

**PTA Executive Board/General Membership Meeting
Dommerich Elementary School
Tuesday, October 6, 2015
7:00 pm**

CALL TO ORDER—Allyson Williams

The regular meeting of the Dommerich Elementary PTA Executive Board and General Membership was held Tuesday, October 6, 2015. Allyson Williams, PTA President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. There were 65 members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES—Allyson Williams

The minutes from the September meeting were presented at the meeting and emailed prior to the meeting to all paid PTA members. The minutes were approved.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

PRESIDENT—Allyson Williams

The President's report is attached.

PRINCIPAL—Mr. Ortiz

The principal's report is attached.

TREASURER—Erin Jozik

Erin presented the working budget as of October 1, 2015. Birthday Book Club has made its 2015 revenue budget. Erin reviewed the basics of the budget - i.e., how the Revenue Committees' earnings (Fall Fundraiser, BCNO, Birthday Book Club, etc.) pay for the PTA's planned programs (Academic Programs, Running Tribe, STEM supplies, Teacher Appreciation, etc.) Funds raised over and above the set budget amounts (and expenses kept below budget amounts) provide funds for additional programs and services, including the Music and Media Makeover. Erin also reminded everyone to get the tax exemption number for reimbursable spending since our PTA can save money by purchasing items tax-free.

MEMBERSHIP—Eliane Kohn

We are currently at 85 percent of our goal for PTA membership with 389 members. Elaine reminded people that they can pay online for membership and that all committee members must be members of the PTA.

COORESPONDING SECRETARY—Massie Wanzenberg

The corresponding secretary's report is attached.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNITY GARDEN—Allyson Williams for Cari Rotenberger

Dommerich Elementary hosted its annual Family Garden Day on October 3, 2015 from 9-11 AM. This year's theme was Butterfly Gardening and our guest speaker was Dr. Robert Bowden from Leu Gardens. The kindergarten children started the morning with The Garden Song. After listening to Dr. Bowden, the children and families rotated through four stations set up around the PE field. The first was to decorate a pot and choose a butterfly plant. The second was to create a beaded butterfly and/or caterpillar decoration for your potted plant and the third was a read aloud station where they could listen to stories about

butterflies and gardening read by Mrs. Ayd. The final station was a snack station where they made celery and cream cheese butterflies. With 250 in attendance, this beautiful morning offered snacks from our partners in education, helpful information for starting a butterfly garden. Thanks to our committee of twelve and to Mrs. Lisa Rotenberger, Kindergarten teacher, for being our school garden coordinator.

ADDITIONS—Kim Sadowski

All approved ADDitions volunteers should have received an email. If you have not been approved, please sign up as soon as possible. Please let Kim know if anyone is having a problem registering. Kim reviewed how to sign up for a specific event. You will need to be placed in that opportunity. Field trips will be individualized. Volunteers are to click on “search opportunities” to find the places where they want to volunteer and hours done outside of school may be personally added. When you sign in at school, Iris will give you the sticker. Please add all hours you do outside of school so that PTA will get full credit for volunteer hours.

BOX TOPS—Cynthia Forness

Please remember to collect your box tops. DES gets ten cents per box top. Last month, we had five thousand box tops and received \$500. Mrs. McCann is currently in the lead with the most box tops. Boxes are available if you would like to place them in a public place to collect for our school. Tops may be brought in any day of the week, but are collected from teachers the first Friday of every month.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH—Katie Degrace

Katie reviewed the mission statement of the Community Outreach program. Thank you to Allyson Mosley and Sandy Bonus for the event they had in the spring. DES received \$1300 worth of gift card donations from this event. Thank you to The Grove on Park Avenue for hosting a shopping afternoon and donating \$270 to our program. The Community Outreach program was able to reimburse a teacher who paid for school supplies and Nature Camp for two DES students. We had a good response to the Give Hope/Need Hope flyer that was sent home. We have restocked the pantry. Katie read a heartwarming thank you from a DES mother that benefited from the Community Outreach program. In a few weeks, we will begin our Fall Coat drive and be asking for gently used and new coats. Thank you to all of our DES families for their generosity. If you would like to make a donation, please mark on check if it is specific to Community Outreach.

HARVEST HOEDOWN—Jennifer Clark

Jennifer described the activities that will be at the Hoedown and the new Chiefs' Pass. The pass will include every activity at the Hoedown. Some activities will be a one-time use and some will be unlimited play. Some, but not all, of the activities are Sticky Wall, Three Way Play, Rock Wall, Obstacle Course, Rock Climb Slide, photo booth, tattoo, hairspray, balloon artist, and face paint. For the first time, you will be able to purchase the pass online. The volunteer sign up will be sent out on a sign up genius form. Please volunteer, as we need lots of parents to help make this a successful event. Middle school and high school students may volunteer if ADDitions approved.

RUNNING TRIBE—CORINNE PAINTER

Corinne Painter will be taking over from Julie Capps. Thank you to Julie for your hard work in making Running Tribe such a successful program. Thank you to all of the parents that have volunteered. On the first prize day, we had 197 children earn the first prize. Thank you to Planet Smoothie and Rainbow Sno Cones, two of our PIE partners for their donations. Students ran 427 laps for the Fall Fundraiser. We are still waiting to hear if we are awarded a Track Shack grant and we have applied for a second grant. Due to the high participation rates this year, the Running Tribe t-shirts will be sold instead of earned. We would

like for members to participate in the Sole Challenge and we are considering a Running Tribe group in the Winter Park Christmas parade.

