



Davis Drive Middle School

Executive PTA Board Minutes

January 27, 2009

- I. Call to Order - 7:00 p.m. called to order by Sheri Ellington
- II. Welcome & Introduced New Principal - Sheri Ellington
- III. Principal's Report - Mrs. Karen Summers said she is thrilled with the climate and happiness and lots of great programs here from orchestra, band, drama, and all the other exciting opportunities. She gave some information on herself.
 - She has been a Cary resident for 12 years.
 - She has two children..3rd and 4th grader. Husband is Pete. Married 17 years. Family comes first and she likes seeing siblings and husbands in school. She believes in an Open door policy.
 - Background: Went to Univ of North Florida and went to graduate school in Georgia. Special education. Taught self -contained. Worked in central office Special Services; West Lake Middle School Asst. Principal and then went to Growth & Planning to see inner workings of student assignment for 1 ½ years. Then she went to Mills Park Elementary to get the experience to open a new school and be close to her home. She got a good flavor of getting to know what a 5th grader goes through before the transition before middle school. Thinks middle school years are very rocky, formative years.
- IV. Approval of Minutes of 12/15/08 Board Meeting. Motion to approve brought by Liz Miller, seconded by Carol McGarrahan.
- V. President's Report - Sheri Ellington
 - A. Elect Nominating Committee for PTA Officers for 2009-10: Nominating Committee members don't have to be a Board Member. Need to fill six positions The only one who can not come back is Sheri who has done two years. Karen Laing, Carol McGarrahan and Eleanor Haymond volunteered for 2009-10. Liz Miller motioned and Terri Aves seconded. Passed unanimously

- B. Take Your Family to School Week, Feb. 8-14, 2009 from National PTA. During the school dance that Friday, there will be an Internet Safety Parent Ed Session. MAY need some parent volunteers.
- C. We are very close to reaching 100% of our PTA membership. We are at 1149. We only need 50 more members... which may be the first time the school has done it. Must be done by March 15. We will have a membership roster for people to double check.

VI. Treasurer's Report - Julie Duckworth: Voided one check that was more than 6 months old. In order to get updated budget, we need a general meeting which is still to be decided. Bank Reconciliation attached. Teacher grants are going well.

VII. Committee Updates

- 1. National PTA has an advocacy campaign
- 2. Reflections Reception is February 11
- 3. Author visit will be March 16 which will also be funded by PTA.

VIII. General Business

- 1. Nan Stephenson spoke about The Carnival of the Animals to be done on night of April 30. Will be done on May 1 for students. Music will be provided by orchestra and band. Gargantuan undertaking so that's why Cultural Arts is so big this year. Susan Beamish will also give lead teachers lesson plans to teach the children how to think from abstract to concrete. Thanks the PTA for the support to this amazing support.

IX. Motion made for meeting to be closed by Marian; seconded by Karen Laing passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 7:35