

DES PTO
Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2011
2:45 PM

The following is an account of the minutes taken at the Dunbarton PTO meeting held between 2:45 PM and 4:15 PM on January 11, 2011.

Attendees

PRESIDENT: *Michelle Novakoski*

VICE PRESIDENT: *Shelley Westenberg*

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: *Kim Philippon (absent)*

TREASURER: *Nancy Sherman*

SARGENT CAMP FUNDS REP: *Maria Nordin (absent)*

FUNDRAISING TEAM: *Michele Speckman & Christine Pollock (absent)*

EASY MONEY: *Chanti Berube (absent)*

SECRETARY: *Annie Bullis*

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome & Sign in
- Approval of November minutes
- Sargent Camp Spring Yard Sale to benefit Sargent Camp
- Treasures Report
- Principals Report
- Wellness Committee Presentation

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- Purpose of Directory
- School Board Report

Motions Voted On & Approved

1. Motion was made by Nancy Sherman to approve the November Minutes. Seconded by Lara Routhier.
2. Motion was made by Jeanette Boisvert to approve the November Treasurer's report. Seconded by Becky Carter.

Motions Denied or Benched

DENIED: None

BENCHED: None

Topics of Discussion

Sargent Camp Spring Yard Sale to benefit Sargent Camp

The yard sale is scheduled for April 8th from 8 to 12. Lara Routhier recapped last year's yard sale and discussion was made on improvement and changes for this year.

A Clean up Committee will be formed. This will be discussed at a later time. New for this year will be a coffee and tea service added to the bake sale. Books will be sold separately and divided between the classrooms. Only price big ticket items, all others will be what the customer wishes to pay. A donation bucket will be placed for those who wish to contribute but don't want to buy anything.

Volunteers will be needed for baking, setting up the night prior, assisting during the sale and cleaning up. Room parents will coordinate with their classrooms for volunteers.

Principals Report

Melissa Romein attended the meeting to present the Principals report.

- Three teachers recently received their Master Degrees, Mrs. McCormack, Mrs. Turcotte and Mrs. Harrison.
- Mrs. Robidoux is planning a webinar series with the teachers and is including Georgia Heard an author and poet.
- Math Mondays have started up. A few of the teachers are providing math tutoring on Mondays until February.
- February 16-17 is the Winter Concert. Grades K-3 will be held on the 16th with 4-6 on the 17th.

Wellness Committee Presentation

Mrs. Hast showed a video demonstrating *Fuel Up to Play 60*. This is an in-school nutrition and physical activity program launched by National Dairy Council and National Football League, in collaboration with the United States Department of Agriculture. The program encourages kids to eat right and get 60 minutes of physical activity everyday. This is an activity where the kids can get online and track points towards exercise and eating right towards prizes.

Purpose of Directory

There was an issue in regards to the directory being used for soliciting purposes. Going forward, there will be a clause added to the directory paperwork for parents to signoff and agree not to use the directory for soliciting.

Sargent Camp Scholarship Fund

The PTO wishes to use unencumbered funds towards a scholarship fund benefiting a couple of children for Sargent Camp. Deanne Pelletier will draft an application form. The PTO will vote at the next meeting regarding amount of money.

Sixth Grade Closing Ceremony

Volunteers are needed to assist with setting up the Sixth Grade Closing Ceremony. Typically 5th grade parent's assist; however, any and all volunteers are welcome.

Parenting Workshop

The next parenting workshop will be held Tuesday January 18th at 6:45 in the school library.

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Food Drive Kick Off

Beginning in February, for 2 weeks, there will be a food drive to benefit the Dunbarton Food Pantry. Information will be sent home with the children.

Staff Request

Mrs. Hast received \$10.00 from the PTO for a foot stool.

School Board Update

Shelley Westenberg attended the January School Board meeting and gave a report on this. See school board minutes for details.

Other Business

Kim Belanger requested a status regarding the PTO's decision regarding the cap on funds for the AIR program. This will be discussed at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM

NEXT PTO MEETING will be held Wednesday February 9th at 6:45 PM.

****Please note these meeting minutes haven't been officially approved yet****