

## TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2016 MINUTES

### DuFief Elementary School PTA Minutes

June 7, 2016

Meeting was called to order by Yonat Lurie at 7:05pm.

#### **In Attendance**

Yonat Lurie, Hua Li, Sandra Teledo, Lauren Su, Kim Brock, Manpreet Bassa, Siva Venkataehalam, Mallik Rao, Debora Brakarz, Lisa Shen, Brent Mascott, Rob Kemp, Leilani Micalizzi, Rod Allsopp, Huijun Shang, Erika Davis, Danielle Carrick, Marcy Waxman, Jennifer Nakashima

**Approval of May 3, 2016 minutes (Danielle Carrick)**- Motion by Lauren Su to approve the minutes and Hua Li seconded the motion. The minutes passed unanimously.

#### **President's Report (Yonat Lurie)**

- a. Parking Procedure - Parking in the firelane loop and DuFief Dr: While there is still room for emergency vehicles to get through if cars park on both sides, Yonat suggested that parents should not park on both sides of the fire lane since it is a potential safety hazard - hindering emergency vehicles from getting clear access to the school. Others also suggested that parking on Dufief Dr. right around the corner from the school is not safe.
- b. MCCPTA - MCCPTA is doing training for all parents tomorrow, June 8, 2016.
- c. Kindergarten Summer Playdates - Kindergarten summer playdates will continue this summer. Danielle Carrick will coordinate those playdates.

Accomplishments this year include: getting more of the parents involved (many more new faces are involved in the PTA meetings), online newsletter, Facebook page for communications, and getting ourselves out in the community (award for Mrs. Peretzman, Betsy Balicco won a special needs award), events were revamped and enhanced (such as International Night).

Special thanks to Dan Russ for being the MCCPTA rep for 10 years! Other special thanks for Brent Mascott and the 3 VPs (Jennifer Nakashima, Leilani Micalizzi, Aashima Mehta) and the rest on the PTA board and volunteers.

#### **Treasurer's Report (Rob Kemp)**

The PTA's end of year expenditures will be in the black. We originally budgeted a \$9,000 loss, but we paid careful attention to our expenditures. The biggest surprise was the silent auction profit of \$7,000, when we expected \$3,000. Next year we will have a better idea of what to expect.

### **1<sup>st</sup> VP Report, Educational Programs (Jennifer Nakashima)**

Some of the vendors of after-school programs want to come back next year. If there are vendors that parents liked or did not like, please let Jenn know for the fall.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report, Community Resources (Leilani Micalizzi)**

Dining for Dufief – We earned \$1,145 for the year. The Yahoo Group Digest came after Dining for Dufief, but it was also on Facebook. The PTA has been trying to get the digests out quicker. Most information is on both the Yahoo Group and Facebook.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> VP Report, Social Events (Aashima Mehta)**

Reptile person at 6:30pm and the show will be from 7-8pm. There will be concessions for sale.

### **Nominating Committee 2016-2017 (Jennifer Nakashima)**

The committee meets at the end of every year to look for people for board positions. The slate will stay the same it was this school year:

Yonat Lurie has been nominated for President. No other nominations were made, so nominations for president was closed. Jenn nominated Yonat for President.

Jenn was nominated for First VP.

Leilani nominated for 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.

Aashima was nominated for 3<sup>rd</sup> VP.

Rob Kemp was nominated for Treasurer.

Danielle was nominated for Recording Secretary.

Mallik was nominated for Corresponding Secretary.

Office of President Elect is open. No nominations were made from the floor, so the position will remain open for the school year.

Yonat Lurie asked for a voice vote in favor of the slate, and the slate was elected.

### **Wootton Cluster Report (Lauren Su)**

The Montgomery County Council heard the operating budget. The Wootton renovation is staying in 2019, and Dufief renovation was pushed to 2020. Since 2009, there has been a lower per pupil cost, and they are trying to push it back up by increasing real property taxes. Nothing has been decided yet. Regarding high school overcrowding, they are not sending Gaithersburg students to Wootton, and are not sending anyone from Crown or Declovery to Wootton. The Giant lease

across from Wootton is up in 2017, and the owner wants to build townhouses. The concerned residents got them down to 88 townhouses from 150. The meeting was on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Eighteen months before the completion of the renovation of Dufief, they will study boundaries to see if kids from other schools will come to Dufief. The capacity of Dufief after the renovation will be 740 students.

June 8<sup>th</sup> is training at Blake

July 18<sup>th</sup> is Cluster comments where they discuss major maintenance issues for schools.

### **MCCPTA Delegate Report (Daniel Russ)**

No report.

### **Principal's Report (Brent Mascott)**

It has been a great year. PARCC testing is completed. The school had a great concert last night and a great field day on Friday. Thank you to PTA members who helped with Mrs. Peretzman's Thank You for Teaching Award. The Montgomery County Council may have additional funding for schools because class sizes have gone up. It looks like those numbers should be go back down – Kindergarten to 26, Grades 1-2 will be 27, Grades 3-4 will be back down to 29. Mr. Mascott will put his summer letter out in late July so parents know about teacher positions. Mrs. Perezman, Mrs. Storm, and Madeline Thompson are retiring next year. The school is looking at hiring to replace teachers. Pat Abrunzo, Wootton Cluster ES for MCPS is retiring after 53 years in Montgomery County. We had our first Memories and Dreams practice, and will be ready for next Thursday's ceremony. Students can invite as many people as they want to invite. There is no limit. In the future, we may do a raffle for 4 front row seats at the graduation ceremony. If you need to reach Mr. Mascott over the summer, please email or call him.

### **Old Business**

Discussion of whether we should eliminate Dragonfest or combine it with the Ice Cream Social. We want to do all PTA events before Memorial Day next year. There is currently no chair for DragonFest for next year. Sandra Teledo offered to chair DragonFest. The winter dance will not be sponsored by Helen John this coming year, so the PTA will sponsor it. We don't want to have more than 1 community event per month.

An idea was to have the ice cream social at the end of the day after Field Day. Some other elementary schools have the carnival style event like Dragonfest, and other schools are doing Color Runs, health fairs, and other physical fitness events.

Spring semester is overloaded, so the PTA is thinking about putting more events during the first semester. We will try to free up the spring a bit, maybe move the ice

cream social combined with the picnic. The reptile person is \$400 plus it is \$100 to rent the space. The PTA budget gets approved at the first meeting next school year. There will also be a 3 person audit committee to look at books from this school year that will meet over the summer. We also need people for the budget committee. Yonat will be putting together a final newsletter, or they may post it on FB to get some feedback to see if people respond to it.

### **New Business**

None

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:06pm by Yonat Lurie. Danielle Carrick seconded the motion.

Minutes taken by Marcy Waxman

