



Dommerich Elementary PTA Executive Committee/General Board Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2017

Welcome and Call to Order—Janet Young

The regular meeting of the Dommerich Elementary PTA Executive Committee and General Board meeting was held Tuesday, October 10, 2017. Janet Young, PTA President, called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM. There were approximately 38 members present.

Approval of Minutes—Janet Young

The minutes from the September 19, 2017 meeting were presented. The minutes were approved to stand as read.

Special Guest: Jessica Fratrik

- Presented CHILL information via PowerPoint to both the executive committee and general board.
- Free counselling program on DES campus.
- In the short term: 12 sessions
- Funded in part by the Winter Park Health Foundation and OCPS.
- Works with groups, individuals, and families
- Addresses depression, anxiety, etc.
- Approach is play based therapy, prevention/early intervention, parenting strategies.
- Currently has a Master's level intern this year.
- Addressed Kindness Club. Includes team of teachers Davis, Howat, Estrada, Trout, Maki, Strykul, and Bradley.
- Applications for student enrollment for the Kind Club are due Friday, October 13th and includes all grade levels.

Report of Officers

President- Janet Young

Thank You:

- Thank you to the Story family and the Rotenberger family for coming out to help save some trees on our playground.
- Thank you to Mrs. Verano for keeping us informed about changes in schedule and condition of the school.
- Thank you to Julia Stewart, Simon Yohe, and Erin Weber for being so on top of all the schedule changes and filtering them out to the community.
- Thank you to the Fall Fundraiser committee for a FANTASTIC kick off!
- Thank you to Massie Wanzenberg and Natalie Ferguson & team for a great start to our Running Tribe year, in light of cancellations, etc...
- Thank you to Amy Yohe & Susan Oliveri for a wonderful turnout and fun International Walk to School day, kicking off Walk N Roll for the year.

- Thank you to Mrs. Pfeiffer for helping with decorations for fall fundraiser
- Thank you to Steven Hauck for our awesome backdrop!
- Thank you to all teachers for getting kids excited about fundraising!
- Thank you to our wonderful custodial staff for helping us ready the stage.
- Thank you to Skate party committee for a wonderful turnout for the first two skate nights!
- Thank you to Cynthia Story for an awesome Tijuana Flats Spirit Night!
- Thank you to Teacher Appreciation Committee for a great Open House dinner.
- Thank you to Kristen Dudzack and Box Tops committee for getting the word out there.
- Thank you to Champion Karate for their wonderful work on our Fall Fundraiser.
- Thank you to all the teachers and staff for a great Open House.
- Thank you to Stacy Wilde for doing a merchandise table at open house.
- Thank you to Room Rep committee for assisting teachers w/open house.
- Thank you to Jill Bosses for a great start to Chiefs Academy!

-Glen Harvey will put sun shades back up in early November.

-Bulletin continues to thrive with over 50% open rate! Please continue to send weekly updates to Julia Stewart.

-Please continue to send updates to Erin Weber for our FB page as well.

-Encouraging SchoolPay as much as we can, including fundraiser!! We love change but we get charged for it!

-Florida PTA offering assistance to relocated families.

-Effort to move merchandise

-PTA site and bulletin used as “marketplace”

-Continue to use Amazon Smile set to Dommerich PTA - \$5000 unclaimed last year

-Continue to visit our website for updates

Principal Report-Karen Verano

- Thank you:
 - Fundraiser kick off was amazing!
 - Teacher Appreciation Committee- Open House dinner for staff.
 - Garden committee for the tree work.
 - All the families who are working hard to raise money for DES.
 - Executive board for all of their countless hours!
 - Iris Roland for organizing class pictures.
 - Teaonda Hinton for the excellent work during our FTE.
 - Staff organizing and starting the afterschool enrichment: Braxton, Amann, Bradley, LeFebvre, Howat, Rotenberger, Dooley, Estrada, Ferguson, McCann, Pilgrim, Reynolds, and Aydt.
- Mrs. Mickenberg is leaving. Her last day will be October 13.
- Welcome Abby Lewis- School Psychologist.
- Grades 3-5 are heading to the Orlando Philharmonic Field Trip.
- Kagan training in small groups.
- Foundation reorganization.
- Please visit parentaccess.ocps.net to complete the digital permission form for each OCPS student.

Treasurer – April Solley

- April reviewed the current profit/loss budget statement.

- Fall Fundraiser is a huge fundraiser for our school and funds many of our cherished events.
- Will soon be contacting the committee chairs regarding their budgets.

Membership – Jennifer Clark

- Current PTA membership is at 454, with the goal being 470.

Corresponding Secretary- Ashley Cooper

SENT:

- Birthday cards sent to Domingo Gonzalez, Rebecca Henry, Elizabeth Rotenberger, Amy Fredell, Karen Verano, Brett Steffen, Julie Hall, Virginia Joseph, Carrie Bustamonte.
- Bundt cake to Karen Verano for her birthday.
- Decorated TOY and SOY doors.

