

Issues, Affairs & Programs: Stephanie Thibault

- *Upcoming Committee Meetings*:
 1. BUILD: March 8th, 7pm, VFMS Audion, also April 12th
 2. Diversity: March 16th, 7pm, TE Admin offices, also May 4th
 3. InterSchool Council: March 9th, 7pm, TE Admin offices, also April 13th
 4. ARCH: March 16th, April 13th, and May 18th, 9 - 10:15am, TE Admin offices
- *TESD School Board Meeting Attendees*:

<i>February 28th</i>	<i>Kelly Lee</i>
<i>March 21st</i>	<i>Linda Murray</i>
<i>April 25th</i>	<i>Amy Susanin</i>
<i>May 9th</i>	<i>Audrey Kese</i>
- *School Clubs*: Stephanie reported, on behalf of Lori, that confirmations are going out now. The response to clubs was overwhelming again, and club placements are assigned on a first come, first served basis.
- *MLK Service Project*: The drive to benefit Cradles to Crayons was a big success. In addition, our Lobby Aides were very helpful in keeping the donations from piling up!
- *National Nutrition Month*: The theme this year is "We're Thirsty for Health" focusing on the importance/benefits of healthy beverage choices. This initiative will be comprised of mini assemblies for all Devon students on March 7th.
- *T&E Care*: Stephanie Thibault and Lori Piccone will be the representatives for T&E Care, a local organization that assists people in the area.

New Business: Chrissy Bennett and Sarah Keyes (DELTA)

- Chrissy and Sarah came to make us aware of what DELTA does and who they are. DELTA (Districts Educating and Learning through the Arts) is made up of parents from area schools. They meet the 1st Monday of every month at Easttown Library. They could be considered a think tank for Cultural Arts. They discuss how current programs are working (ie; anti-bullying) and discuss future programs. They also sponsor two shows per year. The fall show was the Two Man Juggling Act, and the spring show is Lion, Witch, and the Wardrobe.

Upcoming PTO Events:

February

16th ~ PTO Meeting

21st ~ No School

22nd - 28th ~ Art Goes to School

March

1st - 3rd ~ Half Day Conferences/No Kindergarten

4th ~ Calendar Change, school now open

9th ~ Class Picture Day

11th ~ Pizza Bingo, 6pm (snow date)

14th - 25th ~ PSSA's

16th ~ PTO Meeting

28th ~ Calendar Change, school now open

April

4th - 8th ~ PSSA's, 4th grade science

13th ~ PTO Meeting

27th ~ Handel's Spirit Day

28th ~ Handel's Spirit Day (rain date)