

DES PTO
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2011
6:45 PM

The following is an account of the minutes taken at the Dunbarton PTO meeting held between 6:45 PM and 8:30 PM on March 9th, 2011.

Attendees

PRESIDENT: *Michelle Novakoski*

VICE PRESIDENT: *Shelley Westenberg*

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: *Kim Philippon*

TREASURER: *Nancy Sherman*

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

FUNDRAISING TEAM: *Michele Speckman & Christine Pollock*

EASY MONEY: *Chanti Berube*

SECRETARY: *Annie Bullis (absent)*

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome & Sign in
- Approval of February minutes
- Treasures Report
- Reading Contest Update
- Parenting Workshop Update
- Valentine's Party Update
- Swimming Activity-March 11

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- Roller Skating Activity—April 1
- Susan Johonnett—Morning Child Care
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Father/Daughter Dance
- 6th Grade Ceremonies—Chairperson needed
- Yard Sale, April 9
- Easter Bunny Breakfast—April 23
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Refrigerator purchase
- Embroidery for emergency packs
- School Board Report

Motions Voted On & Approved

1. Motion was made by Chanti Berube to approve the February Minutes. Seconded by Lara Routhier.
2. Motion was made by Chanti Berube to approve the February Treasurer's report. Seconded by Heather Radl.
3. Motion was made by Karen Harris to spend up to \$125.00 on the reading contest consolation prizes. Seconded by Lara Routhier.
4. Motion was made by Becky Carter to purchase pop-up Frisbees as consolation prizes. Seconded by Nicole Spaulding.

Motions Denied or Benched

DENIED: None

BENCHED: None

Topics of Discussion

Parenting Workshop

The feeling among attendees was that this had been a fruitful offering by the PTO. Alexis Wallace is interested in continuing next year. The next and last workshop is tentatively scheduled for April 5th, and will be devoted to the topic of "Developing Routines."

Valentines Party

The party was held at 1:45 in the classroom on Monday February 14th. A question was discussed as to whether the Valentine's Day party is even needed any more. The jigglers were difficult for some parents to make, and some people felt that there was too much focus on food, specifically sugar, on these holiday celebrations. Another idea was presented that the classroom activity follow a model used in Ms. Tomasi's room, where kids write complimentary things on their classmates' paper hearts.

Swimming Party

The cost per person will be \$2.00 at the door, and the PTO will kick in the extra money required by the Concord Racquet Club. Two lifeguards will be present

Roller Skating Party

This will be on April 1st. Suggestions for admission were discussed, and \$5.00 for the skate rental and \$3.00 admission was agreed upon. A recommendation was made that K-3 students should be required to wear helmets. No personally owned skates will be allowed.

Susan Johonnet

Former DES teacher Susan Johonnet, who lives across the street from DES, has offered to do early morning drop-off care for Dunbarton parents. Stating immediately, Mrs. Johonnet will offer care from 6:00 am until 7:55 a.m., and will offer breakfast

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and a safe walk to school. She has three grown children and three grandchildren.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair will run April 13 until the 23rd. Heather Radl is hoping to persuade the school to allow her to have it open during the Easter Bunny breakfast, as this is a popular time for buying.

Father/Daughter Dance

Shannon McGuire will chair this. It will be May 20 from 6:30- 9 p.m. She has arranged for a DJ to be there (a first!), and has a large vinyl banner to decorate the gym. Homeschooled children are welcome to attend. The consensus is that the dance should not include boys. The admission will be \$8.00 per person. Corsages will be made available at the dance for \$12.00 each. Beth Margenau will organize raffle baskets. The theme this year is "The 80's."

6th Grade Graduation

Christine Pollack and Michelle Speckman will co-chair this event.

Yard Sale

The Sale will be held from 8-12 a.m. on Saturday, April 9. Set-up will be 6-8 p.m. the night before. Shelley Westenberg and Lara Routhier are chairing it again this year. There will be an added coffee service this year. The Yard Sale will benefit the Sargent Camp funds for only K-5, and the 6th Grade profits will purchase D>A>R>E> shirts for that grade this year. In the future, the 6th Grade will have to decide what their profit will be used for. Michelle Novakoski will send a letter to 6th-grade parents explaining what their Yard Sale profit will be used for this year.

Easter Bunny Breakfast

Carrie –Ann may not be able to commit this year. It will be on April 23 from 8-10 a.m. At 10:00 The Rec Commission will host its Egg Hunt.

Teacher Appreciation Week

A suggestion was made that the Room Parents coordinate a room gift from their kids for the teachers. Lisa Cross will purchase scrapbooks from Target that can be used to paste kids' pictures and messages for their teachers. Envelopes, provided by Shelley Westenberg, will be sent home with each child. It will contain a piece of paper sized to the journals, and each child can do what they want on the page in honor of their teacher. Room parents will collect the pages and paste them into the journals. Pizza from Bertucci's will be donated for a staff luncheon. The dates are May 2-6.

Refrigerator

The Selectmen will be approached by Shelley Westenberg at their next meeting to see if they will pay for a replacement for the refrigerator that died.

Emergency Pack Embroidery

Michelle Novakoski has found that Brown Graphics will do the embroidery for a nominal fee.

Other Business

School Budget Meeting Update: A state representative suggested to eliminate a teacher position and combine two classes. The importance of attending the Budget Meeting was stressed by Michelle Novakoski. In other related news, the Goffstown School Budget did not pass, and so Goffstown will revert to its default budget. No one is sure what cuts will have to be made.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

NEXT PTO MEETING will be held Wednesday April 13th at 6:45 PM.

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