



**Dommerich Elementary PTA
General Board Meeting Agenda
February 18, 2020**

Welcome and Call to Order- Mandy Manly

7:02pm

39 members present

Approval of Minutes (from January 2019)- Erica Bates

Report of Officers

• **President- Mandy Manly**

- Thank you's
 - Kendra Simasek and Amy Orseno, along with all the volunteers and the Orlando Science Center for a fun “gross” Family Science Night.
 - Heather Van Slyke, Colleen Allen, Doug Allen, the entire 5K committee, and our sponsors for an awesome community event!!
 - Jennifer Nadeau, the entire Book Fair committee, Mrs. Ayd, Mrs. Pfeifer and all the class volunteers for another amazing Book Fair!
 - We sent out an SOS to “help man” the event and everyone came through to help! Thank you!!
 - April Solley, Chief's Academy committee, and all the instructors for the start of Spring Chief's Academy.
 - Scott Baker, the Dommerich Fund, and all Dad's that attended the First Annual Golf Tournament
 - Our Teacher Appreciation Committee for celebrating our wonderful Mrs. Ayd
 - Jessica Meyer, PIE Committee, and McDonald's and Fantastic Sam's for Spirit Nights/Week.
 - Staff luncheon committee and family contributions for a great January luncheon on the 6th.
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 - Erinn Brown and committee for the monthly Birthday books.
 - Thank you to our amazing custodial staff for their assistance during the Family Science Night, 5K, and Book Fair events... and every day!
 - Sarah Chule and Skate Night committee along with Tijuana Flats for another great Skate night and Spirit Night.
 - Erin Weber for her continued posts and keeping us up to date on Facebook.
- School of Excellence Update:
 - Please complete the spring survey
 - Reminder of our goal: focus on the students emotional and social wellbeing. Our main focus was on helping the students with transitions- between grades and then between 5th grade and middle school
 - We have planned a lot of things to help smooth this transition
 - We sent information via email and then a printed version
 - Materials went out to 5th grade parents and also available in the front office
 - FAQs and Quick Help guide from MMS
 - Also have available tonight
 - Welcome Mr. Leftakis along with our DES and MMS Celebrate the Arts and Electives Showcase
 - Other grades are Collaborating as well (2nd, 3rd and 4th grade classes worked on a reading and writing project together and presented to parents and families)
 - We have some more things planned for the end of the school year as well
- Helping Hands!!
 - Our tree is continuing to grow
 - If you have already been given a hand
 - Amazing 5K committee, Book Fair Committee and Running Tribe Committee

- **Principal Report-Karen Verano (Laura Permenter standing in)**
Thank you Committees, Parents, and Families for contributing to the following:

- Walk 'n Roll Committee
- Box Tops Collection Team
- Running Tribe
- ADDitions Volunteers and Partners in Education
- Room Rep Committee
- 5K Committee
- Book Fair Committee
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Committee
- Academic Programs Committee

Happening now at school...

- Tutoring for Select Students in Grades 3, 4, 5 (flex program. Working to figure out a way to work the students at different times not just after school like in the past)
- Kindergarten Registration Opens Tomorrow – Packets Available for Pickup in Front Office
 - **District forms are on the Dommerich Website.**
- Process of Planning Kindergarten Registration Event for March 5th – packet on website
- Process of Planning Summer Library Days
 - **Thank you PTA for helping to make these days happen!**
- Celebrating Random Acts of Kindness this week with You've Been Rocked Challenge
- iReady Growth Monitoring for Lowest Quartile Students

Noteworthy Dates Coming Soon...

