



Davis Drive Middle School  
Executive PTA Board Minutes  
October 21, 2008

- I. Call to Order – 7:02 p.m. There is a quorum
- II. Welcome & Introductions – Sheri Ellington
- III. Principal’s Report – Dr. Tina Hoots
  - A. Dr. Hoots will be at Data meeting but Tea with Tina will be covered tomorrow.
  - B. Student count is 1220 students. DDMS got the additional position for 8<sup>th</sup> grade Lanugage Arts/Social Studies which is the good news; however some students will have to change their classes. A great qualified teacher has been found. We did loose a Special Needs teacher whose position has been filled immediatly by Dena Fay.
  - C. School Improvement Plan is in full swing. Action steps include Panther Action Weekly is every Wednesday including enrichment and mentor/mentee labs.
  - D. DDMS is Division Champs in Football
  - E. Pops Band Concert is Thursday October 23 for band and Orchestra at 7:30 p.m.
  - F. Basketball passes for home games will be sold for \$25 will be announced on Friday Monday through Wednesday in a.m. before school and after school... and also available in the office. It will be an individual pass. More info to follow on Listserve.
- IV. President’s Report – Sheri Ellington
  - A. Our PTA got a sweet thank you note from L. Haselden for approving the Teacher Grant for the Aquarium special event at DDMS.
  - B. Young Author Visit was well attended by 30 people and positive feedback received.
  - C. Fundraiser was successful, though slightly under budget; Julie will talk in more detail during the treasurer’s report. Thanks to everyone who supported this fundraiser.
  - D. New sound system was installed in the gym yesterday – in time for the Pops Concert Thursday night!
  - E. All are probably aware of Mrs. Schuster’s husband’s death – There is a card for anyone who would like to sign it from the PTA/PTA Board.
  - F. Kim Wallace moved to approve minutes of 9/16/08 Board meeting; Karen Eaton seconded. Passed unanimously.
  - G. Red Ribbon Week – Help is needed – see sign up sheet here tonight if you can help! 2008 Theme – “Paint the Town Drug Free!” DDMSWEEK-LONG Red Ribbon Week Activities include:
    - a. All week: October 27-31, 2008 Bring in school supplies for the Raleigh Rescue Mission. This includes lined paper, spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, pens, pencils, colored pencils, markers, school glue, binders, crayons, plain white copier paper, crayons, tape, rulers, pencil pouches, pencil sharpeners, stretchy book covers, etc. Look for the donation boxes in the front lobby of the school.
    - b. Monday, October 27 - “Wear Red Day” - Wear something red today to school!! Students will receive Red Ribbon Week wrist bands or shirt ribbon courtesy of the Town of Cary Police Department in their homerooms. Remember school supplies for the RRM..

- c. Tuesday, October 28 – “Relax and Enjoy a DRUG FREE Day” – wear comfortable long-legged pajama pants or sweats pants to school today. Remember school supplies for the RRM. Students will receive a treat at lunch and an informative booklet “Growing Up Drug-Free – A Parent’s Guide to Prevention” to share with their parents.
  - d. Wednesday, October 29 - “Be True to Your School and Be DRUG FREE” – Show some DDMS Panther Pride by dressing up and wearing your school colors (Blue/White/Silver), DDMS shirts, hats, face paint, etc. Remember school supplies for the RRM.
  - e. Thursday, October 30 –“Two Against Drugs Are Better Than One” – dress like twins (or triplets) today at school. Remember school supplies for the RRM.
  - f. Friday, October 31– “Don’t Be Scared to be DRUG FREE” – Wear Black and Orange outfit for the day. Remember school supplies for the RRM. Help needed is with Friday lunch to hand out icepops; and decorate school. Spirit awards will be given to the 6th, 7th and 8th grade teams with the most overall team spirit for the week.
- H. Parent Education Activity: Thursday night October 30 there will be a room staged to show parents where kids can hide drugs and what’s going on. Refreshments provided. We need to have at least 40 but no more than 100; so REGISTRATION is important. It is on website and will be in Cary News, in teacher’s mailbox, and on phone message. It is from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- I. National PTA Letter Writing Campaign for Arts Education
- a. DDMS students can participate in a national letter-writing campaign - National PTA is collecting student letters to President Bush about the importance of arts education in our schools.
  - b. Benefits:
    - i. Easy program for your PTA to oversee
    - ii. Encourages students’ writing
    - iii. Teaches them the importance of becoming involved in educational issues.
    - iv. Helps highlight on a national level how important arts education really is!
    - v. To participate in this program, we need to:
      - 1. Advertise it in our school
      - 2. Collect the letters & bundle them together in one large envelope and mail them to the National PTA
      - 3. Deadline: Letters must be mailed no later than December 15, 2008. National PTA plans to present all the letters that they receive at one time.
  - c. As this is a National PTA event, we don’t need to vote on this item, but agree to spread the word and encourage participation.
- J. Several Businesses are more than willing to offer gift certificates for honor roll students, such as Panera’s, Mimi’s, etc. There is no cost involved to PTA. This area was offered to the Character Education person to pursue.
- V. Treasurer’s Report – Julie Duckworth
- a. Update on the budget handed out: no questions asked.
  - b. One check from last June still outstanding

- c. Final numbers from Fundraiser has not been finalized. We'll be short about \$3,000 but we can make some adjustments. Some possibilities will be in Technology line in that the Teacher Observation hardware that we/PTA were suppose to buy software has not been purchased; so that cost will not be incurred. Also, the sound system didn't cost as much as we planned. Also, New Teacher Gifts was not all used.
- d. Teacher Grants application is November 3. PTA has received about 30 applications.
- e. With the new NSF policy, we have had three checks come back and we've collected the fees. Good News!

VII. Wake Ed Partnership – Ray Newby. The last meeting had a Diversity Position Paper which Ray will find the link and put it on the DDMS Listserve.

VIII. General Business:

- a. Ed Deadmond said thank you as School to Career appreciates the food for the business alliance meeting. Also thanks for the Smartboard for the use in training and teachers are converting. The parents input into the SIT wanted Character Ed and Mr. Deadmond is willing to help out! Please leave message on his answering machine or leave message.
- b. Membership is about 1149 still a little needy... about 50 people. Student count on 10 day is 1202.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36.