

## **DeRenne Avenue PTF August Meeting Minutes August 8, 2014**

In attendance: Dr. Palmer, Mrs. Van Puffelen, Mrs. Ellington, Elizabeth Witherington, Elizabeth DeWitt, Malena Stone, Corrie Gee, Sarah Buck, Krista Bridges, Allison Kelly, Alissa Gardner, Molly Goodman, and Allison Kelly.

1. Elizabeth Witherington opened in prayer. Elizabeth Witherington and Elizabeth DeWitt introduced themselves as Co-Presidents of the PTF for 2014/2015 year.

2. PTF Prayer Warriors met for the first time in the computer lab from 8:00-8:15. Mrs. Yancey joined the prayer team. The leaders, Krista Bridges and Sarah Buck, gave the teachers their prayer calendars and showed them the prayer box. Then they joined our meeting.

3. Old Business:

- a. Great end of the year parties. Kona Ice Truck was a great success. Thanks to Allison Kelly for coordinating it all.
- b. Successful used uniform sale! \$1004 raised! Big thanks to Ashley Bush and Kris Tindol for all the work on a great sale!
- c. PTF voted last year to give \$3,000 for technology upgrades for the 2014/2015 school year.

4. New Business

- a. PTF Volunteers: All positions have been filled with our newest addition of Natalie Ferland who will be the secretary starting in September.

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Secretary:	Natalie Ferland
Treasurer:	Kris Tindol
Book Fair:	Elizabeth DeWitt
Box Tops & Publix Cards:	Jennifer Haddad
Class Photos:	Sarah Buck
Georgia Day:	Kris Tindol
Grandparent's Day:	Jade Wade Starling
Hospitality:	Molly Goodman
Ice Cream:	Katie Kelley
Math Superstars:	Allison Kelly & Emily Stevens
Pizza Day:	Alissa Gardner
Teacher Appreciation:	Malena Stone & Laura Campbell
Thanksgiving Feast:	Denise Wilson
Used Uniforms:	Ashley Bush
PTF Prayer Warriors:	Krista Bridges & Sarah Buck
Room Mothers:	
PK:	Alissa Gardner
K:	Laura Campbell & Allison Kelly
1 <sup>st</sup> :	Candace Thigpen
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Dawn Stahl & Emily Stevens

3<sup>rd</sup>: Malena Stone  
4<sup>th</sup>: Kathy Staggs  
5<sup>th</sup>: Linda Bakhsh

PTF has made or will make announcements of our activities at the class orientation meetings. EW- Pre-K; ED – Kindergarten; Candace Thigpen – 1<sup>st</sup>; EW and ED – 2<sup>nd</sup>; Malena Stone – 3<sup>rd</sup>; Kathy Staggs and Kris Tindol – 4<sup>th</sup>; Angie Ivey – 5<sup>th</sup>. Class lists will be sent around for updates and parents will sign up for the 4 parties and specific item they are bringing.

- b. Hospitality Committee had a welcome breakfast for the teachers this morning. Thank you Corrie and Molly!
- c. Treasurer provided a written report. Current balance is \$7,156.53. This does not include the \$3,000 PTF agreed to give to the technology. PTF discussed and approved a \$100 supply credit for teachers and \$50 for resource staff to be put into their accounts. The treasurer, Kris Tindol, will manage both outflows. We discussed our usual income sources. We decided to add info on the Year at a Glance to have Publix cards available if lost by emailing EW. Also we decided to add Target Redcards to the Year at a Glance.
- d. Classes will fill the Snack Baskets again this year. We decided to add that to the Year at a Glance under Hospitality. Room mothers will remind parents of their month. September – 5<sup>th</sup>; October – 4<sup>th</sup>; November 3<sup>rd</sup>; January -2<sup>nd</sup>; March -1<sup>st</sup>; April – Kindergarten; May – PreK.
- e. We will combine the Ice Cream sign up with Lunch Duty and pizza day sign-ups. Forms have been edited by Katie Kelley and approved by admin and will be sent out soon. We decided on 3 volunteers total each Friday with 1 being the person signed up for ice cream. Lunch has changed to 11:30 – 12:15pm.
- f. Pizza Day will continue and be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month. Notes go home on Monday or Tuesday and are returned by Thursday. Allisa Gardner will work with Marcos Pizza (Michael Allen) for Pizza Day and coding on the cards to go home to parents. Our first preference is to have Derenne Lower School to have its own code; if difficult code could be for all Derenne. Pizza Day starts September 5<sup>th</sup>.
- g. Ice Cream Day will continue every Friday and start on September 5<sup>th</sup>. EW to call or email Katie Kelly. (done) We will ask for Ice Cream and Lunch Room volunteers on the same request sent to parents in the next week.
- h. Math Superstars will be during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year for grades 1-3<sup>rd</sup>. This is a 12 week program. Allison Kelly will email the teachers in advance of the starting date.

- i. "The Social" at the Savannah Yacht Club will be Friday October 3, 2014 from 7-11pm. Parents, Alumni and Friends of SCPS are all invited. Low Country Food, fun and dancing.
  - j. The Middle School PTF planned a workday for 8/9/14. EW wrote an email for Mrs. Van Puffelen to send to all DeRenne LS Parents. Chris Johnson is now the DeRenne Maintenance staff along with his father Gene Johnson who will help at times.
5. Talk from the Top
- a. Mrs. Van Puffelen discussed a few of the calendar changes. The new date for Grandparents Day was announced. We had discussion on dates that work for all the parents and came to the conclusion that no date pleases everyone as we have grandparents, parents, administration and teachers to all have preferences. Parents will be surveyed for 2015/2016 year so that a majority rule can be used.
  - b. Teacher Appreciation Week is moved to February 9-13<sup>th</sup>. Malena Stone and Laura Campbell will send out information for this to parents. We discussed asking for lunch duty volunteers for this entire week.
  - c. Year at a Glance for PTF will be send out in children's folders the first day of school. EW has several updates.
  - d. Dr. Palmer gave a report on all the technology upgrades done for the DeRenne Lower School. The PTF voted to give \$3,000 in May and will send the \$ in August. This provided for 9 Chrome Books. The Boosterthon raised \$5,125 which funded the remaining technology of laptops, iPads for classrooms, a Smart Document Camera, Mountain Math, Education City, and Typing Club. Dr. Palmer is preparing a letter to send to all the parents about the technology upgrades.
  - e. Boosterthon for the entire school will be week of October 6<sup>th</sup>. EW will add this to the Year at a Glance.
  - f. Administration will ask the teachers for a wish list so that PTF can review.
  - g. Mrs. Ellington organizes celebrations for Teacher and Staff Birthdays. PTF would like to cover lunch duty for those dates. Mrs. Ellington will let us know.
  - h. The website has all the school calendars available to download. The Advancement Calendar is the Approved Fundraising Calendar.
6. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Friday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 am.