- February 27 – UCF Visits Dommerich K-3 (60students will be on campus for a visit)
- February 27 – MMS Hosting 6th Grade Parent Orientation
- February 29 – Fund and PTA Hosting Family Dance
- March 4 – Long Wednesday, No Early Dismissal
- March 5- Kindergarten Registration Event
- March 6 – Grade 5 Fantastic Foundations Event (in school events-not for parents)
- March 9 – Author James Ponti Visiting Grade 4/5
- March 11 – DES and MMS Celebrate the Arts & Electives Showcase
- March 13 – Student Holiday
- March 16-March 20 – Spring Break

- **Vice President-Erin Baker**
 - Planning for Fall 20-21
 - If you have a place that you would love to serve, please contact Erin
- **Treasurer- Alejandro Carrasquel**
 - Dommerich 5k had a strong finish with almost 7,000 raised
 - PIES and Spirit Nights- so close to their Budget goal
 - Skating Parties- So close to the budget goal as well and they still have 3 skate nights to go!! Way to go Sarah!!
 - Overall budget- we are on track to make our budget goal
- **Membership – Kristin Osorio**
 - Membership is at 507 members, goal was 504
 - Applied for: Grandparent award, faculty award
 - Next year we are going to move towards “member-hub” It is a paperless way to create things
- **Corresponding Secretary- Sarah Chule**
BIRTHDAY CARDS FOR FEBRUARY:
 - MS. FERGUSON 12-Feb
 - MS. GEKELER 14-Feb
 - MS. SAUNIER 18-Feb
 - MS. DOERFLER 19-Feb
 - MS. GRESHAM 21-Feb
 - MS. TEAGUE 23-Feb
 - MS. MCCANN 24-Feb
 - COACH MEEWES 27-Feb

RECEIVED:

- Teacher Appreciation Committee from 1st Grade Team
- Community Outreach Committee (Ashley and Emily) from Mrs. Cambell
- Mrs. Strykul for TOY corsage
- Teacher Appreciation Committee
- Books on CD's from Ms. Howat
- Mrs Fratrik for gift card for School Counseling Week
- Ms Permenter for her birthday
- Mr. Weaver (Steve, the front school crossing guard by MMS) for Crossing Guard Appreciation

SENT:

- \$50 dollars each for each custodian (4 total) for Valentine's Day
- \$25 dollars each (5 total) and box of Thanks A Lot Cookies for Crossing Guard Appreciation Day
- \$20 dollar Starbucks cards and thank you notes for School Counselors Appreciation
- Parliamentarian—Terra Carilli

SPECIAL GUEST

Mr. Leftakis- Maitland Middle School Principal

- 4th year there
- Snap shot of the presentation that will be given next week, Thursday Jan. 27th
 - We will present for an hour
 - We will have our elective programs presenting as well
 - More information on student support
 - Specific questions- people will be there to answer them!!
- More people will be there to help you answer questions
- 5-6th grade and 8-9th grade are the biggest transitions periods
 - You need to be there to help with the support and help with the transition
 - Opportunities to get involved: chess, sports, art, chorus, etc.
 - 7 classes and 7 different teachers
 - They have more freedom at lunch and more ways to get involved
 - Core classes: they need 3 of each of these to leave middle school
 - English Language Arts
 - Math
 - Social Studies
 - Science
 - Ask questions if you have academic questions! Listed on the flyer are contacts
 - Biggest question "we" have/get is accelerated Math
 - If they score a level 5 then we will recommend that they skip to 7th grade math
 - Anything with an "H" that is an honors class and it is a high school credit
 - High school class=high school credit!
 - It will go on their high school transcript
 - Please do not let your child be bored in school!
 - We look at the FSA scores and the I-ready scores
 - 1-1 digital school
 - Every student gets a computer
 - We use "Canvas"
 - No textbooks in the core classes. They use digital text books in all core classes
 - Device Rollout-
 - If you are a 5th grade parent- you can sign up for newsletters from Mr. Leftakis
 - How to stay connected
 - PTA
 - SAC
 - Facebook
 - Hawk Herald
 - Canvas Observer (staying current with the classroom assignments)
 - Tips and Tricks:
 - Update contact information
 - Email the teachers or guidance counselors if you have questions or concerns
 - Communication!!
 - Keep your students involved and stay involved with your student
 - Become a canvas observer
 - Monitor social media
 - Questions asked from the crowd:
 - What do they cover in math 6th? If they skip math 6th and go to math 7

