

PTA BOARD MEETING MINUTES DACULA MIDDLE SCHOOL

The August PTA Board meeting of Dacula Middle School was held on August 25, 2009 in the conference room.

Members attending:

Cheryl Lundy, Sherrie Piland, Suzanne Daymude, Suzanne Hinton, Molly Roberts, Jackie Fitzgerald, Kay Jarrett, Amy Wilber, Selena Gaston, Sherrie Thomas, Kelli Cook, Belinda Gean, Lisa Blaurock, Rosanne Larkins, Rhonda Rice, Denise Roberts, and Dr. Kellye Riggins.

Proceedings:

- Meeting was called to order by President, Cheryl Lundy
- Introduction of Board, Area III Council members
- May's minutes were read and approved
- Treasurer's report was given with a current balance of \$9663.52
- Proposed Budget was presented, discussed and will be submitted to the general membership for approval on Curriculum Night, Sept. 1, 2009
- Communications were shared from retiree, Mrs. Sandy Nygard thanking PTA for the retirement breakfast and gift and from Ms. Sharon McClendon of the Wounded Warrior Project, thanking PTA for support in collection of items and mailing costs. Dr. Riggins also conveyed thanks from the faculty and staff for all that was done during pre-planning to make the opening of the school year successful.

Committee Reports:

- Fundraising – Belinda Gean, Kelli Cook - Envelopes have been packed, promotional video by administrators has been filmed, donations for teacher gift/incentives are needed, Kick off for fundraiser will be held September 4, the first collection day will be September 11, volunteers were asked to sign up for days that they can help
- Membership – Lisa Blaurock - currently have 447 members which will qualify DMS for the state membership award, we will set up membership tables in the front lobby, cafeteria, and green hall lobby on Curriculum Night, Office Depot coupon date for members has been extended, Lisa is working at the Area level with other membership chairs to solicit area businesses as PTA Partners and members
- Reflections – Kay Jarrett- The theme for this year is “Beauty Is...”, September 23 will be the deadline for submitting entries, plans are being made to display entries in the hallways September 23- October 16.
- Legislation/Advocacy – Sherrie Thomas, Rhonda Rice – Focus is currently on the Save Dacula Library project, there will be an informational meeting on Sept. 1 with tables in the cafeteria, as well as another information location at Dacula First Methodist. Dacula Business Association has asked Rhonda Rice to sit on their board as a representative of PTA; they are spearheading the campaign and looking into all aspects of the decision to close Dacula Library. There will be a Town Rally

on Sat., Sept. 19 and all members are encouraged to attend the Library Board Meeting on September 22 at Five Forks Trickum. It may be necessary to carpool to that location for parking reasons.

- Volunteer – the Book Fair is Aug. 24- Sept. 4 and volunteers are needed to fill in some time slots.
- Denise Roberts – Twenty four classes are still in need of a volunteer to serve as Homeroom Communication Coordinator (HCC), there will be another opportunity to sign up on Curriculum Night

New Business:

- Curriculum Night – In addition to membership tables and Save Dacula Library tables, PTA will sell drinks. We will ask for teen volunteers from the high school to aid in this.
- Cheryl shared an email from Mulberry Elementary PTA requesting our assistance in collecting food/cans for their Food Drive. The matter was tabled until further information is acquired.
- The “Honor Your Volunteers” award information was presented by Cheryl and she encouraged everyone to look over it and consider submitting a nomination.
- Suzanne Hinton discussed the possibility of enlisting the DMS clubs to collect items needed by Roy Marchert and his unit who are presently deployed to Afghanistan. Mr. Marchert is an eighth grade teacher at Dacula Middle. Dr. Riggins asked Suzanne to meet with the club sponsors on Friday, August 28 at 8:30 to explain the project.
- PTA Council Activities – Rhonda Rice shared information about a character building program, “Rachel’s Challenge” that is being sponsored by the Area III PTA Council for all 41 schools in the area. Rachel Scott was a victim of the Columbine Shootings whose life and journal entries inspired the development of a program to challenge young people to live their lives so that they impact others. The program will be held March 6. Each PTA is asked to consider a donation of \$250.00.

The next board meeting will be held on September 22, 2009 at 9:30 am at Dacula Middle School.

Suzanne Hinton,
Secretary