

"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 January 14th, 2014 6:30 PM
DMCS Campus Room 5 (library)

Members present: Jen Ikelman, *Parent*, Lisa Ayala-Hood, *Parent*, Kelly Kosiewicz, *Fundraising Chair*, Krista Purdom, *Teacher*, Donny Everhart, *Chair*, Mark Hesling, *Art Committee*, Guadalupe Medina, *Teacher Co-Chair*, Rebecca Valentino, *Secretary*, Lynnsie Bratton, *Parent/Classroom Rep.*, JoAnn Pereira, *Box Tops Coordinator*

1. Welcome/Call To Order 6:10 pm

2. Adopt Agenda and additions: Add Projector Purchase to Old Agenda (this was not added, but it was discussed at the meeting in length. As a result, I am adding this here so that notes from the meeting can remain organized

2. Officer Report (Chair, Co-Chair or Secretary as needed) Donny Everhart, Guadalupe Medina or Rebecca Valentino: Rebecca Valentino the secretary reminded everyone that now is the time to find someone to organize PTO elections for the 2014 school year, as well as an auditor for the finances.

3. Treasurer's Report: Kim Scott: Kim reported that we have 15,685.14. This amount does not reflect money allocated to the projectors. There is 2,539.28 listed under teacher requests, \$1,600 was previously allocated to purchase new projectors. The money raised from the read a thon will go into teacher requests.

4. New Business

a. Teacher Requests: We had 4 new teacher requests

1. 2/3 grades requested the purchase of supplemental language curriculum for \$537.00 not including tax or shipping. This is new curriculum purchased this year. This expansion is not a part of the original package and is to help with students struggling in reading, language and grammar. The request is for 2 expansions to be shared by the 4 2/3 classrooms. Questions we had were a) is there any funds at all left in the 2/3 classes curriculum budget to offset this cost, and b) what percentage of students fall into this category. Ms. Guadalupe was able to have other clarifications made via text to Ms. Mellisa who wrote

up the request. **After much discussion and hearing what all the requests were, the PTO decided to fund this request with the proviso that if there are any other usable funds to use those to offset the total cost to the PTO.** Donny pointed out that these kinds of requests come to the PTO typically when there are no other resources left.

2. The school owned ipad in Ms. Kim's class has a cracked glass. The cost to replace the glass is \$130. Questions: How old is the IPAD? Is it still usable? Krista Purdom the Tech teacher is going to look into this and the PTO is going to TABLE this purchase until February.
3. Krista Purdom requested reimbursement of \$64.87 for project materials used by the middle school to take apart computer components and reuse them as art projects (Christmas ornaments etc..) The PTO approved this request since it was a great learning experience as well as an art project for the students. Krista is going to send some picks for the PTO facebook page!
4. Krista Purdom went to a Stem Grant Writing Workshop at the cost of \$99.00. Krista will be working on grant writing for the technology component of our school. Here proposal to the school to bring it into the 21st century was \$110,000. \$60,000 is what has been able to be allocated. The PTO approved to pay the workshop fee, as it will directly benefit the school.

5. Old Business

- a. Projector Purchase: In December the k/1 team requested a projector for classroom use. After debate, the PTO decided that since this technology will be critical for testing and classroom education within this year, that we wanted to try to fund 4 projectors using the Read A Thon earnings (See above) Ms. Robin had done some research, but at the PTO's request went to Ms. Krista (Tech) since everything needs to be functioning together and not piece meal. Ms. Krista attended the meeting with an updated projected price of approximately \$1,825.00 per machine, which also includes the HDMI cable purchase needed to be able to use the projectors with a computer. The PTO decided to fund the additional \$225.00, which will come out of teacher requests.

NOTE: After fulfilling teacher requests and the additional money for the projectors we currently have an approximate balance of \$13.41 in teacher requests. We will receive @ 1,600 from the Read A Thon over the next 6 weeks to replenish this account. We also typically earn @100.00 a month from Papa Murphy's, which also goes to this fund.

- b. Dragonfly Dinner: This was not discussed at the meeting however, there will be a Meeting on Tuesday January 21st.

6. Chair reports

- a. Academic Enrichment: Heather Stokes
 - 1. Art : Mark Hesling: Next Art Wednesday will be the second Wednesday of February
 - 2. Science: Rwanie Kraak A Science Fair is in the works
 - 3. Music
 - 4. Physical Education: Beth Ockenden
 - 5. Technology
 - 6. Library: Jessica Hansen: Jessica is looking for parent volunteers M-F from 8-12. In particular, she would love someone able to commit to a morning consistently. Jessica asked Kelly to look into purchasing bookends with scholastic dollars.

- b. Site Beautification Committee
 - 1. Garden: Loraine Covello: Lorraine is looking for someone interested in organizing a Spring Tea in the Garden. The winter vegetables: Broccoli and Lettuces are ready to pick.

- c. Publicity Committee—Lisa Perchaz: Lisa was unable to make the meeting, be sure to send Dragonfly Digest entries to her.

- d. Review Committee

- e. Volunteer Committee: Donny Everhart

- f. Fundraising Chair: Kelly Kosiewicz
 - 1. Box tops and Labels: JoAnn Pereira: Box tops are Due February 12th.
 - 2. Scrip: Jeff Poteet: No news. Rebecca contacted Joanne Stegall regarding the Great Lakes Scrip account info.
 - 3. Papa Murphy's: Wednesday the 15th was Pizza night for January. There was a reminder made by Ms. Guadalupe to Ms. Joanne to get the stickers to the teachers.
 - 4. Current fundraising event: Read a Thon, Bulb Sales
 - a. The read a thon made @1,600. We will be paid 80% of the profits in the next few weeks and then the additional 20% a

few weeks later. This money is held back to make sure there isn't any payment issues with checks or credit cards.

- b. We are waiting for the bulb catalogues and info to come in. Kelly will write up a blurb for the digest.

- g. Spirit Chair: Maggie Vieira

- 1. Spirit Day:

- 2. Spirit Events: January 24th is Lego night. Check in with Maggie if you haven't heard from her and see if she would like some help!

7. Confirm Next Meeting Date February 11th is the 2nd Tuesday.

8. Adjournment: 8:15