



Davis Drive Middle PTA Minutes
General PTA Meeting
September 16, 2008

- I. Call to Order by Sheri Ellington at 7 p.m.
- II. Welcome & Introductions - Sheri Ellington
- III. Principal's Report - given by Mr. Rick Williams
 - a. Meet the teacher night Monday Sept 29. Each grade level has 45 minutes. In first 20 minutes, each team will be given a short presentation in a common area. Then there will be time to meet elective teachers. Info is on website and in PTA newsletter.
 - b. Tomorrow a.m. is "Talking with Tina" at 9:30 in cafeteria on any questions on school year.
 - c. Phone messenger is now working.
 - d. Bus transportation is still being worked on. It's much better than last year.
 - e. Our student count is now about 1207. On the 10th day, it was 1202, so we had to give back a full teaching position as we missed it by 2 students. No one was asked to leave. Eighth graders have 33 in some of their classes. There is a plan to help alleviate this situation.
- IV. President's Report - Sheri Ellington
 - a. General meeting and agenda reviewed. Minutes were posted. Motioned by Vani Vannappagari and Seconded by Lisa Phillips. Approved unanimously.
 - b. Audit report presented by Frank Laney, Audit Committee Chair: Report already accepted by Board during August 19 meeting but given today for informational purposes. Every piece of paper was audited, not just sampled like public accounting firms. Small things like 3 deposits were not signed by Treasurer. A few checks were more than 6 months old and outstanding. Audit Committee made recommendation to void check after 6 months. Our fundraiser's final bill has been found (as of tonight) and will be included in Treasurer's paperwork now. Teacher grants will now have a Payee line.
 - c. Proposed Budget was approved by PTA Board. Treasurer Julie Duckworth explained a few items:
 - i. Planners have no income this year as one is given to each student.

- ii. Last year, we had a large carryover. This year's budget is tighter. No questions were asked.
 - iii. Kim Wallace motioned to approve budget. Lisa Phillips seconded. Passed unanimously.
- d. Fundraiser has concluded. We have a total so far of about \$48,000 not including the internet (which is about \$11,200). Donations are over \$5,000, which was our budget. Overall, we are a little under our \$75,000 budget for the income side of the fundraiser. The internet sales will be left up for another week.
- e. Sean Campbell is the young author coming next week. He'll be here during the day talking to the students. That evening we are having another talk with parents, students, friends and neighbors welcome. West Cary Middle and Salem Middle were also invited. Chick-fil-A meals were pre-ordered for our school's families only. Need help that night greeting and handing out dinners.
- f. Red Ribbon week is coming the last week of October. Poe Health Center is coming on Thursday October 30 with a mock bedroom and bathroom of where drugs could be hidden---for parents only to tour.
- g. Wake PTA News:
- i. October 28, Carolina Parent The Pressured Child Cary Academy Fine Arts Building. Info will be in newsletter also.
 - ii. WCPTA Council is taking strides to educate children and motivate them to exercise. They are sponsoring 5K on Sunday Nov. 23 at NC State Centennial Campus. Registration on-line \$20 before Nov. 9, with tshirt guaranteed. Afterwards, it's \$25 and you might get a t-shirt.
- h. Reflections contest deadline is November 7.
- i. Fundraiser Limo lunch will be at Beef O'Grady's will be donating the lunches.
- V. Dr. Stevenson, our DDMS Drama Teacher is happy to announce an all-school event. The Carnival of the Animals will be on April 30 evening, and Friday May 1 for 6-8 graders to see. All being performed by advanced 8th graders. There will be guests coming to lead the artist, bands and dancers. The dancers will be dancing all the animals. There will also be a puppetry workshop.
- V. Paige Mizak moved to close the meeting. Eleanor Haymond seconded. End of General Meeting was voted unanimously at 7:27.