

Darby Creek PTO Meeting Minutes

Name of Organization: Darby Creek PTO

Meeting Location: Darby Creek Elementary Media Center

Date and Time: November 10, 2014 7:00-8:02 pm

Number Present: Exec Members 5 Teachers 3 Parents 9 Guests 0 Total 17

Attendance: Carrie Drovdlc, Melanie Ault, Cindy Teske, Michelle Woodham, Kimber Whanger, Tim O'Connor, Beti Boskovska, Nichole Berkey, Susie Scott, Denise Castle, Kara Russo, Anne Pforsich, Megan Troyer, Pam Pyles, Hetal Patel, Amy Hile, Billie Corson.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Carrie Drovdlc.

Introductions & Announcements:

- PTO executive team introductions.

Treasurer's Report:

Melanie presented:

- Budget with funds used and balance through 11/1/2014.
- Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Tim O'Connor, seconded by Pam Pyles. Report approved.

Secretary's Report: October 13, 2014 minutes were passed out for review. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Kara Russo, seconded by Megan Troyer. Report approved.

Principal's Report:

- Dot Day banner presented by Mrs. Teske. It will be displayed in the hallway.
- Town Hall – 5th grade presented at the last town hall meeting. Next month, 4th grade is scheduled to present.
- Skating party to celebrate the Walk-a-Thon will be at Skate America in Grove City. Mrs. Teske will wear a banana suit at the student's request.
- Education Camp – was a big success. The next Ed Camp is scheduled for December 17th. More news to follow.

Teacher's Report – 2nd Grade Teachers

- Time for Kids (TFK) – materials arrived and 2nd graders have started using these. TFK is consistent with the common core standards to these are very helpful in the classroom. Teachers thanked the PTO for the TFK purchase.
- Second graders are also using the ST Math curriculum described at the last PTO meeting.
- Harmony meetings – the four 2nd grade classes are combining together in small groups of students and rotating between the four 2nd grade teachers. This allows students to learn from all 4 teachers/teaching styles. Next, students will be teamed up in small groups to do literature circle, book talk, and writing groups.
- Ed camp – students wrote about their experiences. Teachers shared a few of these writings with the PTO.
- Next month, 2nd grade will report at the Board of Education meeting. Darby Creek teachers will be among those reporting.

ISPTO:

Denise Castle reported. Highlights include:

- PTOs discussed how they are working with the "no flier" policy. This topic will also be discussed at the next meeting.
- ISPTO discussed that the requirement is not "paperless", but "less paper".
- Superintendent discussed upcoming summit on 11/18.

Old Business:

- Box Tops – Carrie reminded parents to continue to collect and turn in box tops. Earnings so far have been approximately \$1035.

- Walk-a-thon – total earnings were approximately \$18,700. Last year's earnings were approximately \$23,000 but enrollment is down this year by about 100 students. Online earnings were approximately \$3500. Party to celebrate the Walk-a-thon will be on Friday November 21st at Skate America in Grove City.

New Business:

- Hilliard Summit on Accountability & Assessment will be held on Tuesday, 11/18 at Weaver Middle School at 8:00 pm. Mrs. Teske discussed this issue in detail and encouraged parents to attend on 11/18.
- Discussion about SRI/SMI testing, OAA testing, result availability timeframe, etc.
- Conference Night Dinner – hosted by the Hospitality Committee of the PTO will be on Thursday 11/13 from 4-7 pm. Several volunteers have already signed up for dinner items. The Hospitality Committee is still in need of volunteers for set up and clean up.
- Winter Wonderland – will be in February. Volunteers will be needed for this event. More news to follow.

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Nov 13 - Conference Night
- ❖ Nov 18 - Market Day Pick Up
- ❖ Nov 21 - FREE admission Skate America Skating Party to Celebrate the Walk-a-thon!
5-7:30pm (must pay for skate rental, food, games)
- ❖ Nov 26-28 - THANKSGIVING LONG WEEKEND--NO SCHOOL
- ❖ Dec 10 - Red Robin Spirit Night
- ❖ Dec 16 - Market Day Pick Up
- ❖ Dec 22- Jan2 - Winter Break

Winner of the raffle prize was Pam Pyles.

Next meeting will be January 12th, 2015 at 7pm in the media center.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Megan Troyer, seconded by Tim O'Connor.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 PM.