

Darby Creek PTO Meeting Minutes

Name of Organization: Darby Creek PTO

Meeting Location: Darby Creek Elementary Media Center

Date and Time: October 13, 2014 7:02-8:05 pm

Number Present: Exec Members 5 Teachers 6 Parents 11 Guests 0 Total 22

Attendance: Carrie Drovdlc, Melanie Ault, Cindy Teske, Michelle Woodham, Kimber Whanger, Susan Ehret, Rachel Lantin, Debi Dennis, Michael Gift, Carmen Malone, Anne Pforsich, Jennifer Hay, Melissa Petrevski, Darci Matheny, Megan Troyer, Mitali Shah, Pam Pyles, Jodi Rice, Melissa Walther, Amanda Beach, Brian Conway, Kara Russo.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Carrie Drovdlc.

Introductions & Announcements:

- PTO executive team introductions.

Treasurer's Report:

Melanie presented:

- Budget with funds used and balance through 10/3/14.
- PTO income through 9/30/14
- Treasurer's report for August and September 2014 including all transactions. Balance on 9/30/14 is \$26,329 in savings and \$2,109 in checking.
- Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Carmen Malone, seconded by Amanda Beach. Report approved.

Secretary's Report: September 8, 2014 minutes were passed out for review. Correction under teacher's report – change wording from Taverns to Caverns for the 3rd grade field trip. Motion to approve the minutes with correction was made by Carmen Malone, seconded by Megan Troyer. Report approved.

Principal's Report:

- Dot Day was a success. Each student will receive 2 prints from that day and a large print will be placed on the wall at school.
- Education Camp was a success. Discussion regarding PTO funds for education camp and consideration to add a line item for this in the budget. Two additional education camps are planned for this school year. This discussion will be placed on the agenda for the November meeting and voting will be considered to add this line item to the budget.

Teacher's Report – Special Education Teachers

- Special education teachers have started a new process by which they are in the classroom with the teachers to support student's education.
- ST Math – a math program for gifted and special education students. This program covers all of the common core standards without any language/symbols. These are introduced later in the program. This grant provided 45 iPads per school.

ISPTO:

Amanda Beach reported. Highlights & discussion include:

- Collaborative feedback. Topics included coordinating school pictures on meet the teacher day and wellness activities at different schools.
- Financial workshop in October.
- Dream acronym – support teachers to support their students.

Old Business

- **Warrior Dash** – was a success. Alton Darby and Darby Creek PTOs partnered and served 7 gallons of hot chocolate, 50 pounds of apples, and 9 gallons of apple cider. Discussion regarding clean up volunteers needed next year. The boy scouts will also be requested to help as they did last year. Mrs. Teske requested parents to send her any pictures from the dash for the school slideshow.
- **Walking Wednesday** – was a success. More than 200 students walked to school and received a goodie bag. Discussion regarding additional communication to students who ride the bus and additional parent volunteers would be very helpful.
- **Box Tops** – are due by 10/20, fall and spring deadlines. Darby Creek PTO made over \$2,000 in box tops last year. There will be a contest among classrooms for an award.

New Business

- **Climbing Wall** – Mr. Decker was not present to discuss.
- **Boy Scouts (Pack 306)** – are sponsored by the Darby Creek PTO but without any financial transfers. Jodi Rice was present to discuss details about the boy scouts. They helped with the blood drive last year and also with clean up after the Warrior Dash.
- **Hilliard Education Foundation** – Debi Dennis is the district liaison for the HEF. Debi discussed details of HEF. They fund innovative and creative activities. Debi discussed the new fall event and distributed a flier. This event will take place on November 7th and include dinner, a silent auction, etc. Casino Night is the spring event. More news to follow.

Upcoming Events:

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| Oct 15 | – Walk-a-Thon, Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night (MUST present envelope) |
| Oct 21 | – Market Day Pickup |
| Oct 24 | – Family Game Night, DCE Cafeteria |
| Nov 4 or 11 | – Dave and Buster’s Spirit Night, date TBD |
| Nov 21 | – Walk-a-Thon Celebration Skating Party, Skate America at 5:30-7:00 pm |

Walk-a-thon - Carrie reminded everyone about the Walk-a-thon on Wednesday. Shirts were provided by donations for each student and are for sale for adults. Each sponsor with \$100-300 donation is printed on the back of the shirts. Prizes were also donated. The goal is \$50 per student. All students with \$50 or more will receive a paw magnet for the car. Discussion regarding the new online contributions. Parents are unable to view if someone contributed toward their child’s walk. Kimber will look into this for next year. Online contributions so far are approximately \$1,200.

Winner of the raffle prize was Susan Ehret.

Next meeting will be November October 10, 2014 at 7pm in the media center.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Carmen Malone, seconded by Megan Troyer.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM.