

"Where parents and teachers work in unity to serve the best interest of our children"

DMCS PTO Meeting Minutes

Dixon Montessori Charter School (DMCS) Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)
Tuesday May 13th, 2014 6:30 PM
DMCS Campus Room 5 (library)

Members Present

1. Welcome/Call To Order: 6:35 pm
2. Adopt Agenda and additions: We moved the Election Discussion to the end of the meeting
2. Officer Report (Chair, Co-Chair or Secretary as needed) Donny Everhart, Guadalupe Medina or Rebecca Valentino.
3. Treasurer's Report: Kim Scott: The current balance is at 12,771.96. There were two purchase overages from previous PTO requests. The 2/3 curriculum went over by 117.00 and the recorders went over by \$4.91. We voted to cover the costs as we know there is no money in the school's budget. The Genentech Grant money came from Lisa Perchaz and she requested the \$120 go equally to her son's middle school teachers, Mr. Barry, Ms. Autumn and Ms. Kemp. There will be an additional check coming over the summer which she said could go directly to the PTO.
4. New Business
 - a. Teacher Requests: There were several Teacher Requests:
 1. Ms. Tamara is requesting \$500 for Montessori Materials for her 2/3 classroom. A majority of the materials in the classroom were owned by the previous teacher.
 2. Ms Guadalupe, Ms. Melissa, and Ms. Robin all requested \$175 ea, for a summer workshop on teaching reading and writing with the common core (a k-2) workshop.
 3. Ms. Robin requested teaching aides: Building Fluency Cards @ 49.95, Ready to write Prompt box Gr. 1-3 @ 29.99 and Teaching Reading Skills Comprehension Activity Center @ \$14.99. She also requested \$139.00 for 4 low shelves to divide (and use) in her classroom. We discussed some alternative solutions such as possibly swapping unuseable shelves with a low library unit or waiting until they go on sale in September.

4. Ms. Melissa: Ms. Melissa requested funds for a 2/3 grade level pizza party for students who master their multiplication and division facts with a 70% or better average test score. The projected total is \$195 which includes pizza, baby carrots, ranch dressing, cookies and drinks.

PTO members present voted to fund all the above requests plus an additional \$175 for the summer common core workshop for Ms. Tamara—Ms. Patty was originally going to go. The bookshelves were not approved at this time only since they may be cheaper in September, or there may be a solution at the school. Total approval was for @ 1,500.00—there may be shipping and tax for Ms. Robin's items.

5. Old Business

- a. Parking Lot Safety: The committee has been formed, Rebecca had 3 additional comments to send to the committee and will do so before the end of the week. Parents have conflicting concerns so we must realize that it is impossible to please everyone.
- b. Elections: We are not able to hold elections at this time due to the fact that there were no nominations for the executive board (president, co-president, secretary or treasurer) Donny would like to continue as the volunteer coordinator, Rebecca has expressed interest in the Site Committee, Kelly is willing to continue with fundraising if no one steps up. We are looking for individuals to fill these key leadership roles, the time commitment isn't as much as it may seem.
- c. Field Day: Angele has been working on all the volunteer coordination and donation lists, Rebecca has been making purchases, emailing other committee members with questions and keeping track of the budget. We are currently at \$1,017 spent of our initial budget of @1,330.36. We have a few other purchases to make, the only thing that might put us over budget would be purchases made due to insufficient donations.
- d. Robotics Fundraiser: Nothing further has gone into the Robotics club fundraising. Ms. Krista and Angele have discussed an ongoing ewaste recycling fundraiser to support the club.

6. Chair reports

a.. Review Committee:

b. Volunteer Committee: Donny Everhart

- c. Fundraising Chair: Kelly Kosiewicz
 - 1. Boxtops and Labels: JoAnn Pereira: There will be one more collection of boxtops to occur on May 23rd. We have improved box top collection volume each year. This year we exceeded 1,000 box tops!!!
 - 2. Scrip: Jeff Poteet:
 - 3. Papa Murphy's: Donny wasn't able to pick up the Papa Muphy's check this week. Next week will be the May Pizza Day. This fundraiser will continue year round so buy those pizza's this summer!
 - 4. Current fundraising event: Read a Thon, Bulb Sales: We will not do the Bulb Sale next year. Between some technical issues with the website and the amount of work for the amount of \$\$ in return we'll just try something different.
 - 5. Scholastic Books: Kelly will not be around as much this year for the book sale so will really need volunteers to step up or the sale will be closed. She will be getting with Rebecca to get sign ups rolling. If there are no volunteers, the "store" will have to be closed. We are planning on selling books during the Spring Sing.
 - 6. Fireworks: We are waiting on our Articles of Incorporation to come in, currently we tentatively have our booth, but cannot sell fireworks without these articles. We are in the hands of the State. To try this any other way would either affect Kelly's credit and taxes, or jeopardize our spot since the PTO was the lottery winner and the schools Tax ID number is different.
 - 7. PleaseBringit: A new fundraising program simply by sending pictures of your receipts—Kelly was introduced to a fundraising app that gathers information based on where you shop and how much you spend, not what you buy or how you purchase it. The PTO is interested in pursuing this based on the information given and more information will follow.

- d. Spirit Chair: Maggie Vieira
 - 1. Spirit Day
 - 2. Spirit Events: Teacher Lunch
 - 3. End of year

- e. Academic Enrichment: Heather Stokes
 - 1. Art : Mark Hesling If Mark has time to continue with this he wants to change it up some.
 - 2. Science: Rwanie Kraak
 - 3. Music
 - 4. Physical Education: Beth Ockenden
 - 5. Technology

6. Library: Jessica Hansen

f. Site Beautification Committee

1. Garden: Loraine Covello: We discussed the crushed granite and the fact that we are still short funds for this project. This has been an ongoing debate/project for several years. Money has been specifically earmarked to the project in years past, and we had hoped the bulb fundraiser would close the gap. Loraine will look into the original bids for the project including the remaining planter boxes. She also stated that she would like the SLOW food grant (\$250) to go into the ACE Account for items the garden continually needs. We think we need an additional \$1,000 to finish the project.

g. Publicity Committee: The new bulletin board is up, Angele will work on the website over the summer, Rebecca will continue the Facebook Page over the summer.

7. Confirm Next Meeting Date: Last meeting of the 2013/14 school year

8. Adjournment 8:15 pm