



Dommerich Elementary PTA Executive Board/General Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Welcome and Call to Order—Elise Breth

The regular meeting of the Dommerich Elementary PTA Executive Board and General Membership was held Tuesday, October 11, 2016. Elise Breth, PTA President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. There were approximately 37 members present.

Approval of Minutes—Elise Breth

The minutes from the September 6, 2016 meeting were presented. Allyson Williams motioned to approve the minutes. Ashely Finfrock seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The General Assembly all stated “ay”, and the minutes were approved to stand as read.

Special Guest: Mike Thomas, Maitland City Council

Dommerich PTA welcomed Maitland City Council member Mike Thomas, who attended the meeting to discuss the current plan to add sidewalks in the Dommerich community. Currently, sidewalks are approved for Tuscarora Trail. Discussion has begun at City Council meetings about adding sidewalks along Dommerich Drive and Arapaho. It is important to look around the entire Dommerich community and see where sidewalks would be most beneficial to children walking to school and for bus stops. Kristin Russell and Karen Kildron of the general assembly asked questions regarding how the process works, who is involved, and how sidewalks get approved. Bob Ayt encouraged all Dommerich families who are interested in seeing the sidewalks get approved to attend the Maitland City Council meetings, because the larger presence at the meetings ultimately makes the decisions. There was significant discussion regarding putting sidewalks on Choctaw vs. Arapaho. Elise Breth mentioned the possibility of creating a small committee to work toward the ultimate goal of getting sidewalks placed where they would be most beneficial.

Report of Officers

President - Elise Breth

Elise presented a PowerPoint Presentation detailing the following:

- Fall Fundraiser – Thank you to committee, volunteers, teachers, families and community.
- Run Through The Ribbon – Thank you to community for support and participation.
- Sunshade and Walking Path – Address need for maintenance and volunteers to keep the path clear from debris.
- International Walk To School Day – Thank committee, community and community leaders for their participation.
- National PTA School of Excellence Award – Need family participation. The survey is online and our goal is at least 150 people to complete the survey. We currently have 60 completed.
- Leadership Orange – What I can expect to learn and bring back to share with our PTA community.
- Star Volunteers – Ashley Finfrock, Cynthia Story and Simon & Amy Yohe.

Principal - Principal Verano

Thank you for...

- Teacher Appreciation Lunch
- Run Through the Ribbon
- Fundraising Efforts
- Running Tribe
- Walk 'n Roll
- Book Drive
- Chiefs Academy
- Support in preparing for Hurricane Matthew
- For all of the birthday wishes and cake. Yummy!

Happening now at school...

- October 19th extended day
- Report Cards will go out on October 21st
- Conference Week and Night October 26th
- Hurricane make up day October 28th
- School Improvement Goals set by Staff
- Committee in regards to tutoring creation and implementation

Treasurer - Erin Jozik

Erin reiterated “Budget 101” information from the September 6, 2016 meeting and encouraged the general assembly to review the budgets provided to them. Two points of discussion: how PTA makes money and how the PTA spends money. She detailed the actual activity, budget, and the difference (what is left to spend or make).

Erin also discussed the Maintenance fund under School support expenses. Recently cost the PTA \$1500 to remove the playground sunshades when Hurricane Matthew arrived, which was paid for with existing maintenance funds. Walking path came in under budget and we would like to add all of those excess funds to the maintenance fund to replenish and build it up. We will present this for vote at next meeting.

Membership - April Solley

April was happy to reveal that the PTA has reached its membership goal with 466 members. PTA membership cards are available after today's meeting.

Corresponding Secretary - Massie Wanzenberg

SENT:

- Birthday cards sent to, Jennifer Trout, Ashley Williams, Jack Riegle, Jason LeFebvre, Angela Donalds-Younginger, Catherine Howat, Anne Workman, Eva Braxton, Elizabeth Abrams, Domingo Gonzalez, Rebecca Henry, Elizabeth Rotenberger, Amy Fredell, Karen Verano, Brett Steffen, Julie Hall, Virginia Joseph, Carrie Bustamonte.
- Bundt cake to Karen Verano
- Thank you to Caroline Miller for designing and coordinating printing of our new Dommerich PTA stationary

RECEIVED:

- Thank you from Linda Taconis for plants in front of the school, welcome breakfast and lunch, money for school supplies, and walking trail.
- Thank you from 3rd grade for gifts and treats first week back at school.
- Thank you for sweet note, gift, and support throughout the year from Julie Roth.
- Thank you from 1st grade team for planning day luncheon, gift, new shirts, and support through the year.
- Thank you from Laura Permenter for dinner before Open House, hospitality, and kindness
- Thank you from Principal Verano for sports lunch
- Thank you to Kindergarten garden volunteers for getting kids ready for planting, from the Kindergarten team

Committee Reports

ADDitions – Kim Sadowski encouraged those who are PTA members to please become ADDitions members. We currently have 306 active volunteers, but only 86 have actually signed up under specific volunteer opportunities in ADDitions. Harvest Hoedown sign up is currently available through ADDitions. Please email Kim bulk volunteer hours for your committee.

