

Survey Question and Response	#	% of Total Responses for Question
1. Are you currently a member of the PTA?		
Yes	85	83%
No	27	26%
Total Responses	102	
2. Why are you not a member?		
\$10 is too expensive	4	15%
I don't understand where the membership fee goes?	4	15%
Other	13	48%
Comments	24	89%
Total Responses	27	
Most typical comments:		
I don't have time.		
I pay dues to another school		
I don't understand what membership entails.		
3. If you are a member of the PTA and do not attend meetings, why do you not attend meetings?		
Meetings too long or too short	2	2%
Meetings not interesting	4	5%
Meetings not well organized	2	2%
Don't feel part of the group	12	14%
Don't have time	41	47%
Need babysitting	20	23%
Need transportation	1	1%
Meetings not at convenient times	29	33%
Other	22	25%
Comments	35	40%
Total Responses	88	
Most typical comments:		
Schedule conflicts/I don't have time		
I don't remember when meetings are		
I need child care for my children		
I don't communicate well in English		
4. I am kept informed about the PTA and its events.		
Strongly Agree	50	45%
Agree	47	42%
Neutral	11	10%
Disagree	3	3%
Strongly Disagree	1	1%
Total Responses	112	

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5. I feel welcome to attend PTA meetings.		
Strongly Agree	41	38%
Agree	34	31%
Neutral	29	27%
Disagree	3	3%
Strongly Disagree	1	1%
Total Responses	108	
6. Parents play an active role in the PTA.		
Strongly Agree	31	28%
Agree	46	42%
Neutral	29	27%
Disagree	3	3%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
Total Responses	109	
7. Teachers play an active role in the PTA.		
Strongly Agree	13	12%
Agree	25	24%
Neutral	59	56%
Disagree	7	7%
Strongly Disagree	1	1%
Total Responses	106	
8. My participation in the PTA is vital to my child's education.		
Strongly Agree	18	16%
Agree	22	20%
Neutral	52	47%
Disagree	15	14%
Strongly Disagree	3	3%
Total Responses	110	
9. What topics or speakers would you like to see addressed or presented at future PTA meetings?		
Total Responses	30	
Most typical comments:		
How to connect to the community		
More information on Advanced Academics and the pull out program at DRE, compacted math		
Celebrate Calm for parents and teachers, parenting tips		
Programs for kids: i.e Brain Boosters, internet strategies		
Nutrition		
Fundraising		
Budget/Funding		
What to do about Bullying. Teaching kids to stand up for themselves		
How to help your child succeed in school, elementary to middle school transition issues and preparation, reading skills, technologies to increase child's thinking skills/ Internet strategies, preparing for SOLs, Homework strategies		
Greening - making school more environmentally friendly		
More teacher participation -- similar to the Principals coffee		
Presentations from parent liason groups		
Coping with children with disabilities		

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10. Do you have any ideas to make the PTA better and/or to get more parents involved?

Total Responses	42	
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Common Comments

There needs to be a good explanation of what the PTA is and why it is important.
PTA emails need to include running information about how to join and PTA board contact information
Create a PTA forum
Need to provide more information on where the money goes.
Reach out to parents on a grade or classroom level to ask for participation. Create a phone tree, organized per class, to ask for volunteers
There needs to be more involvement between parents and teachers
Make personal requests from one parent to another for help
Make the tasks smaller
Have more extracurricular activities like science fair and lego-leagues.
Give thank you gifts (symbolic) to people who donate
Make minutes of meetings available, record meetings or open a conference call line.
Define priorities at beginning of new year.
Offer bilingual programs
Daniels Run should have a Facebook page
Make meetings more social and less formal, provide childcare
Provide interpreters for the meetings
Post meeting dates well in advance

11. I am getting _____ communication from the PTA

Too much	2	2%
Too little	18	16%
Just the right amount	89	80%
Total Responses	111	

12. Are there any events that the PTA hasn't held that you would like to see?

Total Responses	24	
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Most typical comments:

National Reflections competition/program, Chess club, Hands on Science
Silent auctions
Events that are more active, where children dance or do theater.
Hispanic outreach
PTA Sign Up night - one meeting that presents all the events w/sign up tables
Get to know one another events.
Have more extracurricular activities like science fair and lego-leagues.
Flea market type activity/consignment sale/yard sale/craft show
Events where parents can teach or show something to children
Dances
Lets Dish night
Cookie Decorating
More afterschool programs
More field trips
Offer incentives to attend - bring another parent night, door prizes
Bingo night
Magic show/ entertainment for the family to enjoy
Bake sales/spaghetti dinners, pancake dinners

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13. Where do you think the money raised by Daniels Run PTA goes?

Total Responses	83	
Common Comments		
I don't know		
To benefit teachers and students, assemblies, professional development, supplies		
Why do we need so much money?		
To fill voids the budget leaves		
to provide enrichment for the children		
To support kids who don't have the money to do extracurricular activities.		

14. How do you think the PTA should spend the money it raises?

Total Responses	69	
Most typical comments:		
I don't know		
It is currently being spent correctly		
More field trips		
Chess Club		
Something all kids benefit from		
Offer foreign language courses		
Give more to teachers so they don't have to spend out of pocket.		

15. If you participated in the Sally Foster Wrapping Paper Sales Fundraiser, did you like the new Sally Foster gift card format?

Yes	7	10%
No	57	84%
Comments	58	85%
Total Responses	68	
Common Comments		
I didn't understand the program this year		
I don 't like that my children have to sell things.		
I didn't like the product offering		
The program and website was very confusing		
Didn't like the new format		
Didn't want to ask people to spend \$20/too expensive		
A lot of people don't know how or want to purchase on line		
Didn't like not having a catalog		
It is hard to sell gift cards		
Having to pay for shipping was crazy.		

16. Would you attend one or more Restaurant profit share nights throughout the year (such as the Papa Johns pizza night)?

No	18	17%
Yes (Take Out)	59	57%
Yes (Sit Down)	69	66%
Total Responses	104	

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17. What fundraisers would you most likely be willing to participate in next year? Please check all that apply.		
Another wrapping paper sale	24	22%
Cash donation	66	61%
A No Selling fundraiser	45	41%
Bingo Night/Carnival Night	60	55%
Auction	38	35%
Family Dinner at the school (i.e. Pizza Night)	67	61%
Total Responses	109	
18. Have you ever volunteered for the PTA?		
Yes	46	44%
No	63	60%
Comments	27	26%
Total Responses	105	
Most typical comments		
I volunteer in my child's class		
No time		
I need clear information about the PTA volunteer options.		
19. I would be more likely to volunteer for the PTA if?		
The activity could be done on my own time (i.e. stuffing envelopes, making copies)	41	53%
I could work with someone else and not do it alone	19	24%
I could bring my younger child with me	22	28%
The activity took less time	11	14%
The activity was during the day	14	18%
The activity was after school	7	9%
The activity was at night	21	27%
Other	12	15%
Comments	16	21%
Total Responses	78	
Most typical comments:		
I don't want to make a long term commitment/chair an event		
I don't want to make a commitment I can't keep		
Only want to help in small, short term ways. Finite tasks		
I want the activity to really help someone - not just organizing an event.		
Could help on weekends		
I want to work in my child's classroom		
Don't have any free time		
20. Total Final Comments		
	8	
Most typical comments:		
Good Job!		
I don't know how to contact anyone in the PTA other than at a meeting.		
We need an official facebook site. It can be checked from mobile phones		
Total Surveys		
	115	