RECEIVED:

- Thank you from Mrs. Maki and Mrs. Murphy for helping to enhance their classrooms with brain enriching activities.
- Thank you from 2nd Grade for supporting park visits and September luncheon.
- Thank You from Kindergarten for creative Star Wars themed fundraiser shirts!

Committee Reports

- 1) Academic Programs—Dawn Jennemann
STEAM night with Full Sail will be the Wednesday after Thanksgiving on November 29th. Pizza will be offered prior to the start of the event to keep it separate.
- 2) ADDitions—Melissa Hayman
Melissa provided ADDitions information via PowerPoint and provided her email as melissahayman32@gmail.com. She reminded the PTA that ADDitions and proper documentation of volunteer hours are required to be a 5 star school. She provided details about the website and how to sign up both for ADDitions and how to sign up for individual events. Safety measures and ethical behavior on the part of the volunteers is a priority.
- 3) Box Tops—Kristin Dudczak
Mrs. Davis has 530, Mr. LeFebvre has 372, and Mrs. Joseph has 299. Next collection will be November 4th.
- 4) Community Outreach—Amber Woodard
Thank you to all who made donations and gave gift cards. Thank you to Jessica Fratrik for all your help. The website is live now via the PTA website. Foundation is now under the Foundation for Orange County Public Schools. Upcoming events: November 6-10 Food Drive; November 13-30 Clothing Drive; Holiday Toy Drive will take place in December. Exact dates TBD.
- 5) Fall Fundraiser—Stacy Wilde
Stacy reviewed why DES Fall Fundraiser is amazing and special. It is crucial to funding our large budget. Please review the budgets on each table delineating what each dollar raised is used to fund. For example, garden beds, plants, special teacher fund, walking trail, sunshades, computers, etc. In past years, DES used Boosterthon, but 5 years ago we decided to do the Fall Fundraiser without their assistance. As a result, DES created closer community relationships and involvement from so many families.
- 6) Garden Committee—Allison Story/Susan Oliveri
Year in review thus far: In August, campus clean-up occurred. DES received wooden butterflies from WPHS students that have now been placed in the garden.

- We also have a wooden Chief's head sign. The garden committee just completed the first planting of the year, and each grade has literature they are reading in conjunction with the garden series. Allison Story was thanked for all her efforts and "sneak" gardening after Hurricane Irma. The garden sign was damaged. The committee did not receive the Pollinator Award this year. April 21, 2018 will be this school year's Garden Day. If you would like to come out Thursday for garden clean-up, your help would be appreciated.
- 7) Harvest Hoedown—Jennifer Clark
Taking place November 11th from 2-5 PM on the PE field. A Chief's Pass is an all-inclusive ticket that costs \$25. You may also purchase individual tickets. The committee just finished a Harvest Hoedown commercial with Mrs. Ayd. The committee is also attempting a volunteer change for the first time this year.
 - 8) PIEs—Cynthia Story
Papa John's flyers are going out this week. The first quarter collection will occur in November. "Under the Lights" is a new PIE. Thursday night will Spirit Night with Sonny's BBQ. You will need the flyer to get the 25% back to the school. Cynthia will not be allowed to pass out flyers the night of the event, so please remember to bring them. Mathnasium is here tonight if anyone would like to speak with their representative. Twirly Toes's Trunk Shop is here tonight as well, and they are giving 15% back to DES + and additional 10% off purchases.
 - 9) Skate Night—Janet Young
Thanks so much everyone for participating. We are experiencing great turn outs at Skate Night events this year.
 - 10) 5K—Kathleen Steffen
Thank you to Erica Bates and her help reaching out to sponsors. The committee has begun to reach out for sponsors, and they are currently getting quotes for timers. They are hopeful to get the December registration up and going. Kathleen contacted the YMCA for games and people to assist the day of the event, as well as the Eatonville Boys and Girls Club for busses. Thanks to Ashley Davis. February 3rd will be the 10th Anniversary.

Unfinished Business

- Bike pump update: Finalizing stages
- OCPS Hurricane Relief: Information will be shared to FB and Bulletin
- Purchase of weed wacker & tents for 5th grade party/hoedown/fun day
- Tree task force: Thank you to all those who helped put the trees upright after Hurricane Irma.
- Poster machine

New Business

- Star Volunteers: Mr. and Mrs. Rotenberger, Jill Bosses, Kristin Dudczak
- Joint School of Excellence Celebration, October 26th from 5-7 PM; VOTE to add \$250 line item to budget. April Solley reviewed why the new line item was necessary and made a motion to add the line item to the budget. There was no discussion. Corinne Painter seconded the motion. All approved "aye."
- Translation services – PTA/SAC flyers
- American Education Week – Teach In participants: Janet reviewed that DES will be making a Who's Who of Teach In participants, including inspiring quotes and pictures of the participants.

Adjournment: 8:27 PM