- Email him! He will send you the information
- Is Mr. Singer starting to talk to the students about where they need to be?
- When should we reach out? If we agree with the placement
 - In June!
- Cellphone policy
 - We follow the OCPS policy. They should be away. We have some teachers that allow students to use them for educational purposes. There is no need for a students to have a cell phone for academic purposes. There are desk tops available if they forget their laptop
- On the elective choices sent out- how likely is that they get them?
 - They try to get them on the top 3 choices
- What are the electives?
 - Orchestra, band, Chorus or Musical Theater, Art, Project Lead the Way, Video Production, Beginning Spanish, Information & Communication Tech
- Bored vs Challenged?
 - I always encourage parents to start higher. It is a lot easier to pull back than it would be to than to miss and push forward.
- Can you opt out of classes like music, if they are put into something?
 - That is a conversation to have with the guidance counselor
- PE Waiver? How does it work?
 - Designed if your child is already involved in sports/gymnastics
 - There is a waiver on the website and you can opt out
- Early Release?
 - PE waiver?
 - Athletic waiver
 - Virtual classes, providing classroom space for that
- Social media?
 - Landschool- all teachers should be using landschool when they are teaching online. They are able to restrict websites while they are working online with the teachers. But it's not perfect.
- School Times change?
 - There hasn't been any a discussion of this
- Canvas has a planning tool for homework- is there a way to share details on that in the newsletter
- The guidance counselor cannot meet with all the students but they "meet with them as a group" through the feeder school
 - Most of the information comes in June
 - There are 4 feeder schools and 3 additional schools for other areas
- Math is something that is always important!
 - Colleges don't want to see you stop! Consider this when choosing the path with/for your child
- Current middle school parent-comment-
 - 3 students all there and the communication has been great!

New Business

The playground will be going in soon.

- **Special Teachers Projects**
 - Recent approval of Kindergarten listening stations for all classes
 - It "gives all students the ability to read and hear more complex texts and higher-level vocabulary as they listen and follow along in the book with the words"
 - Also purchased the replacement hose and pump head for the broken bike pump in the back
 - (the front is owned by MMS PTA and they are looking into that as well)
 - **Two votes tonight:**
 - Buddy Bench vote
 - This will be going in next to the new playground
 - A child can go and sit if they are feeling lonely and looking for a friend
 - It runs about \$548
 - Erin Baker motions to approve the
 - Liz Klann seconds the motion
 - Ayes have it, no discussion
 - Summer Teacher Training Funds
 - 7 teachers to the Orton-Gillingham 30 hour course in Phonemic Awareness, phonics and spelling patterns

- Administration is ask for \$7000 to send the teachers to training this summer
- The Fund will give \$2000 towards the training
- Vote tonight to hold \$2000 out the Special Teachers Project Fund
- The rest of the funds could come from money raised at BCNO
- Kim Rios motions
- Megan Breen seconds
- Ayes have it and the motion is adopted

Committee Reports

- Book Fair- Fantastic week!!
- **BCNO- Katie Walters**
 - Jungle is in!!
 - Wild About Dommerich
 - April 16th 7-10pm at the Winter Park Farmers Market
 - Sponsorships available 250-2000
 - Auction Items- requesting a minimum item \$100
 - Gifts from the Heart from Teachers and Families
 - Tickets are up on the website, they are at a reduced rate- the rate will go up soon
 - Tickets are all-inclusive
 - Promo code: Tiger

