

Dogwood PTA Board Meeting
August 16, 2011
Recorded by: Kelly Long, Secretary

Called to order by Laura Clausen at 9:15 am.

July minutes:

- No amendments.
- Approved as read.

Reports:

Principal: We have had a great start to the year!

- We currently have 586 students enrolled. Just slightly under the 603 student projection.
- Mr. Bozeman is being asked to be our upper classman teacher representative for PTA. Mrs. Lirett is being asked to be the lower school teacher representative.
- When visiting your child for lunch, please sit with your child at their lunch table with their class. There are more children with allergies this year and the middle table is being reserved for those who require an allergen free surface.
- We are still waiting for a school nurse to be assigned to Dogwood.
- The cafeteria now has an adult menu. The menu will be available at the front desk. Cost is \$3.00. Order by 9:30 am.

President

- The new Dogwood Park will be named *The Delta at Dogwood Park*.
 1. The build date is October 1. Volunteers are still needed.
 2. We are looking for businesses to volunteer to donate water and food for the build day and a landscaper(s) to donate bushes for the finishing touches.
 3. Please use Laura Clausen as your contact for passing along any information regarding interested parties.

Treasurer

- As of August 15, the Dogwood PTA has a balance of \$35,880.97 in the checking account and \$11,932.94 in the savings account.
- Laura Jaggar has a Dogwood COSTCO card available for tax exempt purchases. Contact her with any purchase requests and she can make those purchases for you.
- The budget for this year was reviewed and approved.

Health & Welfare

- We still need health room volunteers. We are getting a lot of kids in the clinic while we are still without a nurse, so we really must have it staffed until our nurse is assigned. The following dates still need to be filled:
 1. 8/26 pm: open
 2. 9/12-9/15 pm: open

Legislative

- The decision issued by Judge Mayes on August 8, 2011 concerning school consolidation was pulled and read. Norris Todd is constitutional and that consolidation will occur in the Fall of 2013. The case held that the Shelby County School Board as it is now is unconstitutional because Memphis does not have representation on the board. He held that the Memphis City School Board no longer exists and he asked that both sides submit plans for how Memphis will obtain representation on the SCS Board. The case implies that this needs to be done through an election. The County Commission's plan that they submitted on Friday wants to expand the board from 7 to 13 members even though the law as it is now does not allow for a board larger than 7 members (they are asking the judge to change the law). They also request that the election take place in October 2011 when the mayoral election is taking place. It is unclear what plan the SCS Board submitted or whether they will appeal. If they appeal they will have 30 days to appeal. The parties are scheduled to mediate this matter on Friday, August 19, 2011. If the parties do not reach an agreement, then the judge issue another order dictating when the election for a new school board will occur and if he will accept the Shelby County Commissions request to expand the school board to 13.
- The meeting on August 10, 2011 was attended. This meeting pertained to certain documents and records SCS is asking Memphis City Schools to turn over to begin the consolidation transition. The resolution passed at this meeting. It will have little or no effect on our school.
- The city of Germantown sent out an alert on August 15, 2011 indicating that Germantown is continuing to explore the option of municipal school districts, special school districts and charter schools. The bulletin indicated that they are engaging a consultant to help them explore all of the options.

Membership/Directory

- We still have 79 kids (not families) that have not joined PTA. Please share the benefits of membership like constant contact and the directory with the parents of new students.
- All the directory cover ads are sold. The deadline for purchasing ads in the directory is September 2nd.

Reading Enrichment

- The ice cream social for summer readers is scheduled for August 26th.
- The students will no longer have AR goals. AR will no longer figure into any grades.
- Students will begin earning points based on their AR tests. They can spend their points in a point store.
- There will be grade level trophies for each top class with the trophy moving from month to month.

Room Parent

- Thursday, September 1st is the first room mom meeting.
- 392 class shirts were purchased during registration. \$8 cost with checks written to Dogwood PTA.
- Room parents will now partner with teacher appreciation. Each classroom will adopt a staff member to treat throughout the year.

Science Action

- The parent run science lab no longer exists.
- A budget needs to be addressed for the new role of the science action committee.
- Each class will have a science parent who will organize volunteers to help facilitate the classroom labs.
- Please consider volunteering if you have a specialty or expertise in this field.

Mrs. Krotzer

- Please send your kids with tennis shoes; either the tie or Velcro kind.
- Please save and send Tyson labels, box tops and Campbell soup labels.

Ways and Means

- Thursday, August 25 is Mellow Mushroom night. 10% of sales go to Dogwood.
- Income from Schnucks cards: May \$502.71 June: \$467.07.
- We have 237 supporters of this program. Please ask Stacie Dunham about how to get a card.
- September 1 kicks off the Family Donation Drive. Please volunteer (beginning September 2) to help handle donations.

Winterfest

- New date for Winterfest is February 25th.
- Looking for a group to canvass and blitz the Germantown area together.
- Is there anyone in the credit card business that can assist in helping us get away from using tickets this year?
- Winterfest food will be outsourced this year. Please help us find businesses like Chik-fil-a, Ben & Jerry's etc to help.

Yearbook

- **October 1st the price goes from \$40 to \$45.** The book costs \$39.14 to produce.
- The **last time to order will be January 13th.**
- 5th grade ads cost \$50 for a ½ page. **Deadline is October 1st.**
- We will now have class photographers for each classroom. They will upload the pictures to a secure website (requiring authorization) for viewing.

The next PTA meeting is September 13th at 9:15am in the cafeteria.

The meeting was adjourned.