

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016

DuFief Elementary School PTA Minutes

PTA Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Yonat Lurie at 7:10pm.

In Attendance

Yonat Lurie, Brent Mascot, Toby Salahuddin, Tzvety Weiner, Paula Teixeira-Obaidy, Leilani Micalizzi, Kim Brock, Danielle Carrick, Rod Allsopp, Andrea Kleinbussink, Maria Maslennikov, Kavya Rao, Sandra Toledo, Jennifer Nakashima

Approval of September 6, 2016 PTA Minutes (Danielle Carrick)

Sandra Toledo made a motion to approve the minutes, Jennifer Nakashima seconded the motion. The minutes passed unanimously.

President's Report (Yonat Lurie)

- Membership – So far, direct donations are \$4300. There is still time to donate and join the PTA. Mug incentive and magnet incentives are only through Oct. 31, 2016. Natalie Noon cannot continue as membership chair, so we are in need of a new membership chair. Heather Handel will be there to train you this year.
- Directory – In the next day or two, you will start getting emails about confirming your contact information, etc.
- ByLaws – Runako Alsopp volunteered to review the ByLaws. She is requesting one or two people to help review them with her. Jennifer Nakashima volunteered to help. The ByLaws will be presented to the PTA at the December meeting.
- Recess/snow – Facilities management at the schools are not required to clear snow from non-walk ways. If we get a lot of snow, we might see if we can get some parents to help clear the blacktop areas so the students can get outside for recess as long as it's not too cold.

Treasurer's Report (Rob Kemp)

No report tonight.

1st VP Report, Educational Programs (Jennifer Nakashima)

- Before and After School Programs – Only a few programs did not get enough students to participate. Other programs are going well and communicating with the school about weather-related cancellation issues. Painting class will start in the winter. There are two potential new classes in the winter: Yoga and a literacy program focusing on young children.

2nd VP Report, Community Resources (Leilani Micalizzi)

- Walk to School Day – Oct. 4 is walk to school day. Natalie Noon posted information on Facebook. Students can get a sticker and wristband for participating.
- Dining for Dufief – Oct. 5 is at Ledos, Nov. 10 at Zoe's kitchen, Dec. 7 at Chick fil A, Feb. 6 at Panera at Kentlands, March 7 at Ledos, and April/May (date TBD) at Chipotle.
- Spirit wear – Sales have earned \$1172, which has covered the cost of ordering the t-shirts. Next Spirit day is Friday, Oct. 6.

3rd VP Report, Social Events (Yonat Lurie on behalf of Aashima Mehta)

- Movie Night (sponsored by Toby Salahuddin and organized by Aarti Savani) will be Oct. 21. Zootopia will be the movie. Students will get a bag of chips and a bottle of water for free.

Ability Awareness Week (Sandra Toledo)

Oct. 18, 19, 20 2016. A range of speakers will be coming in including last year's Miss Maryland wheelchair. We need a few more parents to serve as escorts, but otherwise it is all set.

Yearbook Report (Yonat Lurie)

Currently, Yonat Lurie and Leilani Micalizzi are the two chairs. Help is needed. We need events or grade level delegate volunteers to take pictures, upload them and label them as the grade level they belong to, and help to create the spread with the pictures. Maria Meslennikov volunteered for the kindergarten representative.

Wootton Cluster Report (Lauren Su, Deborah Brakarz)

No report. Mr. Mascott will be at the October meeting.

MCCPTA Delegate Report (Leilani Micalizzi, Siva Venktachalam)

Last week was the first meeting for the school year. The new board was introduced at that meeting. Also discussed were ways to increase membership across MCC PTAs. Each school's cultural arts, special education, building repairs, membership, etc. meet through work groups to make sure that the schools are staying uniformly informed of what is going on at each school across the county.

Principal's Report (Brent Mascott)

- Interim reports should have come home today or will go home tomorrow. Open house is Monday, Oct. 10 at 9:10. Parents can stay through lunch.

- 1st/2nd grade split class status – The teachers and students are working cooperatively to make the transitions to classes as smooth as possible.
- Newsletters will be sent home from the teachers on the first Friday of every month. This is in addition to the county's grade level math and reading newsletters.
- Repairs to the outside of the school are underway. Part of the outside wall to the kindergarten courtyard was crumbling. MCPS is repairing it.
- Re-evaluation of the existing before/after school care provider here at DuFief is occurring this year. It happens every few years for each MCPS school. Parents will be asked to complete a survey about before/after school care. Then, programs can apply to be the before/after school care provider. A committee will be formed to interview and recommend a care provider for the school; be on the lookout for an email inviting you to participate in the committee.
- At morning indoor line-up, if parents need to come in, please come in through the front door.

Old Business

None

New Business

Halloween parties will be on Monday, Oct. 31. Teachers will get in touch with room parents. Room parents can get reimbursed \$2 per student. All food must be store bought and please check with teachers for food allergies.

Next Meeting

Next PTA meeting will be on Tuesday, November 1st, 2016 from 9:15-10:15am in the Media Center.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:00pm by Yonat Lurie. Danielle Carrick seconded the motion.

Minutes taken by Danielle Carrick