Visit: Linktr.ee/desbcno you will be able to access handbid from there as well
- **Chiefs on the Run 5K and Dommerich Dash-**
 - Amazing community event with over 490 registered runners and 21 sponsors.
- **Dommerich Fund-**
 - Dommerich Fund fundraising efforts - Will include that we raised over \$3k at the inaugural golf tournament and have paid out \$1,500 to Community Outreach and \$2k for teacher training so far this year with additional spending to occur after the dance fundraiser.
 - Overview of the Inaugural Dommerich "Family" Dance on Leap Day, Saturday, February 29th. 530-730pm
 - It will happen at the Maitland Middle School gym
 - We will have a photobooth, DJ and more
 - 80s dance- 80s music and top 40 current songs
 - The whole family!! The Parents need to be there with their children
 - Fantastic Sams is a great sponsor for the dance-gave \$400 for the event
 - Ticket- Dmmerichfund.com \$30 per family until Feb 25 and then \$40 per family after that
 - We will have water bottles and light snacks
 - Dommerich Fund meetings in March and April - we will turn our focus from events onto how to spend the remaining money that we have raised this year including the PE field pavilion enhancements. We will also be electing a new Dommerich Fund board in April. We will be advertising these meetings a little more ahead of time and hope to get a larger turnout with new volunteers to serve in supporting roles next year.
- **Dommerich Celebrate the Arts (Jennifer Clark)**
 - March 11, dinner at MMS 5:30-7:30, MMS Events 6-8pm and DES events 6:30-8pm
 - Paring up with Maitland Middle school. A great to explore Dommerich Arts and Maitland Arts as well as music.
 - Students art will be on display
 - Arts and Music Stations
 - 2nd grade Shines and 3rd grade Recorders and more
- **Nominating Committee- Nominations**
 - Sarah Chule nominated Jennifer Clark
 - Marion Bakamitsou nominated Megan Cooper
 - Megan Cooper nominated Stacy Wilde
 - Julia Bloom nominate Debbie Browning
 - Liz Clan nominated Katie Walters
 - Motion to nominate the nominating committee: Hope McDavid
 - 2nd the motion Melissa Putt
- **PIE- upcoming events**
 - Chick-Fil-A Night- Feb 25^h (5-8)
 - Tijuana Flats- March 5th
- **Upcoming Reminders:**
 - Kindergarten Registration is March 5th from 9-10am in the cafeteria

Meeting adjourned 8:24pm

Looking Ahead...



FEBRUARY

17-21		SnoCone Spirit Week
20	7:45am	Running Tribe
25	7:45am	Running Tribe
25	5pm-7pm	Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night
27	7:45am	Running Tribe
29		FUND Family Dance

MARCH

TBD Conference Week and Conference Staff Dinner

Please note no Running Tribe on Thursday, March 14th

3	7:45am	Running Tribe
5	7:45am	Running Tribe
TBD	9:00 am	Kindergarten Registration
5	9:00am	Kindergarten Roundup
5	9:30 am	PTA Exec Meeting
5		Staff Lunch (committee)
5	5:00-6:15pm	Spirit Night! Tijuana Flats
	6:15-8:15	Skate Night @ Semoran Skateway
6		Box Tops Collection
9		Chiefs Academy ends
9-12		Coaches Appreciation Week
10	7:45am	Running Tribe
11		Walk-n-Roll
11	6-8pm	DES and MMS Celebrate the Arts and Electives Showcase
12	7:45am	NO Running Tribe. Cancelled for Fun Day
12		FUN DAY
13		No School Student Holiday
16-20		Spring Break
24	7:45am	Running Tribe
26	7:45am	Running Tribe

APRIL

2	7:45am	Running Tribe
2		Staff Luncheon (1 st Grade)
2	5:00-6:15pm	Spirit Night! Tijuana Flats
	6:15-8:15	Skate Night @ Semoran Skateway
3		Box Top Collection
3	9:30 am	PTA Executive Board Meeting
7	7:45am	Running Tribe
7	6pm	SAC Meeting in Media Center (Babysitting available)
	7pm	PTA Meeting in Media Center - Present Slate of Officers (Babysitting available)
8		Walk-n-Roll
9	7:45am	Running Tribe
13	TBD	FireHouse/Jeremiah's Spirit Night
16	7:00pm	Big Chief's Night Out
14	7:45am	Running Tribe
16	7:45am	Running Tribe
20-24		Mrs. Krulick Appreciation Week
21	7:45am	Running Tribe
21		Musical Theater Concert
22		Musical Theater Concert

23	7:45am	Running Tribe
25	9-11am	Family Garden Day
28	7:45am	Running Tribe
30	7:45am	Running Tribe (Last one)



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February "Helping Hands"

Colleen Allen

Jackie Wilson

Katie Witter

Melissa Wenhold

Massie Wanzenberg

Matt Gaston

Sejal Barden

Heather Van Slyke

Allison Harris

Kathleen Steffen

Debra Cohn

Amanda Lent

Maria Alejandra Hingosa

Teresa Newman

Kathi-Lee McClemens