

Delaware PTA Meeting September 3, 2019

Members Present:

Niki Anderson, Kendra Carlson, Dorene Gallant, Amy Murray, Rorrie Stapes, AJ Tilus, Kevin Walker, Susan Moeller, Sarah Crispen, Erin O'learnik, Annie Peyton, Carrie Naber, Megan Schultz, Meagan Denham, Elise Miller, Melissa Sambu, Sarah Lambrecht, Dotti Williams, Ashley Walls, Tiffany Bomer, Trista Logan, Jess Askeland

Introductions:

- The meeting was called to order by President Dorene Gallant at 6:36 pm.
- Ric Powell rescheduled for next month
- Raising Canes moved to next month

Boosterthon Update

- Guests: Ellie Bullock and Elise Busse
- \$5500 raised out of \$12,000; a little behind last year
- Challenges every night
- Secret mission and silly string – third grade won both
- Glow in the dark dance party – 4th grade
- New pledge tonight for prize drawing
- 5th grade extra challenge – class with most challenge teacher pie in face
- Teachers BCC challenge – Starbucks
- Participation: 51% registered; 35% pledged; 15 states represented
- Presented some 2020 dates – September 8-17, 2020
 - Evaluate for 2020 in October PTA meeting
- Feedback to BoosterThon – communication: unsure of challenges for the day; energy level not as high as last year

Secretary's Report – Carrie Naber

- Secretary's report of the August 2019 meeting minutes passed by majority board vote and has been posted to the Delaware PTA web page <https://www.southeastpolk.org/school/delaware-elementary/pta/>.

Treasurer's Report – Jessie Askeland

- Reviewed revenues for July and August
- Reviewed expenses for July and August
- \$34,344 general fund; \$11,738 playground fund
- Proposed 2019-2020 budget and approval process

Hospitality: Christie Sanders

- All new staff members were given Starburst candy along with a note "Bursting to tell you - We're excited to have you on the Delaware team!" ~ Delaware PTA
 - (Carrie Anstine, Emilie Freiberg, Terri Douglas, Jeanie Flipping, Renea Gray, Kara Grochala, Tori Hillaboolt, Ashley Houston, Abbie Ware, Jessica Behrens, Tatum Hochmuth, Mackenzie Schleisman).
- PTA Hospitality filled the staff lounge with goodies and water on the first week back to school. All staff were given a "Get to know you" sheet to complete and hang up outside their office/classroom/work area doors to help parents, staff, students, and the PTA get to know the Delaware staff.
- Conference week: we will be working on meal planning for Tuesday, October 15 and Thursday, October 17 during conferences. In addition, a sign-up form will be sent out to Delaware families to donate snacks, desserts, and beverages for the staff to enjoy during the week of conferences.

Cares & Concerns

- A card was sent to Rachel Carstens for the birth of her baby girl, Ivy.
- A card was sent to Amy Colton for the death of her sister-in-law
- No new cares/concerns

Book Fair – Niki Anderson

- Thursday night preview – Nikki attending
- Dropped off Thursday before conferences; teachers come in on Friday
- Possibly try e-wallet for families
- Theme: Arctic

- Lisa and Nikki have met with new librarian to discuss needs, we'll be using Scholastic dollars to help with building up the library. Already used the credits for One School One Book program. The books crates come library bound which is new this year.

Family Activities: Krystal Drumheller

- Purchased movie license – move forward with one school/one movie concept
- Box Top – September collecting actual clipped box top; app available (Box Top for Education)
 - Looking at doing a school wide initiative
 - Starts 9/1/2019 – 9/30/2019
- Donuts with Santa – December 7th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
 - Start focusing on October/November planning
- Bingo – April 3rd from 5:30 – 7:30 PM
- Social Media Accounts
 - Twitter/Instagram
 - New Website
 - Hoping to keep current events and sign up information
- Shop A Roo – still using this year
 - App for tracking receipts and purchases; points/credits for school

Fundraising: Alyssa Pollard / Amy Murray

- Aquatic passes profit; not in yet – 7 sold this year and \$7 per pass
- Schools supply boxes \$155
- Schedule for 2019-2020
 - Spirit Nights:
 - Culvers – still pending
 - Raising Canes – still pending
 - Over the Top – May 14, 2020
- Spirit wear online store open until Sunday, September 8

Old/New Business

- Membership Dues – pay if you haven't done so already pay Jess \$5
- PTA shirts available – flyer handed out during meeting
- Back Pack Buddies-
 - <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2832754/false?popup=true#/invitation>
 - Change in program Friday mornings to Thursday mornings – no longer allowing pick up at Altoona Elementary; building next to district office where food pick-up is located
 - 7:15 – 8:15 on Thursday mornings
 - Partnered with Fareway – provide free fruit
 - We are able to pick up on Thursday morning
 - Krystal will be handling/organizing this year
 - Partner with Food Bank of Iowa – send home bags of food for children in need
 - Determine number of bags needed for this year
- Playground
 - Pole covers for the Goalsetters
 - Solid black \$189 each
 - Custom \$299
 - Concerned about vandalism – hold off for the time being
 - Working on concrete numbers regarding surface for playground
 - Replace pea gravel
 - Pricing on pads - \$60K
 - Local and national businesses for additional donations
 - Looking to raise about half (\$25K) of funds and looking for additional grants – more information next month from Ric Powell
 - Look into MetroWaste for assistance

Teachers Update:

- PBIS update each month

- 345 positive notes for month of August from teachers to students/colleagues
 - Draw out a winner at every month – additional prize for teacher and student
 - Redoing RAMS reports for parents – simplified for parents for more information/email teachers
 - Deals with positive behavior and reteaching moments for when RAMS way was broken
 - What can we do to make our kids a better human being
 - Friday assemblies – every 6 to 8 weeks; games or guest speaker – hour long
 - Acknowledge 2 people per classroom
 - Bulletin board outside cafeteria for recognition
 - Specials table – remarkable rams special table during lunch – decorated
 - Promote positive behavior and recognize leaders
 - Any questions from parents – please reach out to teachers
- Thursday night – watch dog orientation
 - 34 dads/granddad/older brother interested
 - Volunteer a day in the school
 - Help teachers/greet kids
 - If dads can't attend meeting – contact office if interested

Principal Update

- Great start to the year
- Hallways have messages about taking environment and changing it to the positive
 - Talking about character - any situation you are in – change environment for the positive
 - Damon West and John Gordon – book

The next meeting is Tuesday, October 1 at 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM at the Delaware Band Room. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.