WAYS AND MEANS/PIE—Soledad Perez

Thank you to Mathnasium for the open house dinner and for free assessments and one session for DES students. Thank you to Jen Adams for offering Portraits in the Park and giving ten percent back to Dommerich. One winner tonight has a coupon for Jen Adams posted under her seat. Twenty percent off coupons to Olea Mezza Grill were given out to PTA members at the meeting. Thank you to The Bar Method of Winter Park for recognizing Dommerich PTA for the month of October. All PTA members get one free class and a discount on the first month (\$49, instead of \$69 monthly rate). Thank you to Chick Fil A for the cow greeting the children at Walk to School Day and offering a Spirit Night this month to our PTA. We will move our Mixed Bag Fundraiser to the last week of October and first week of November. Purchases will be delivered prior to Christmas. Soledad demonstrated some of the new items that Mixed Bags will offer. Mixed Bags gives fifty percent of the profits back to DES.

WALK N ROLL—Amy Yohe

International Walk to School Day is tomorrow. A representative from Maitland City Council, policemen, and Mr. Ortiz will join the children to walk at 8:10. Thank you to Lee Anne Leerdam for organizing. Thank you to Jeremiahs and McDonalds for donating coupons. Coach LeBoeuf has taught a Pedestrian Safety Class to all students in PE. We received a Healthy Central FL grant for \$1000 and we are still waiting to hear about the Track Shack grant. Walk n Roll will participate in the Winter Park Christmas Parade.

FALL FUNDRAISER—Ashley Finrock

Thank you to everyone for your support and donations. The parental involvement made a huge difference. Thank you to Daphne Cukier, Whitney Langholtz, Caroline Miller, Corrine Painter, Sole Perez, Angie Ritti, Bari Ruddy, Susan Woodburn and Janet Young for serving on our FF committee. Thank you to Mr. Ortiz, Mrs. Aydt, Mrs. Iris, Coach LeBoeuf, Mr. Babb and Milton for helping with our videos and dance competition. The staff participation really created a new level of excitement for the students. We are currently at \$57, 219.90. We will continue to take donations, but the class and individual prizes contest has ended. We had 372 students donate, 30 classes donated over \$500, 20 classes donated over \$1500, and 13 classes donated over \$2000. We had 4 classes over \$3500 and 13 students over \$750. Thank you to all that donated to the Grove a Thon. A few t-shirts are available for people that would still like to make a donation. Thank you to our PIE, Pinch a Penny, for giving over \$2000 for promotional material printing. Thank you to Caroline Miller of Abufaris Creative for donating over thirty hours of her time to helping market and plan our promotional material. For our Grove a Thon, we would like to thank Orlando Dodge for \$288 dollars in decorations, Kona Ice for providing \$1500 worth of Kona Ice to our students, Stephanie Clem for getting us a discount on our t-shirts, and to McDonalds for the water for the students. Thank you to Janet and Mike Young for making the six videos that helped motivate our students. Corrine Painter presented Ashley with a thank you gift from the FF committee for her leadership. Allyson Williams also thanked the team for working so hard so that we could take control of all of our fundraiser dollars instead of paying an outside source to help us.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bylaws—Susan Woodburn

Our Bylaws comprise of the fundamental rules that define our organization. They protect the group from error and guide it to efficient service. Every three years our PTA bylaws are to be revised. According to our bylaws, if any changes are to be made, the general membership should be given notice to any changes 30 days before voting and we will vote at the next meeting. **The proposed amendment reads as –Special**

meetings may be called by the executive board, 3 days notice having been given. **The current bylaw says** – Special meetings may be called by the executive board, five days notice having been given. **The bylaw as it will read if the amendment is adopted** – Article 8 General Membership meetings, Section 2.—Special meetings may be called by the executive board, 3 days notice having been given. **The proposed amendment reads as** – Ten members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in any meeting of this association. **The current bylaw says** – Twenty members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in any meeting of this association. **The bylaws as it will read if the amendment is adopted** – Article 8 General Membership meetings, Section 4. Ten members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in any meeting of this association. **The proposed amendment is to add Electronic Fund Transfer/Electronic Banking.** (This will also cover using credit card payments by using a square) **The bylaw as it will read if the amendment is adopted** – Article 26, Section 3 Electronic Fund/Electronic Banking.

Standing Rules—Allyson Williams

Allyson passed out the standing rules and explained that these are a loser set of rules that we use in our meetings and we will revise them. Allyson asked each committee member to review what it states under his or her committee and notify her if there are any mistakes.

Running Path—Lee Anne Leerdam

Congrats to the Fall Fundraiser on another successful event. The Running Path is still in progress. Mike Wilde is helping with the Maitland Planning group. The head of leisure of Maitland does not anticipate any problems. We have decided to move forward with the City of Maitland first on getting all approvals and then resubmitting all of the paperwork to OCPS. Thank you to everyone for their support and patience in getting the Running Path for our school.

NEW BUSINESS

The Executive Committee approved a request from Mrs. Meredith in the amount up to \$150 for two new DBQ units for 120 students in the fifth grade.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.