

Derenne Avenue PTF  
May 7, 2014

In attendance: Jan Starling, Kris Tindol, Mrs. Van Puffelen, Malena Stone, Elizabeth Witherington, Elizabeth DeWitt, Allison Kelly, Corrie Gee, Laura Campbell, and guest from Middle School PTF and "task force" member Theresa Portzer

1. Welcome and Prayer from Mrs. Van Puffelen.
2. Treasurer's Report - A special thank you to Clark for his years of hard work on our books. The balance is \$7,848.

Pending Deductions/Deposits:

- An additional \$546 from box tops will be deposited. (Thank you Jennifer Haddad for counting box tops).
- PTF received \$180 from class picture sales.
- We will owe approximately \$2000 toward campus clean-up/beautification.
- Teacher appreciation budget was set at \$500.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade reception roughly \$225 for t-shirts and cake and punch

3. Old Business:

a. Thank you Breakfast – A very special thank you to everyone who helped plan, cook and treat our volunteers to a lovely breakfast. Everything was PERFECT and very much appreciated.

b. Book Fair – Many thanks to Elizabeth Dewitt for organizing the book fair this year and learning the ropes from long-time coordinator Melissa Pelkey

c. Middle School Improvements - \$2000 will be donated from DA LS PTF towards campus beautifications. Kris Tindol attended the last middle school PTF meeting. They are very appreciative. There will be a work day on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Kris will do a walk through on the lower school campus today with Theresa Portzer after the meeting to see what improvements need to be made. The work day will mostly consist of yard work. Please be on the look-out for an email regarding this.

4. New Business

a. Technology – PTF will be donating roughly \$3,000 towards technology upgrades for our students. This money will be used along with money from the Boosterthon to fill wish lists filled out by our teachers.

b. Used Uniform Summer Sale will be on July 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-1:00. Please go through all of your uniforms and SCPS outdoor wear and consider donating them for our sale. Please make sure that everything donated is stain and free of rips and tears. Ashley Bush has requested new racks be purchased for the uniforms to make the closet more friendly and organized. The request was approved.

c. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reception – t-shirts have been ordered by the Chatham Parkway PTF already. Corrie Gee will coordinate with Mrs. Ivey for the cake theme and provide punch, napkins and plates for the reception.

d. Extra NUT Cards for Box Tops turned in the first 2 days of school – We will check with Jennifer Haddad to see what she thinks.

e. Teacher Appreciation – 1. Plan for this year – Kim Floyd has things handled for this year. She has several events and gifts planned to spread the appreciation over the course of the month. 2. Plan for next year – Elizabeth Witherington has suggested that we perhaps move teacher appreciation to February next year. She will send her proposition to Mrs. Van Puffelen and Dr. Palmer so that they may consider it when planning next year's calendar.

f. Kona Ice Last Day of School – Allison Kelly has a quote from Vin and Hattie Thomas (owners). The cost will be \$2.00/child, and we will purchase approximately 150 cups. Ice will already be scooped and each child will be able to choose their own syrups. Kris will email room mothers for them to send out correspondence, and Allison Kelly and Malena Stone will work on a flyer to send home. REMIND PARENTS THAT SYRUPS MAY STAIN AND CHILDREN WILL NEED TO WEAR PLAY CLOTHES. The truck will arrive before 11 to set up, and the classes will be staggered to get their cones.

g. Volunteers for Committee Leaders/Room Mothers for next year –

PK – Alissa Gardner

Kindergarten – Allison Kelly and Laura Campbell

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Candace Thigpen

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Dawn Stahl and Emily Stevens

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Malena Stone

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Kathy Staggs

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Lisa Cappachione and Linda Bakhsh

**Committee Leaders –**

Pizza Day – Alissa Gardner

Hospitality – Corrie Gee and Molly Goodman

Teacher Appreciation – Malena Stone and Laura Campbell

Grandparents Day – Jan Starling

Book Fair – Elizabeth DeWitt

h. Approve Slate of Officers for Next Year – Co Presidents – Elizabeth DeWitt and Elizabeth Witherington; Treasurer – Kris Tindol. Since the Secretary position did have anyone currently showing interest, it was decided that one of the officers would take turns taking notes if the position remained unfilled. Motion to approve officers was offered by Malena Stone; Corrie Gee seconded the motion, and all in attendance approved.

i. Elizabeth DeWitt (ED) and Elizabeth Witherington (EW) – Elizabeth W offered the suggestion that the teachers be polled during the summer to see if there is anything that PTF has done in the past that we are currently not doing that they would like to see again. EW will email Mrs. Van Puffelen to get this request out to the teachers. Also, EW has proposed that we reinstate the prayer request box in the teacher's lounge. Krista Bridges and Elizabeth Witherington will head this up. A schedule will be worked out for prayer meetings (perhaps quarterly). Mrs. Van Puffelen also noted that this was a joint effort with the Middle School in the past and perhaps we could check with them to see if they would like to meet at the same time.

5. Talk from the Top:

a. Email going out re: New 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Parents will be getting an email regarding the hire of a new 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for the DA campus. Mrs. Wigand will be going to Chatham Parkway to teach 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Susan Allen will join us next year and has a daughter that will be in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade. She has most recently taught 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade and everyone is very excited to have her on board.

b. Mrs. Van Puffelen has requested that we look into a different time for PTF meetings. The meetings are getting a bit longer with the larger number of attendees that we have and is typically running into chapel. A proposed date and time is the first Friday of each month at 8:15 am (in the lower school Media Center).

c. Theresa Portzer thanked us once again for the donation from Lower School PTF of \$2,000 to go toward the gym transformation. She noted that a new Assistant Principal/Athletic Director has been hired for the middle school: Dr. Linda Roberts. She also let us know that the middle school has asked to leave the Coastal Empire League and go back to SPAL for their athletics. This will reestablish the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teams. And there will be teams for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. She also noted there was an intramural basketball league that many of the students played on this year that will continue next year. Theresa gave us a little more information on how the task force will operate in the coming school year. There will be at least 2 work days per school year. The task force has also formed a Middle School Athletic Association (not the same as the Booster Club) SCMSAA – Savannah Christian Middle School Athletic Association. They will be helping to raise money through concessions to help fund the projects for campus beautification and anything else that may come up that falls outside the realm of something that PTF could assist with.

The next PTF meeting will be held in early August prior to the beginning of the school year. All parents are encouraged to attend.