

PTA Meeting

9:30am, November 11, 2010

Daniels Run SACC Room

In Attendance: Principal Kathy Mullenix, PTA Board Members: Kelly Singleton, Jenny Gutierrez, Beckie Reilly, Carrie May, and Bea McMurrer, Jennifer Kelly, Kim Avila, Peg Weis, Lee Bruner, Zinta Rodgers-Rickert, Claudia Dwass Jeffers, Beverly Bevster, Anne Stewart Claytor.

Old business from last meeting:

-Brain Pop software has been purchased for the school by the PTA. A thank you letter was received from the teaching staff. Teachers have a subscription and have access 24 hours/day. Students may also access Brain Pop software from home. Discussed possibly putting a link to Brain Pop software on the school website and on PTA emails or allowing students to have access to information through Blackboard.

-The PTA approved the purchase of fencing for the Bayscaping area. Cost will be \$2,000. Mrs. Mullenix and Mrs. Huberman-Hayes are working closely with Jeanette Stewart of Lands and Waters on the fencing. Funds earned from the Box Tops for Education program will be used for the purchase of the fencing.

-The PTA is still waiting for authorization for the purchase of a new audio recorder for the school. Cost is \$200. This purchase was approved at the last PTA meeting.

-Discussed landscaping and use of picnic tables in the courtyard area of the school. We will need to look into design, cost of landscaping materials, and cost of picnic tables. Mrs. Richlak will obtain estimates for the picnic tables. Many students that ran for office used the picnic table idea as part of their campaign. Mrs. Mullenix discussed that it is not possible to allow students to eat lunch in the courtyard due to the presence of bees, but the courtyard would be used for outdoor teaching space on nice days.

PTA Survey: Survey will go out in the next week or two. The survey will be translated into Spanish and Korean.

Discussed that English classes are being held for parents of school age children-"school English."

Parents discussed having individual tables at Open House and Back to School Night for parents to receive more information about volunteer opportunities for ongoing school activities/events such as the Book Fair, International Night, etc.

Fall Ball (Jenny Gutierrez): Very well attended. Not a fundraiser for the PTA, but profit was around \$100. Parents discussed possibly shortening the dance from 3 hours to 2 hours, or keeping the dance at 3 hours in length and having the first hour of the dance set aside for the younger students who tend to go to bed earlier. It was suggested that the students have more organized activities during the dance-possibly having someone teach the students a popular dance.

Fundraising:

Kelly Singleton discussed that per the PTA Bylaws, the PTA is required to have 3 free events for every PTA fundraiser held. This is to ensure that any funds earned during any given school year are used to benefit the school during that same school year.

Sally Foster Update (Beckie Reilly): Participation was low at Daniels Run, but also across **all schools**, due to the new selling format. Daniels Run will receive roughly \$3,000 in profit. The final figures are not available as of 11/11/10.

No Frills Fundraiser (Jenny Gutierrez): No Frills Fundraiser starts on 11/11/10. Flyers and envelopes will be going home in today's Thursday folders. The PTA is hoping to raise \$8,000 through this fundraiser.

Literacy for a Lifetime (Beckie Reilly): Daniels Run was selected to receive \$750 to purchase books from Usbourne Books. The Literacy for a Lifetime Foundation was started by former Redskin, Roy Jefferson. The Daniels Run reading teacher, Mrs. Shay Davis, will be selecting the books to be purchased from Usbourne Books.

Papa John's Fundraisers (Beckie Reilly): \$275 was earned during the first Pizza Night. The amount earned for the second Pizza Night was not available as of 11/11/10.

Scrip Fundraiser (Kelly Singleton): Discussed participating in the this fundraiser in the future. Gift cards for many popular retailers are sold and a percentage of sales is given back to the PTA/school.

Basketball Game: Still in the planning stages, but Mrs. Mullenix and Kelly Singleton are working with Providence Elementary on having a faculty basketball game in March 2011.

Printer Cartridge/Cell Phone and Juice Pouch Recycling (Carrie May): Both programs continue to have a lot of participation. These are ongoing fundraising programs throughout the school year. Over 8,000 juice pouches have been recycled since Daniels Run started participating in the juice pouch recycling program.

Book Fair (Jenny Gutierrez): Roughly \$3,200 was earned for the school library. More volunteers are needed.

Membership (Carrie May): Approximately 310 members as of 11/11/10. It was noted by Kelly Singleton that we have more PTA members this year compared to the number of members we had at the same time last year-November 2009. Discussed that having a table at Open House and Back to School Night may have helped to increase our membership this year.

Directory: Directory cover contest winner was selected by the art teachers. The school database is complete and the directory will go for printing soon.

Lunch Money: Concern was voiced that students are running out of lunch money and parents are not being notified ahead of time. Mrs. Mullenix said the school provides cereal and milk to any student who does not have any funds on their lunch money account. Mrs. Mullenix discussed that students purchasing a la carte items in addition to a regular lunch can quickly deplete an account. Mrs. Mullenix discussed that she is working on hiring a permanent cafeteria manager. Discussed use of the My Lunch Money website (www.mylunchmoney.com) in order for parents to keep track of their student's lunch account.

Flu Vaccinations: Part of a FCPS initiative. Only students will be vaccinated. Informational packets with permission forms will go home with students on November 18th. The nasal spray and injection will be offered. For students that require two doses: the first dose will be given on December 9th and the second dose will be given on January 14th.

Concerns were voiced about the Daniels Run Facebook page. Concern is that student's first and last names were listed on various announcements or attached to photos being displayed. Mrs. Mullenix said the Daniels Run Facebook page is not school sponsored and is not school endorsed.

Some parents stayed after the PTA meeting to write thank you cards for the custodians and crossing guards. The PTA purchased gift cards for all of the custodians and crossing guards in appreciation of their hard work.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.