

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016 MINUTES

DuFief Elementary School PTA Minutes

Presentation and discussion about cybersafety (6:30-7:30pm):

Phil Andrews, Director of Crime Prevention Initiatives for Montgomery County, MD came for a cybersafety presentation and discussion. The bottom-line message is: talk with your kids about cybersafety. This includes talking to them to think about what they post, who they share information with, and that they need to get a trusted adult involved if they feel threatened or uncomfortable in any way.

PTA Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Yonat Lurie at 7:38pm.

In Attendance

Silvia Bradley, Debora Brakarz, Danielle Carrick, Douglas Clark, Bethany Dame, Erika Davis, Rob Kemp, Andrea F. Kleinbussiuk, Yonat Lurie, Brent Mascott, Aashima Mehta, Leilani Micalizzi, Jenn Nakashima, Siva Venkatachalam, Sandra Toledo, Benjamin Xing

Approval of April 5, 2016 Executive Board Minutes and February 2, 2016 Minutes (Marcy Waxman)

One change was noted: The date of the approved minutes should have been January 3, 2016 for the Executive Board meeting. Yonat Lurie made a motion to approve the minutes and Aashima Mehta seconded the motion. The minutes passed unanimously.

President's Report (Yonat Lurie)

May 21st is Dragonfest. The format will be different from before. It will be more of a picnic with pizza, ices, and other food for sale. Moonbounces, DJ or live music, cake walk, soda bottle toss and other games will be coordinated by individuals. If anyone wants to volunteer to run another game, contact Yonat Lurie. A vote was taken for either DJ or live music. The majority in attendance voted for DJ. The PTA will provide things for the DJ to handout to the kids.

June PTA meeting will be on June 7 with a potluck dinner prior to the meeting (at 6:15).

Treasurer's Report (Rob Kemp)

April was a quiet month. Remaining money due from the silent auction was collected. Profited about \$6000. Even the Bingo Night made a little profit (~\$100).

1st VP Report, Educational Programs (Jennifer Nakashima)

After-school programs are underway. However, most of the ones advertised for spring got cancelled due to low participation. Spring is always a tough time to get after school activities going.

The plan is to have the Artist-in-residence program for 5th grade again next year (2016-2017 school year).

2nd VP Report, Community Resources (Leilani Micalizzi)

Dining for Dufief – May 5th dining event will be at Chick-fil-a. in the Kentlands

Tag Sale – May 7th is the tag sale. Please donate items to the PTA table if you don't want to sell them. You can still rent a space for \$25 if you do want to sell your own items. Spaces will be along the bus loop.

3rd VP Report, Social Events (Aashima Mehta)

The PTA sponsored ice cream social is coming up (June 9). The Reptile guy will be there this year instead of the magician. Aashima is suggesting having Baskin Robbins come and serve the ice cream at cost to the students. Yonat suggested having ice cream cups that are handed out to the kids for free. Those in attendance at the meeting agreed with having the free ice cream cups instead of Baskin Robbins.

Nominating Committee 2016-2017 (Jennifer Nakashima)

Please get the word out for individuals who can volunteer to take on a "job". Some only require 30 minutes to an hour for the entire year. Please consider taking on a job. There are so many activities that one can volunteer for. Activities are listed at the front of the directory. The list of activities will be shared via the Facebook account.

Wootton Cluster Report (Lauren Su)

The next Wootton Cluster meeting will be May 16, 2016. Brent Mascott reported that the timeline for the Dufief renovation has been pushed back and is scheduled to be completed August 2022 and started 18 months prior (December 2020).

MCCPTA Delegate Report (Daniel Russ)

Elections for the MCCPTA took place at the last meeting.

Principal's Report (Brent Mascott)

Mrs. Peretzman's award celebration will be on May 20 at 3:45pm. Please RSVP to Mrs. Kiser or Mrs. McWilliams if you are planning on going.

Kindergarten orientation went well. 41 students are registered. Two kindergarten classrooms are planned. The kindergarten teachers will be decided over the summer (around mid-July).

Student information profile sheets went home. Parents should fill it out and send it in. The information is helpful when forming classrooms and when the students go to the new classroom.

PARCC testing is coming up next Monday for third through fifth grade. Testing will start right after morning announcements (around 9:15am). There is no opting out of testing – it's a requirement by the county.

Montgomery county officially got one snow day waived. One day was not waived and will push the end date of school to Monday, June 20, 2016.

Field Day will be organized by Mrs. Screen. She will ask for parent volunteers to help with it (she'll set up a SignUp Genius). It will be on June 3 (with makeup day June 10).

A question was raised about the renovation: Although the schedule may change, will the 18 month timeline for completing the renovation change? No, the 18 month timeline for completing the renovation is pretty firm.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Next Meeting

Next PTA meeting will be on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 in the Media Center.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:19pm by Yonat Lurie. Danielle Carrick seconded the motion.

Minutes taken by Danielle Carrick