

## Whit Davis Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

Tues. October 13, 2009

### **In Attendance:**

Kathy Hedden, Kristin Kulik, Fabian Jones, Brenda Chrisp, Shannah Montgomery, Jennifer Smith, Sabrina Young, Adele Gross, Patty Brooks, Dana Turner, Denise Van Wicklen, Linda Gilbert, Keisha Ryals, Mabel Jones, Sharyn Dickerson, Susan Huff, Ani Fischer, Steven King

Meeting called to order (6:05 pm)

Sharyn Dickerson, PTO president welcomed everyone to meeting

Attendees played quick game of Heads or Tails. Prizes were awarded to the winners.

### **Principal's Report:**

Principal, Katrina Daniel was unable to attend. Assistant Principal, Brenda Chrisp reported that Mrs. Daniel's husband was home from the hospital. A sign-up sheet was placed in the office for anyone wanting to donate food to the family. A get-well card for Mr. Daniel was passed around for everyone to sign.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Patty Brooks reported that PTO has \$15,783 in bank after coupon book sales were complete. As of today, 150 were unaccounted for per Janet Frick, Coupon Book Sales Chairperson.

### **Secretary's Report**

Meeting Minutes from September 8, 2009 were presented and approved with an amendment made to the reported cost of the popcorn machine, previously approved. The correct cost was \$765.00.

### **Old Business**

*Fall Festival-* Denise Van Wicklen reported that the Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 24 from 10:00 a.m.- 1:00p.m. Wrist bands will be sold for \$5.00 each. Presale will take place Oct. 21-23 before school in the rotunda and car rider line. Wristbands will also be available the day of the Festival (Oct. 24). The first 100 people to buy wristbands will receive a Chickfila coupon. Pizza will be \$1.00 per slice. Drinks, fruit, and popcorn will be available for \$.50 each. Tables will be available to rent for businesses at a cost of \$25 or you can bring your own table for \$20. Contact Denise Van Wicklen if you are interested in renting a table. Coffee will be sold by Mrs. Bettis and her students. A group of high school students has volunteered to help out with Fall Festival activities. Inflatables will be placed in and around the car rider circle. Members discussed purchasing or making signs to advertise the Fall Festival.

Adele Gross reported that donations have been secured for the silent auction. Donations include gift certificates for local restaurants, autographed UGA items, facials, and art prints. If anyone would like to donate silent auction items, please contact Adele at [adele@atyourserviceathens.com](mailto:adele@atyourserviceathens.com)

*Square One Art* -Art squares have been completed and sent to company. The samples and order forms are expected to be sent home with students by October, 26. Order forms and payments must be returned by November 3.

### **New Business**

*Teacher Appreciation*- A thank you note from staff members to Urban Sanctuary was circulated. Urban Sanctuary provided free massages to the staff. Teacher Appreciation committee co-chairs, Ani Fischer and Susan Huff reported that Friday, October 16 was Teacher Appreciation Day. The donation list was circulated. Please bring donations to the office on Friday morning. Papa John's pizza will be provided for the staff on the Tuesday evening of parent conferences.

*Family/Social Committee* – Sabrina Young reported that Family Movie Night for Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade has been scheduled for November 13. The Fall Dance for grades 3-5 is scheduled for November 20. Members discussed planning future events, including a Skate Night and Yard Sale.

*Partners In Education* committee chairperson is needed. Contact Sharyn Dickerson if you are interested.

*Funds Request* – Coach Williams submitted a funds request in the amount of \$350.00 to pay for a visit/presentation from Atlanta Falcon's mascot, Freddie Falcon. The visit and presentation supplements the current program, First Down for Fitness used in Health Class. Susan Huff moved to approve the request. Adele Gross seconded. The request was approved.

Sharyn Dickerson read the proposed policy that provides the procedures for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Service Project .

Steven King thanked PTO for globes, maps, and literacy kits that were recently purchased through a funds request. The items were on display for members to view.

Mr. King reported that the Gardening Committee had completed the removal of plants and a soil donation had been secured for the school garden project. Keisha Ryals and Susan Huff said that a grant is available through Community Connections. The information is available on the *Hands of Northeast Georgia* website. Coach Williams class would be planting vegetable garden in the cleared space.

*Parent Advisory Board*-Keisha Ryals reported that a letter was sent to the CCSD Board and Superintendent concerns about the school board's inability to make decisions, specifically regarding the recent viewing of President Obama's speech to students.

The next PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November, 10, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center

The meeting was adjourned.

