

DRES PTA Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2010

Attendance:

Pam Smith	Kathy Priller	Mary Walker	Dorthea Sample
Elizabeth Janney (reporter from Patch.com)	Michelle McHale	Kristin Mentz	
Melissa Susini	Carmesha Young	Scott Kuperman	Renee Cooper
Jayne Considine	Danielle Coombs	Sangeetha Gudapati	Cheryl Garvey

Call to order at 7:05

Elizabeth Janney, a reporter from Patch.com, was introduced. She writes about Elkridge and has an events calendar and family message board on her web-site.

The new PTA secretary is Cheryl Garvey. She can be reached at 410-799-2840 or lovetkr@live.com

President's Report

1. We approved the September and October minutes.
2. Kim Bonner has completed the directory. It needs to be looked over by other members.
3. There have been issues with teachers handing out fliers in a timely fashion. Please get fliers in two weeks in advance.
4. Magic show was successful with approximately 180 in attendance.

First Vice President's Report

1. Sent out e-mails to recruit volunteers for different events.

Principal's Report

1. Pick-a-time scheduling starts November 9th and report cards are issued on November 15th. With the new report card software, the principal and vice principal can't add comments. They will make a note of this in the flyer so parents understand.
2. There is currently a Spirit wear sale going on.
3. We are looking to schedule a speaker regarding study habits and organizational skills from elementary to middle school.
4. School planning is being discussed for the 2011 year. We will need to add a 7th first grade teacher. A new elementary school is to be built to help with over-crowding, but not until 2013.
5. The week of November 15th is American Education Week. Parents are encouraged to show up multiple times throughout the week.
6. Halloween was a big success. Everyone was safe and the gym, decorations, and costumes looked great.

Vice Principal's Report

1. The cultural arts assembly was very successful. The kids loved it. The next cultural arts assembly will be in February and it will be South African dancers.
2. \$430 was raised from the pumpkin auction.
3. Deep Run staff is working closely with bus drivers to monitor behavior on buses with incentives like Bear Bucks. We will invite bus drivers to mornings with moms or deliver coffee and donuts to their buses.

Market Day

1. \$234 were raised last month.
2. We have raised \$543 this year.
3. Volunteers are needed.
4. I MISSED THE MARKET DAY PICK UP AND DEADLINE DATES

Membership

1. We have 287 members: Staff-101, Families-186
2. This time last year we had 284.
3. Fliers and e-mails will be sent out to promote membership.

Newsletter

It will be completed this weekend.

Teacher Appreciation

1. There will be a baked potato bar Monday, November 22nd at 5:00 for the teachers.

Fundraisers

1. The holiday shop is ready. There are fliers in the teachers boxes.
2. \$292 were raised at family fun night at Cheeburger Cheeburger.
3. A bingo event is coming soon.
4. Th box tops drive is currently going on.

Scholastic book fair

1. Set-up will be on November 16-17, still looking for volunteers.
2. It will be open on November 18, 19, 22 and 23.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55