

Minutes from the DCMS PTO meeting 09-04-09

Present: Tina Sears, Gladys Scott, Tracy Beard, Michelle Dickison, Sonia Cleverly, Christy Cooper, Jodi Freeman, Vicky Goodrum, Diane Planidin, Elizabeth Smith, Julie Zeidler, Suzanne Southard, Marjorie Desmond, Caroline Mionis, Jane Pittet, Kathy Schatzberg, Cathy Mangels

1. Introductions. All the members introduced themselves and talk about what positions they will be doing, or might be interested in helping in.

2. Yes to Children – K-3 override. Elizabeth Smith talked about the importance to get the information out, that everyone needs to vote to keep the full day K and all keep those funds that the school currently has in place for this program. We discussed how we are no. 50 in the US in tax funding to schools. We discussed different ways to get information to our PTO members and parents.

3. Site Council Update. Sonia Cleverly gave us an update from the latest meeting. The main site improvement plan involves Vocabulary. Technology funding is on track. Smartboards, audio microphones, document scanners are arriving in the classrooms as scheduled. Early release dates will be used for professional staff planning and development. The MS lost 6 staff members, due to budget cuts. There is no longer upstairs/downstairs classes for 6, 7 and 8th grade. The tax credits and PTO fundraiser is on track for the year. There will be a seminar about bullying/harassment on Sept 9th. Cost \$ 250. She presentation will happen on Sept 12th. SPI had their budget cut to 4 hours/week. Last year it was a full day. We were encouraged to email the responsible person at SUSD if we want that to change in the future.

4. Budget. Tina Sears went through the budget line by line. We talked about escrypt money. We need to get information out to the parents to sign up at the different stores. Vicki Goodrum agreed to work on an email for that. Suzanne Southard will ask Cindy Pizzagoni about the restaurant fundraisers that they had throughout last year. We want to do something similar. Tracey Beard is interested in heading this up. Lori, the librarian talked about the cuts in funding for the library (\$ 10/student last year, \$ 2/student this year. The PTO will budget \$1000.00 for the library. We talked about how we could use online scholastic book orders to raise funds for the library, Lori will work on this with Vicki Goodrum's help if necessary. The P. E. and Band Funds that were donated through membership last year and not spent are being carried over to this year for their spending. Budget will be balanced with some slight adjustments. We will look into sharing a few expenses with the Elementary side, such as a golf cart.

5. Kathy Mangels is planning on doing a few Smoothie King fundraisers to raise money for the All Stars program. We have a few companies that would like to partner with fundraising ideas. We will go forward with those as well as continue with directory/web advertising as the main focus. Lori Ferguson is going to help the Choir raise funds by offering advertisement in their choir programs and another parent will be selling flowers and water at the concerts as well. The PTO will be their support and will collect and distribute the funds accordingly.

6. Room parents will be encouraged to contact their teacher and get any contact information available. They will be helping close the gap between the PTO, classroom and teachers, with distribution of information when necessary. We only have a small percentage of the classrooms covered, so those interested will be encouraged to come forward.

Next PTO Meeting October 2nd, 9 am