

PTA Meeting

6:30pm, January 13th, 2011

Daniels Run SACC Room

In Attendance: Principal Kathy Mullenix, PTA Board Members: Kelly Singleton, Jenny Gutierrez, Beckie Reilly, and Carrie May, Beth Latzo Gijon, Katy Malesky, Steve Weis, Lisa Shaver, Anna Anaborne, Sreelatha Katari, Claudia Dwass Jeffers, Lee Bruner, Jeong Sook Choi, Sughee Kim, Brenda Young, Andrea Loewenwarter, Jennifer Kelly, Renee Thompson, Carolyn Pitches, Junghye Kang

Old business from last meeting:

-The flu clinics went well. A special thank you to our public health nurse, Wanda Orr.

-The student directory paid for itself with advertising for the first time ever. The PTA received \$1,050 in advertising and spent \$957.00 to produce the directory.

-The fencing for the Bayscaping area is complete and has been paid for using funds earned through the Box Tops for Education program. Daniels Run is the only school in Fairfax County with a Bayscaping area. Daniels Run has won the "Virginia Naturally" award for the past 4 years.

-Positive feedback from teachers has been received for the Brain Pop software that was purchased for the school by the PTA. The software is available for use by teachers and students 24 hours/day, 7 days/week. Discussed how to make the Brain Pop software available to students. Information about the log in and password needed in order to utilize the Brain Pop software will be sent out in a flyer or newsletter. The website is www.brainpop.com.

New Business:

-Kelly introduced Fairfax City School Board member, Carolyn Pitches, who was present for the meeting.

-PTA Survey results: 115 people responded. Jenny Gutierrez briefly presented the PTA Survey results. The results of the survey will be posted in the PTA section of the Daniels Run website. Many responses indicated that the PTA could improve their efforts to communicate with Spanish speaking and Korean speaking families. This is something that the PTA will work on over the course of the school year. Spanish and Korean translators were present at the meeting. Discussed concerns about improving parent and teacher participation/involvement, specifically for PTA meetings.

-Mrs. Mullenix discussed that a Parent Resource Center is in the works. Funding is needed and recruiting people is a challenge.

-A suggestion was made for having a communication box for teachers so that the PTA has some ideas on how the PTA can benefit teachers and the school in general.

Fundraising

-No Frills (Jenny Gutierrez): \$2,412 has been raised toward our No Frills fundraiser, in addition to another \$150 that was not included in the original figure of \$2,412.

-Scrip (Kelly Singleton): This is in planning stages as a fundraiser. The PTA will need a committee head and committee members in order to make this a successful fundraiser. An email will be sent out asking for parent volunteers to help with this fundraiser. The Scrip fundraiser works this way: Gift cards are available for purchase for thousands of retailers. The gift cards are purchased by parents or school supporters and the PTA keeps a percentage of the gift card purchase amount.

-Box Tops (Carrie May): Continues to be a successful fundraising program for the school. Last week, the school received a check for \$1323.20. This reflected payment for Box Tops that were submitted from 3/1/10-10/31/10. The next check will be sent out on April 15, 2011, which will reflect any Box Tops submitted from 11/1/10-2/28/11.

-Labels for Education (Carrie May): Also continues to be a successful fundraising program for the school. 3,472 points were submitted on 12/31/10 and DRES earned a 1,000 point bonus.

The next contest will start at the end January and will run through the end of February. A flyer will go home in the Thursday folders about the next contest. Any Box Tops or LFE points submitted since the last contest have been credited to the appropriate class.

Claudia Dwass has volunteered to take over the Box Tops and Labels for Education programs for next year. She will be assisting with the contests for the remainder of the school year.

-Juice Pouch Recycling (Carrie May): 9,797 juice pouches have been submitted since the program started in May 2009. 4,229 have been sent in since school started this year. Another 600 are ready to be sent in. So far, in total, we have received \$197.94 for juice pouch recycling.

-Printer Cartridges, Toner Cartridges and Cell Phone Recycling (Carrie May): Over 604 printer and toner cartridges and cell phones have been recycled since school started. We have earned \$160.00 in Staples credit and \$244.87 in cash so far this year. The company we partner with is offering \$2 for each cell phone submitted, regardless of age or condition of the phone. We have several businesses that are donating all of their used printer/toner cartridges to Daniels Run. The only product the company we partner with does not accept are toner bottles for copier machines.

-Spring Fling: This will be a fundraiser dance in May (date to be determined) with a DJ. There will be an admission fee for students and adults. Food and beverages will be available for sale. Discussed having a local restaurant, possibly Chik Fil A, come and sell their food on site. Other food options will also be available. The PTA would receive a portion of the food sales for that evening. Katy Malesky graciously volunteered to be the chairperson for the Spring Fling.

Spirit Wear (Beckie Reilly): Our inventory was sold out at the beginning of the school year. New T-shirt designs were discussed. The PTA is in the process of receiving bids from vendors for Spirit Wear. Three bids are needed in order for the PTA to make a final decision on pricing and purchase Spirit Wear.

Treasurer's Report: Kristin Shriver will be taking over as PTA Treasurer for the remainder of the school year. Printed copies of the Treasurer's Report were available at the meeting.

Membership (Carrie May): We currently have 320 PTA members.

Crossing Guard Week: Thank you cards and flowers will be distributed to all of our crossing guards in January. Thank you to Beth Latzo Gijon for volunteering to distribute the thank you cards and flowers to the crossing guards.

Board Nominations (Kelly Singleton): The PTA will need a new Secretary and Treasurer for the next school year. Volunteers are needed for the Nominating Committee, which must consist of 3 members.

Open Discussion:

-Discussed request for Chess Club as an after school program. Kelly will look into this. The PTA has all of the necessary supplies due to offering this as an after school program in the past.