

DES PTO General Meeting
April 6, 2021 at 9:15 pm via Zoom
Recorded by Leanne Howell

Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Viotti | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stacy High | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aimee Puryear |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carie Alley | <input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Brown | <input type="checkbox"/> Marley Slutz |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nabiha Huda | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tina Thorn | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leigh Daigle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holly Kulp | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hayley White | <input type="checkbox"/> Tiffany Hatcher Smith |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christina Hester | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashley Webb | <input type="checkbox"/> Annabella Brandon |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leanne Howell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Scoggin | <input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Gates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christina Arnold | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamie McGill | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Woody |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Ueleke | <input type="checkbox"/> Jamie Bialowitz | <input type="checkbox"/> Heather Fisher |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Carter | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Brown | <input type="checkbox"/> Joye Phipps |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carrie Mayrhofer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katie Laird | <input type="checkbox"/> Robin Snipes |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jana Savage | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenna Cox | <input type="checkbox"/> Kelly Martens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bethany Slocum | <input type="checkbox"/> Kristen Waddell | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Gee | |

Meeting called to order at 9:16 am by Karen Viotti.

No changes to March minutes. Minutes will stand as written.

Jessica Woody, DES President:

- 5th grade teachers will send info for upcoming picnic and promotion scheduled for 5/19 and 5/20.
- Kindergarten Camp will look a bit different this year-likely one day in June or July.
- Sign up (if you haven't already) for the GMSD Stampede. Half of the money comes back to DES . Teacher grant money is awarded out of it as well.
- Email any questions to Mrs. Woody

Karen Viotti, PTO President:

- Recognition of past and present DES PTO Board members who are moving on from Dogwood: Thank you!!! To Kathryn Hickey, Tiffany Smith, Debbie Brown, Michelle Midha, Crissy Tashie, Jana Savage, Jamie Bialowitz, and Mrs. Word.
- Ryan Scoggins will email with a legislative update from the GMSD Board meeting.
- Slate-Yearbook, New Parent, and Communications still need filling. Email with suggestions.
- Lydia Hart is accepting the Dolphintale Ball Position.

Leanne Howell, Secretary: Please sign into the chat box for attendance.

Nabiha Huda, VP Hospitality:

- STAR Awards will be held in person by invitation. Michelle Midha, Mrs. Boyce, and Nurse Madhi will be recognized. (Karen Viotti included that Nabihah Huda will also be recognized as the Legacy Award recipient).

Christina Hester, Treasurer:

- Beginning Balance for March 59,209.15, Ending Balance 44,449.67.
- 13,671.48 written to DES for appropriations.
- Check your committee/position budgets please. Text with questions.
- Reminder that Amazon shipping is often taking a bit longer these days.

Hayley White, Field Day:

- Friday, 5/7 Tug of War during MAPS (no parents)
- Monday, 5/10-5th grade 9:30 to 11:30, 2nd grade 1:00-3:00
- Tuesday 5/11-3rd grade AM, 4th grade PM
- Wednesday 5/12-1st grade AM, Kindergarten PM
- Thursday 5/13-Preschool AM
- Rain dates will be Thursday afternoon and Friday AM
- Virtual students also have events planned. A few of the in person events have been changed a bit as well.
- Donation list/sign up is coming...a big item is tents to use all week, food items to feed specialists, and sanitizing items.
- Room parent documents will be distributed to circulate among classes for items.
- Lane assignments will be color coded by classes (random).
- PTO will provide wrist bands for students according to class color.
- Lane volunteers will be DES specialists this year.
- PTO Board will be needed for volunteer positions for tent set up, decorations, banners, balloons, and some equipment.
- Parent viewing area-PTO will help with crowd control (location TBD) and parents must wear masks. No siblings may attend and parents must stay in the viewing area.
- Email Hayley with any questions!

Ann Gee, Room Parents:

- Last Room Parent Meeting was last week.
- TY to room parents for your help this year!
- Any communication needed to go out-please send to Ann.

Katie Laird, New Parent Liaison:

- 3 tour dates for new families set for April 8th, 13th, and 19th. See flyer in newsletter.
- All will be done outside of school hours.
- Email Katie with any new family contacts for her to reach out to.

Aimee Puryear, Teacher Appreciation:

- Teacher Appreciation week is coming-"Friends" themed (TY to Nabihah)
- Will have daily trivia for teachers to be entered in to gift card drawings

- Panera breakfast on Monday, Tropical Smoothie lunch on Tuesday, Kids bring teacher favorites on Wednesday, El Mero Taco Truck lunch on Thursday, and NBC's Bundtinis on Friday.
- Sharon's Shoutouts providing Thank You yard sign for teachers.
- Help needed for school/lounge decor-see sign up email (or email Aimee).
- More surprises coming :)

Michelle Midha, 5th Grade Room Parent Chair:

- Regarding 5th Grade Gift: *The Hill We Climb* by Amanda Gorman copies are in, and will be delivered to each classroom. Quote from the poem will be installed on the school hall wall opposite the gym entrance soon. Art contest winners from 5th graders-10 works will be displayed with the quote.

Karen Viotti, PTO President:

- Regarding Spring Fundraiser (formerly Dolphinfest): No options for Read a Thon Vendors offering contracts, which we want to ensure protection of our donations.
- In place of Read a Thon, we will have a Donation Drive announced soon.
- Goal is \$25,000.

Old Business:

Karen Viotti, PTO President:

- Jenna Cox present 2021-2022 PTO Board Slate at March Meeting (shows slate on screen). Lydia Hart has since accepted the position of Dolphin Tale Ball.
- Jenna Cox makes motion to approve the slate. Nabiha Huda seconds. No discussion.
- Approved through vote with 26 in favor. Motion passes, Congrats!

No New Business

May 4th at 11:00 via Zoom is our next and final PTO meeting for 2020-2021 school year. The incoming and outgoing board will attend.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am by Karen Viotti.