

DeRenne Avenue PTF February Meeting Minutes February 6, 2015

In attendance: Bill Daniel, Lindsey Van Puffelen, Roger Yancey, Darlene Tyler, Elizabeth Witherington, Elizabeth DeWitt, Malena Stone, Natalie Ferland, Allison Kelly, Krista Bridges, Jan Wade, Natalie Brown, Laura Campbell, Molly Goodman, Sarah Buck, and Linda Bakhsh.

1. Elizabeth DeWitt opened in prayer.
2. PTF Prayer Warriors met in the computer lab from 8:00 - 8:15.
3. **Old Business:**
 - a. Parents were emailed asking for volunteers to help Mrs. Gray hang art, upload images to Artsonia and prepare for Reflections on Super Saturday. It was decided to send another reminder email.
 - b. Math superstars is up and running. Thanks so much to Emily Stevens and Allison Kelly! Remember this is a low stress activity meant to be fun so help your kids enjoy it!
 - c. Prospective Parent open house went great. Thanks so much to Elizabeth W & Malena for helping.
 - d. Teacher snack basket March - 1st grade, April - Kindergarten, May – PreK.
4. **New Business:**
 - a. Bill Daniel, Chairman of the Board of Trustees joined us and discussed the following plans:
 - The 1st phase of the capital campaign is to be used to build a new high school building, expand the CP cafeteria, and enhance security on CP which would allow the move of the Middle School to the Chatham Parkway Campus by August 2017. It may be possible for the Middle School to relocate by August 2016. Parents will be notified about plans by December of 2015.
 - The Board is working with a search consultant to find a replacement for Headmaster Roger Yancey, who is retiring after this school year. In February, the executive committee will recommend the qualities necessary for Mr. Yancey's successor. The goal is to find a replacement by June 2015. If the best candidate is not found by that time, the Board will adopt an interim strategy for one year.
 - Bill Daniel requested another meeting with the PTF with the goal of discussing the future of the lower school on DeRenne. **The meeting is set for Thursday February 19th at 8:30 in the cafeteria. All are encouraged to attend.** If you are unable to join the meeting or have further questions, please email your thoughts to Darlene Tyler, at DTyler@savcps.com, and she will make sure Mr. Daniel is made aware of your correspondence.
 - b. Treasurer, Kris Tindol provided a written report. The current balance is \$5,612.41. Additions are: \$871.00 from Box Tops, \$260.00 from Publix, Pizza Day brought in \$139.00, and \$52.00 from the used uniform store.
 - c. Teacher Appreciation Week Feb 9-13th – Malena and Laura have lots of awesome things planned. Parents were asked to help their child write a note to their teacher and also send \$5/child if they were able. The money collected was used towards a daily gift card raffle. The budget will cover the daily goodies, decorations, and luncheon. Molly Goodman is organizing

Chick-Fil-A box lunches for Tuesday's luncheon. Resource teachers will each receive a basket of goodies with a gift card on the day they are here. For next year, it was proposed to have one day of the week as Staff Appreciation Day; which would include all of the non-teacher employees.

- d. Valentine's Day parties – Elizabeth Witherington reminded the room moms to line up snacks, and check with teachers to see if they need help during the party. Parents do not attend this party. Ice cream will be served on Thursday, February 12th since the children will already have other sweet snacks on Friday.
- e. Georgia Day is February 20th - Kris Tindol is the chairman. She sent out a volunteer letter and is working hard on crafts and other events of the day! She definitely appreciates volunteers as it takes a lot to make this day happen.
- f. It was decided not to participate in a DeRenne joint fundraiser this spring. We will work towards getting the benches made for the teachers and students behind the lower school building and other spruce up items. The fencing near the A/C units will be covered in the spring.
- g. Your Pie Night is set for Monday, April 13th from 5-9 pm. 13% of the sales for the event will go to the Sunshine Fund, which is a fund that supports our teachers' special needs.
- h. At the March meeting, we will discuss establishing Mentor Families for new families joining our campus in the Fall of 2015.
- i. Super Saturday – It was decided to add baskets to the CP PTF Silent Auction. An email and letter will go out at the end of February asking for the following items to create baskets with: Gift card, cash donation, Legos (boy or girl), Disney Princess items, and Hot Wheels. Natalie Brown volunteered to coordinate basket making.
- j. Box Tops are due by February 17th. The Fall collection earned \$871 so when you ask yourself, "Is it worth it?" YES, it is!!!

5. Talk from the Top:

- a. Mathnasium Trimathlon – Our campus earned a small reward for a student that participated!
 - b. Grandparents' Day survey results – only 14 responses. Majority still want the Fall so Admin will work to set the best date for the teachers, students, and families. The survey indicated that we should continue to have the Book Fair at the same time we have Grandparents' Day. (We will plan to have more cash registers next time.)
 - c. Class Pictures will be Thursday, April 9, 2015.
6. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be **Thursday, March 5, 2015** at 8:15 am. Note the change in day! This is due to a field trip on Friday. Thank you!