

DeRenne Avenue PTF January Meeting Minutes January 9, 2015

In attendance: Elizabeth Witherington, Elizabeth DeWitt, Malena Stone, Natalie Ferland, Allison Kelly, Katie Kelley, Laura Campbell and Sarah Buck.

1. Elizabeth Witherington opened in prayer.
2. PTF Prayer Warriors met in the computer lab from 8:00 - 8:15.
3. **Old Business:**
 - a. Christmas break was wonderful and filled with much needed rest for us all!
 - b. Caroling at Riverview was wonderful! Huge thanks to Malena Stone for heading this up. Her father led us in fantastic music and the children were able to help pass out cookies and slipper socks to lots of residents. It was so fun to see them eagerly going down each hallway to pass out socks and wish each person a Merry Christmas! What a blessing it was to those residents to see their sweet faces!
 - c. The teachers truly appreciated their ½ day off in Christmas and send a heart-felt thank you to each one that helped make this possible.
 - d. Survey was done for Grandparent's Day for 2015.
 - e. Emily Stevens sent a snack basket reminder for teachers: January - 2nd grade, March - 1st grade, April - Kindergarten, May – PreK.
4. **New Business:**
 - a. Treasurer, Kris Tindol provided a written report. The current balance is \$4,399.59.
 - b. Elizabeth Witherington will send an email to room moms asking those interested in helping Mrs. Gray on Tuesdays hanging and taking down art as well as assisting with Artsonia. The email included the art schedule. Here is the schedule for art classes on Tuesdays:
 - 8:50-9:30 5th grade
 - 9:35–10:05 PreK
 - 10:10–10:40 Kindergarten
 - 10:45-11:25 3rd grade
 - 12:30-1:10 4th grade
 - 1:15-1:55 1st grade
 - 2:00-2:40 2nd grade
 - c. Malena and Laura will be heading up Teacher appreciation week (Feb 9-13th). Elizabeth Witherington spoke to Darlene Tyler and gained approval to ask for \$5.00 per child from the parents. Malena will send a letter that includes directions for the week. The letter will go home and be emailed. There will be a luncheon for the teachers that week, gift card raffles and daily goodies as well. Parents will only need to send their \$ and a note for the teacher and PTF will handle the rest!
 - d. Valentines Day parties – Elizabeth Witherington will remind 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. Every student will need to send in a Valentine though for EACH kid in the class to share on that special day.
 - e. Georgia Day is Feb 20th. Kris Tindol is the chairman. She has already begun working on volunteer forms.
 - f. Allison Kelly and Emily Stevens are heading up Math Superstars. A letter will go home January 20th explaining the program. It is only for 1st-3rd grade. The program is 12 weeks, running from January 23rd to April 30th.

- g. Elizabeth DeWitt is working on the Spring Fundraiser to be held at Your Pie. She will contact Your Pie and firm up the date but we are aiming for April 13th. The event will be from 5-7 pm. The proceeds will benefit our teachers!
- h. At the February meeting, we will discuss establishing Mentor Families for new families joining our campus in the Fall of 2015.
- i. Prospective Parent Open House was Thursday, January 15th at 9:30. Elizabeth Witherington and Malena Stone attended. There were some wonderful prospective parents in attendance. Remember to spread the word about the blessing our school is to your family!

5. Talk from the Top:

- a. The lower school DeRenne Avenue gym has two new heaters installed and working!
6. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Friday, February 6, 2015 at 8:15 am.