



Davis Drive Middle School
Executive PTA Board Minutes

January 19, 2010

Karen Laing, Ginny Paisie, Lisa Phillips, Karen Summers, Julie Duckworth, Holly Caskey, Stacey Gill, Christine Hill, Molly Hegeman, Nancy Caggia, Carol McGarrahan, Judy Edwards, Paige Mizak, Linda Donaghue, Christine Hill and Frank Laney, Heidi Jaeger.

- I. Welcome & Call to Order – 7:15pm Heidi Jaeger
- II. Principal’s Report: Karen Summers.
 - A. We held a NC Virtual Public School session prior to this meeting. This is an opportunity for kids to accelerate through the curriculum to take high school credit classes during the middle school years. This is an opportunity we are excited about. There will be a repeat session tomorrow at “Coffee with Karen.”
 - B. There are some possible changes for electives next year. We are considering a wheel of electives rotation. Rising 6th graders would receive a semester of keyboarding and then an exploratory 6th grade wheel, which would be nine wks of career decisions. They would rotate through Spanish, art etc to give them a taste of the different electives. This is a way to continue two teaching positions and provide 6th graders a variety of electives. This would be pass/fail class. (Following discussion at the meeting, these changes are still under review.)
 - C. Last week we learned Department of Public Instruction passed a resolution that all 8th grade students need to be proficient in technology. 8th graders must now show computer competency to be promoted. To pass this test, eighth graders need to have had keyboarding and Business Computer Technology. Have to show proficiency in 10 technology standards. BCT class we offer encompasses 90 percent of standards. So we can check most kids off. If a student has not had BCT then there are additional things we have to do and we will need to address this.
- III. Treasurer’s Report: Julie Duckworth
 - A. Fundraising total numbers were amended in the Dec. They are about 21 percent short in net profit and 18 percent over in donations. So we are about 14 or 15 percent under budget, not 20, which is better. Yearbook orders are due toward the end of February so the shortfall in the budgeted income for yearbook will not be a problem when those are in.
 - B. There is expenditure outside our approved budget that requires approval. Holly Caskey requested reimbursement for \$45 for 9 –\$5 Chic Fil A gift cards purchased for as awards for the Geography Bee.
 - a Motion to approve reimbursement of Holly Caskey’s \$45 expenditure for the Geography Bee.
 - i. Moved by Lisa Phillips
 - ii. Seconded by Christine Hill
 - iii. Passed unanimously
- IV. Karen Summers mentioned that a similar event, the school wide Spelling Bee, would be coming up and asked if it would be possible to approve a similar expenditure
 - a Motion to approve similar expenditure (i.e. the purchase of further gift cards for the Spelling Bee.
 - i. Moved by Lisa Phillips
 - ii. Seconded by Christine Hill

- iii. Passed unanimously
- V. A discussion ensued regarding options for other gift card rewards for events like Battle of the Books and Math Counts. The suggestion was made that donations from parents could be an option.
- VI. Julie Duckworth wanted to clarify that each fundraiser in the budget requires a separate line item and it was she did not think it advisable to lump any together. No-fuss fundraisers, like the “Panther Prowl” nights and the Furtal shopping fundraiser were discussed, with Julie suggesting that these items should be kept separate.
- VII. Holly said we would need to have the general PTA approve additional line items for new fundraisers. Julie said the various restaurant fundraisers could be listed under the No-Fuss Fundraisers.
 - a Motion to approve the minutes with a clarification that Panther Prowl Nights and Furtal will be approved as separate subcategories under the No-Fuss Fundraiser.
 - i. Moved by Lisa Phillips
 - ii. Seconded by Karen Laing
 - iii. Passed unanimously
- VIII. Vice President’s Report
 - A. We collected \$133.55 for our recent Panther Prowl Night at the Loop. Heidi mentioned that Jennifer Smith did an awesome job on Reflections and that the reception showing students’ work was very nice and they all received engraved participation medals.
- IX. Holly Caskey, President, Standing Rules Amendments
 - A. Holly proceeded to go through proposed amendments to Standing Rules (ATTACHED)
- X. Heidi Jaeger submitted description of No Fuss Fundraisers for Standing Rules
 - A. Panther Prowl Nights: A venue is chosen for prowling night
 Manager contacted to set a time for activity, Flyers printed and distributed to teachers. Flyers will be posted to doors of front office and put on yahoo.
 - B. Furtal: DDMS families will be informed of program thru yahoo and web
 Flyers will be distributed to students. Flyers will be put in rainbow packets.
 - C. Motion to accept the Standing Rules with amendments for No Fuss Fundraisers that includes above descriptions of Panther Prowl Nights and Furtal.
 - i. Moved by Lisa Phillips
 - ii. Seconded by Karen Laing
 - iii. Passed unanimously
- XI. Holly reminded members of Coffee with Karen the next day and that Spring Dance was rescheduled to Feb. 19 as well as the Internet safety presentation. Next PTA board meeting is Feb. 16 in the media center.
 - a Motion to adjourn
 - i. Moved by Christine Hill
 - ii. Seconded by Lisa Phillips
 - iii. Passed unanimously
- XII. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.