

Deerfield PTA Board Meeting  
Minutes for  
March 3, 2009  
9:30 am  
Deerfield Elementary

In Attendance: Jane Friel, Tricia Morin, Renae Chambers, Mitzi Robins, Lisa Seppi, Sherri Cook, Denise Anderson, Cathy Kimball, Annalee Dimond, Jessica Carlson, Malia Kurihara, Julie Lewis, Christy Gunther, Kaye Mitchell, Marci Lloyd, Sarah Heiner, Paula Jardine, Lisa Routh

Call To Order: Tricia Morin

Pledge: Mitzi Robins

Minutes: Tricia Morin (All in favor for February minutes, Renae Chambers seconds the vote)

Treasurer's Report: Last day to turn in receipts is Friday, May 29, which is the last day of school. All checks will be written out that day and mailed. Deposits are to be made as soon as possible. The books are being audited for next year's new board, so time is limited.

Legislative Report: Information on the SR 199 is available through a link on our PTA website. This bill initially proposed that PTA be dissolved. Contacts are available on the website to voice your opinion.

Administrator's Minute: Mrs Friel emphasized the importance of PTA, especially at our school. She mentioned that it would be a huge disservice to have PTA dissolved because while parents would continue to volunteer, the organization PTA provides for those volunteers would reduce the effectiveness of their time and efforts.

Character Education was also discussed with a different plan for next year. The plan involves a selection of children's books picked by teachers that emphasize certain character traits. Each month on the first Monday, Mrs Friel will read a book over the PA to the school. She asked the PTA to contribute funds allocated for Character Education for the purpose of making banners to be displayed in the hall with each trait as a reminder for students during the month. They would like to have a 2-3 year rotation of books and may be able to use book fair credit or school budget to help purchase books. The monthly book selections will also be listed in the PTA newsletter.

Teacher's Minute: Mrs Mitchell reinforced earlier statements about the need for PTA. She will also be asking teachers if they need help for the Dance Festival with choreography or music.

President Elect: Renae Chambers presented the new Executive Board for next year.

President: Renae Chambers

Treasurer: Mitzi Robins

President Elect: none

Legislative VP: Monica Law

Secretary: Shellie Wright

Leadership VP: Cathy Kimball

It was taken to a vote Denise Andersen 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor of the vote.

Please keep your ears open for anyone who may interested in being next year's President Elect. Also let Renae know what you would like to do next year with your board position.

Sarah Heiner- Spirit Day- Asked if she could purchase one more trophy for AM/PM Kindergarten because currently, Mrs Story's class could never win because they are only AM. She will also email winners to Cynthia Brown for immediate posting on the school website.

Paula Jardine- Field Day- It is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27 with a budget of \$450. Paula's idea for help with volunteers that day is to have high school students come, since they are already done then, and help to relieve strain on parents. That was approved.

Christy Gunther- 5<sup>th</sup> grade Maturation- It will be on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. All we need to do is provide refreshments and place a reminder in the PTA newsletter for April.

Hope of America is on May 6. Teachers have collected \$10 t-shirt money, which then comes to PTA and the order is placed all together.

Jessica Carlson- Spelling Bee- Regional Contest Saturday, March 7. Harrison Webber, 1<sup>st</sup> place winner, has been contacted. Surplus office supplies can be turned in to the office for teachers to take and use and also for prizes at the 6<sup>th</sup> grade celebration.

Denise Anderson- Needs the following to be in next month's newsletter: Walk-a-thon—Monica Law; Teacher Appreciation Week—Sherrie Cook; Spirit Day winners—Sarah Heiner; Character Education—Cathy Kimball; Maturation—Christy Gunther; Book Fair—Lisa Seppi;

Malia Karihura- We have a few nominations for the Huntsman Award, which are due in on April 2. For administrator, Mrs. Friel; for teachers, Miss Stienberg and Mr Grimley.

Sherri Cook- Teacher Appreciation week is May 4-8. There is a travel theme with lunches provided throughout the week. Room mothers will be contacted to assist with 2 of the lunches.

Julie Lewis- Walk a Thon- They met with Sarah Heiner, who organized it last year, and are ready with plans. A list of volunteers from the beginning of the year is available. It will be held on Wednesday, May 13 and the budget is \$1000. It was also suggested to get the envelopes printed soon because they can take a while.

Kim Bolt- 6<sup>th</sup> grade rep- The 6<sup>th</sup> grade celebration is on Thursday, May 28. Kim is organizing a committee to help, so please contact her if available. The district has said that Slip and Slides are no longer allowed.

Lisa Seppi- Book Fair- Although only open for 4 days instead of 5, we still totaled almost \$5600 in sales. The next book fair will be May 3-6, and that is the buy one- get one free sale. Next year Sherri Cook will be Lisa's assistant, so that a PTA representative can always be present during operating hours.

Tricia Morin elected to change the final board meeting date to Tuesday, May 12. The week before is Teacher Appreciation Week and with lunches for the teachers, she didn't want a meeting to interfere. She has asked all board members to attend because she wants to say goodbye and collect binders.

The next PTA board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7 at 9:30am.

Adjournment: 10:25am