

**Dogwood Elementary PTO
General Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2019
Dogwood Elementary Cafeteria
Recorded by Leanne Howell**

Attendance:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Gates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stacy High	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kayla Pence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Holly Kulp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Brown	<input type="checkbox"/> Katie Laird
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nabihah Huda	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tina Thorn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tiffany Smith
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Viotti	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hayley White	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annabella Brandon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christina Hester	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Midha	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Navarro
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leanne Howell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Strain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ellen Moak
<input type="checkbox"/> Gayle Higley	<input type="checkbox"/> Jamie McGill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teresa Price
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paula Bailey	<input type="checkbox"/> Jamie Bialowitz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heather Fisher
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Carter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Casey Carrilo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joye Phipps
<input type="checkbox"/> Kristen Boccher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carie Alley	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carrie Mayrhofer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lauren Wildrick	
<input type="checkbox"/> Amy Wenzel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristen Waddell	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Gee	

Elizabeth Gates called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

July 2019 minutes were accepted as written.

Carla Schurtz, Title I Coordinator for Dogwood, circulated a sign in sheet and all attendees were asked to sign. Additionally, attendees were asked to indicate on the sign in sheet if they would be willing to serve on a committee to help establish a school improvement plan for Title I funds. Mrs. Schurtz read information about Title I (see handout). A Student Parent Contract for Title I will be coming home in Wednesday folders in future weeks.

Brandi Fitchpatric (school counselor) introduced the Above the Line behavior program. More info will come at curriculum night. She described the Choose to be NICE board for recognizing acts of kindness, and the Terrific Kids program for good character in the classroom. A new program aimed at reducing bullying will be introduced soon, with information coming home about it in the future.

Executive Committee Reports:

Elizabeth Gates (President)-

- Donation Drive and Membership Drive are in progress. Please join and contribute and encourage others to do so.

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- A volunteer interest sheet is circulating. Please choose an area that interests you and sign up.
- Dogwood Dads group is a great way for fathers and father-figures to serve in the school. Please consider joining.
- Communication from the PTO will primarily be distributed through Bloomz, Facebook, and the weekly newsletter. Visit www.dogwoodpto.com to sign up for the newsletter.
- Morning announcements are to be sent to Mrs. Fitchpatric.
- Dolphin Digest entries should be sent to Carrie Mayrhofer by noon on Thursdays.
- My School Bucks update: chair bags are in and have been delivered. All other items should be in next week.
- Marcos Spirit Nights - support the PTO by ordering on advertized nights!
- Redbirds Battle of the PTO's is this weekend. Buy tickets on the link in this week's Dolphin Digest. A portion of the ticket price will go to the PTO.
- Thank Yous:
 - GMSD made \$865,000 in improvements at DES this summer.
 - GMSD Board Member Angela Griffith for her attendance today and her hard work serving our school district.
 - Carie Alley for a wonderful new parent reception, for welcoming many new families, for the guidebook, and the Kindergarten Meet and Greet.
 - Nabiha Huda for event planning, and her work with graphics and Welcome Back yard sign.
 - Karen Viotti for hospitality.
 - Katie Laird for the teacher bundt cakes that were distributed yesterday.
 - Kayla Pence for the Welcome Back Teacher Breakfast.
 - Carrie Mayrhofer for keeping us all informed.
 - Kristen Boccher for class tshirts.
 - Ann Gee for coordinating room parents and recruiting grade level captains.
 - To all who have helped with morning carline, greeting families, and moving teachers earlier this month.
- Please remember to track your volunteer hours.

Mrs. Price (Principal) - Great start to the school year. The decrease in number of overall students has been a very positive change. We are down to 4 buses. Current enrollment is 726. Average class sizes are very good. We are not close to adding any sections.

Holly Kulp (VP Operations) - The Appropriations Committee has been formed. It includes Mr. Carmichael, Mrs. Frederick, Mrs. Martens, Mrs. Price, Elizabeth Gates, Christina Hester, Holly Kulp, Tiffany Smith, Laura Clark, Matt Toombs, and Brian Uekele. This committee determines

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how our Donation Drive money is distributed. Any suggestions are welcome and should be sent to Holly Kulp. Our administration has made a wishlist for these funds.

Leanne Howell (Secretary) - please remember to sign in.

Christina Hester (Treasurer) - July financials are available (see handout). Please email if you need a reimbursement form. Currently, we are at about \$2,700 for Membership Drive, and just over \$10,000 for Donation Drive. Copies of the budget are also available.

Tina Thorn (Family Movie Night) - Thank you to Beth Robertson and Amy Carter for help. The movie *Up* was chosen by student vote. FMN is September 27th. Current vendors are Yippie Trippie and Mempoops. Sign up Genius coming soon to recruit some help for the event. The kids will have a passport to visit different booths.

Ann Gee (Room Parents) - still working to filling all room parent roles. The first meeting is in September.

Elizabeth Gates (for Jamie Bialowitz, Membership) - we are at 35% of families joined. Goal is 100%. Please download the Membership Toolkit app to access the directory.

Tiffany Smith (Donation Drive) - we are at just over \$10,000, which is $\frac{1}{3}$ of goal. More incentives to come. First class in each grade level to hit 100% or \$1000 will get an extra recess. Yard signs will be distributed soon to families donating \$50 or more. This will be the only fundraiser this fall. Please consider using Mabel's Labels - the PTO has earned \$100 to date. November 14th - Paint a Piece night. A Smallcakes event is being considered. Remember, Donation Drive goes 100% to the school through the Appropriations Committee. Spirit Nights, Ways and Means, Membership dues, and DolphinFest fund our PTO budget.

Old Business:

Elizabeth Gates-

- The 2019-20 PTO Budget was presented at the July PTO Meeting. Karen Viotti made a motion to approve the 2019-20 PTO Budget. Jennifer Brown seconded. No discussion. The Motion passed.
- The 2019-20 PTO Standing Rules were presented at the July PTO Meeting. Holly Kulp made a motion to approve the Standing Rules. Nabiha Huda seconded. Angela Griffith asked if there are any changes to them. There are none. The motion passed.

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New Business:

- On behalf of the Executive Committee Elizabeth Gates nominated Debbie Brown as Cultural and Fine Arts Chair. Hayley White made a motion to approve the nomination. Michelle Midha seconded. No discussion. The motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned by Elizabeth Gates at 9:41 am.