

# Dennison PTA General Meeting Minutes

Date: Jan 19, 2017

Place: Dennison Elementary School, Cafeteria

Presiding: Jenny Meade, President

**9:00 am Welcome and Introductions:** Jenny Meade called the meeting to order at 9am. Anne Warren was present as secretary.

12 members were present.

**9:05- 9:10 Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were reviewed by all attendees and approved by Mandy Mainwaring.

**9:10 - 9:20 Treasurer's Report:** Crystal Frigo presented the report.

- Accounts- see printout of balance sheet as of 1/18/17 (since July 1 2016). Overall \$120105.89 liabilities & equity. Total income \$46,739.89. Cost of goods sold \$27,586.25. Expenses \$11,652.80. Net income (including other) \$7750.18.
- Class Party Money Disbursement & Ideas- see printout of proposal. It's been tough to account for each child providing the annual \$2. **We will post the detailed party information form to reset expectations and the party reimbursement form on PTA web site.** Membership feels like parents don't like to lead parties because get criticized. Teachers worry about parents signing up and they also feel parties are too extravagant. Could increase donation per child to \$3 & set an overall theme per party to take the pressure off leading parents, increase consistency, decrease time commitment, & use overall sign-up genius. Take time for kids to introduce their guests at the parties. .
- Box Tops- \$1853.15 income
- Lakeside- There is an outstanding 7 year invoice! Apparently they do not have their debts settled and there are many tax complications on their end. We are estimating \$10,000 per year to pay them so we put Run4Funds surplus into the money market account for when they invoice us.
- Arts & Crafts Fair- \$837.25 towards the music dept. Ms. Skaja looking at the drumming sticks.

**9:20-9:45 Principal's Report Including Guests:** Ms Curtiss presented the report.

Hired & introduced Ms. Pam Yoder, Asst. Principal. Pam is very experienced on site at multiple schools as well as leading new teacher induction at central office and special education. She also had kids at Dennison.

Dennison is nominated to join the community of National Blue Ribbon Schools, which are both public and private schools from K-12. Schools are only eligible every 7 years. This will be the 3rd time Dennison has received the award, more than any other school in CO. The state can only nominate 5 schools from k-12. Since 1982 only 8000 US schools are part of this esteemed

group!

Geography Bee & Spelling Bee were both with tough questions and a few kids were far along in both!

Science assemblies are today & registration opens today. Science Fair is 23rd check in & Fair on 24th. Participation has been over 200 almost every year! A lot are partner projects.

March 2 is Good night Dennison. Ms. Jung spoke about getting a light box to draw on top or build on top of as well as book crafts, a ventriloquist. She will need 8 volunteers to cycle through the rooms during the evening. Bring in your used books for a book swap! Anything leftover will go to Eiber Elementary, a Title I school. Celebrating Read Across America day. DCSF will be selling frozen yogurts. Teachers will bring milk and cookies.

Ms. Jung received \$1000 from PTA, \$1000 from DCSF & \$1000 from library budget. JeffCo bringing \$20,000 to redesign the library space and updated furniture to become a more flexible space.

**9:50 - 10:15 President's Report:** Jenny Meade presented the report.

- Vote on Run4Funds- YES go with company again with modifications. Major issues of prize disbursement and families feeling left out with this company managing the event. Teacher concern for kids so intense they are over running. Need to increase size of the loop and reduce the time so they are not physically hurt. Create walking area. Set up classroom & school incentives! Recruit WatchDog Dads to help on this event!
- Open Board Positions- Must have a new President and Secretary. Probably have our co-treasurer stepping up to Treasurer. Supposed to vote on nominees in February but will meet in March. If not solidified by May then there won't be PTA. **Need to send out info in Thursday folder. Need to talk with the K parents during the Valentine parties.**

#### **Announcements and Adjournment:**

Anne Warren made motion to adjourn at 10:15 am.

Next meeting will be March 23 at 630pm in the library.