Box Tops – Amber Woodard

- Top 3 classes: LeFebvre 1st, Murphy 2nd, Braxton 3rd
- Pizza party for winner at the end of the year
- November 4th is the next collection day

Community Outreach – Katie DeGrace

- Community Outreach is designed to help families provide their children with basic needs including snacks and school supplies.
- Katie thanked individuals for providing backpacks, binders, snacks for all children who needed them.
- Food pantry, which was filled by Erica Bates, is already emptying quickly. Money/food donations from parents are appreciated.
- The Fall Coat/Clothing drive is underway, and people are encouraged to donate their gently used clothing from October-December at drop off. They can also be placed in the PTA closet.
- Dommerich's food drive is coming up November 7-11th. There will be a competition to see which class wins.
- The Holiday Drive is coming up, and is designed to assist families with gifts for the holidays. Information to come soon

Fall Fundraiser – Ashley Finfrock

Go For the GOLD! Ashley thanked all volunteers for helping with the planning and execution of the many steps it took to make the Fall Fundraiser such a success.

- \$50,744.96 total including \$3,341 of corporate matches to come
- Dommerich has 625 enrolled children. Of those students:
 - 377 participated (61%)
 - 30% of students brought in greater than \$75
 - \$1500 donation from Pinch A Penny
 - 1 student gave 1 penny, which was a wonderful example of how we all gave what we could

- Discussion over all the ways people fundraised this year: Flamingos in yards, lemonade stands, bake sales, garage sales
- Operating budget must first be met by the fundraiser, then the laptop carts will be bought toward the end of the year

Garden Committee – Shaina DelVecchio and Allison Storey

- Hurricane cancellation. Next Garden Day will be rescheduled soon. Date TBD
- Shaina detailed all the class contributions to the garden
- Thank you to the Winter Park Building Committee- repaired/repainted the pergola in the garden

Harvest Hoedown – Kristin Russell

- Scheduled for November 12, 2016
- Volunteers are needed. Please sign up for a shift on ADDitions

PIES – Cynthia Story

- Dommerich Elementary won the Olea Mezze Grille receipt race for a total of \$450
- Wednesday, Oct. 12th was originally Portraits in the Park but was rescheduled for Sunday, October 23rd at 12 PM at Craft Azalea Garden with Jen Adams
- Please continue to participate in Papa John's PIE nights. They donate 50% back to the school; use Maitland location only
- Tijuana Flats on Wednesday October 19th followed by Skate Night
- McDonald's Spirit Night is Thursday, November 17th from 5-8pm
- The Grove Shop & Share is Friday, November 18th from 10am-6pm

Running Tribe – Corinne Painter

- Track Shack grant: \$1000
- Emphasizing volunteering at TS events this year to say thank you for yearly financial support
- The TSYF wants Running Tribe to provide statistics this year
- T-shirts are coming soon
- Lake Sybelia 5K on November 19th

Skating Parties – Janet Young

Due to Hurricane Matthew, Skate Night has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 19th from 6:30-8:30 pm

Unfinished Business

- LeeAnne Leerdam discussed the Endowment Fund and the current state of bricks and the reason for the delay. When the bricks were cut, many crumbled and fell apart. New bricks have now been ordered and will be cut correctly.
- Amazon Smile: go to smile.amazon.com and they will donate 1/2% back to the school

New Business

- Erin Jozik brought forward a vote regarding the use of the Maintenance Fund. It is important that the Executive Board be able to use the Maintenance Fund in its discretion for repairs and maintenance of our outdoor projects without first obtaining general PTA vote. Timing is often critical – ie, Hurricane Matthew. Allyson Williams motioned to approve ~~creation of the~~ blanket authority for the Board to use the maintenance fund as needed, and

Sara Cambron seconded the motion. No discussion ensued. All stated “ay”. The motion was approved.

Announcements

- Parent Virtual Academy: Thursday, October 13th, 2016 from 6-7 pm in the Middle School Cafeteria
- Lake Sybelia Elementary – Dolphin Dash 5K
Saturday November 19th
Register Online – event posted on Facebook and on the PTA website

September

13	7:45am	Running Tribe Begins in P.E. Fields
14		Walk-n-Roll
15	7:45am	Running Tribe
		Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (5th Grade)
	6-7:30pm	Open House
		Teacher Appreciation Dinner
16		Be a Chief Fall Fundraiser Begins
	1:15pm	Be a Chief Pep Rally
	2:00pm	Be a Chief Pep Rally
20	7:45am	Running Tribe
22	7:45am	Running Tribe (Fall Fundraiser RT Day)
27	7:45am	Running Tribe
28	6:30p	Endowment Meeting
	7pm	Foundation Meeting
29	7:45am	Running Tribe
	5:30pm	Walking Path Ribbon Cutting
30		End of Fall Fundraiser

October

3-7		Fall Fundraiser Prize Week
3	3:15-4pm	Chiefs Academy Begins (10/3 - 11/11)
4	7:45am	Running Tribe
5		International Walk to School Day
6	7:45am	Running Tribe
	12pm	Executive Board Meeting
	5-6:15p	Spirit Night! Tijuana Flats
	6:15pm	Skate Night at Semoran Skateway
7		Box Tops Collection
8	9-11am	Family Garden Day
11	7:45am	Running Tribe
11	6pm	SAC Meeting in Media Center (Babysitting available)
	7pm	PTA Meeting in Media Center (Babysitting available)
13	7:45am	Running Tribe
14		Student Holiday – No School
18	7:45am	Running Tribe
20	7:45am	Running Tribe
20		Foundation Friends Social/Event
25	7:45am	Running Tribe
26		Conference Night
		Teacher Appreciation Dinner
27		Report Cards Go Home

7:45am Running Tribe
2:00pm Kindergarten Costume Parade
28 SAC Executive Preplanning Meeting
Student Holiday – No School

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM