

Dewing PAC Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2008

PAC Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: March 13, 2008

REMINDERS

Next PAC Meeting Thurs, April 10, 2008 7:30 pm Dewing School Library

DECISIONS AND/OR VOTES

#	MOTION	FIRST	SECOND	VOTE RESULT
1	Accept the February 2008 minutes	L. Gill	S. Pothier	Approved
2	Accept the financial for Feb.7th-March 13 th	S. Pothier	L. Gill	Approved
3	Motion to Adjourn meeting at 8:50 p.m.	P. Impink	S. Pothier	Approved

MEETING AGENDA

TOPIC	DISCUSSION LEAD
I. Introductions/Welcome	Krissy Polimeno
II. Mrs. Ronan's Update	Mrs. Ronan
III. Vote on Meeting Minutes from February Meeting Schedule for Elections for 2008/2009 School year	Melissa Lane Krissy Polimeno
IV. Review Financials	Arthy Bennett
V. Fundraising	Loretta Ryan
VI. Other Events and Activities	Krissy Polimeno
VII. Questions/Comments	Krissy Polimeno

ATTENDEES

Officers

Attended	Role	Name	Email Address
Yes	Chairperson	Krissy Polimeno	philandkristen@comcast.net
Yes	Vice Chairperson	Loretta Ryan	macnmad@comcast.net
Yes	Treasurer	Arthy Bennett	Bennetts2000@yahoo.com
Yes	Secretary	Melissa Lane	mdlane117@comcast.net

Members: The Secretary retains the attendance list. It is not distributed with the minutes.

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MEETING MINUTES

I. Introductions/Welcome

- Krissy Polimeno called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.
- All attendees introduced themselves.

II. Mrs. Ronan's Update

- Mrs. Ronan formally announced to the PAC that she would be retiring at the end of this school year. She has been at the Dewing School for 34 ½ years.
- An Olympian recently visited the Dewing School to speak to the children about goal setting. Mrs. Ronan reported that the event was a huge success. She also mentioned how impressed the Olympian was with the children here at the Dewing School. She was able to make contact and personally shake each student's hand. Mrs. Ronan recommended this presenter to all of the schools in town.

III. Vote on Meeting Minutes and discuss Elections for 2008/2009 School Year

- * The meeting minutes from February were distributed via email and available on the website. Copies were also available at the meeting.
- * The minutes were unanimously approved.

ELECTIONS

- * Krissy Polimeno announced that all committee head open positions would be announced during the April PAC Meeting on 4/10/08. In addition anyone may run for positions on the board. At this point, Krissy Polimeno, Loretta Ryan, Arthy Bennett and Melissa Lane all seek to remain on the board for the 2008/2009 school year.
- * Arthy Bennett, Treasurer, will be looking to train someone for her position as of January 2009. That person would then take over the Treasurer position in September 2009.

IV. Financials -February-March financials

- * Review of Financials - period between February 7, 2008 and March 13, 2008
 - * Income (\$2,469.30) from: SpiritWear day, Got Books, Cookbook sales, DISH Dine Out Night, and School Store February sales.
 - * Disbursements (\$2,114.74) for: Boxtops, Campbell's Labels Shipping, Gift Card Supplies, Copier Leasing, cookbook printing, Arts and Entertainment: Olympian presentation, Roller Kingdom: deposit for next year's event on 1/19/09.
 - * Arthy reviewed the Income and Expense statement. The current balance is \$13,202.20. The total of outstanding commitments (e.g., Field Trip Buses, Copier Lease, Staff Requests) is \$4,903.83. Total funds available are \$8,298.37.
 - * Arthy reported that several die-cuts for the Ellison Machine are being purchased in the amount of \$323 plus tax.
 - * The financials were approved (see vote above). The Treasurer retains the official financial reports.

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V. Fundraising

- * Loretta Ryan gave an update on the Gift Card Fundraiser. The next round of Gift Card sales will begin during the week of April 17th. Orders will be available for pick-up on May 1st and 2nd.
- * Got Books continues to make progress. Loretta Ryan reported that Mrs. McSheehey has been cleaning out and using the drop box a lot. The drop box will be mentioned again during the Reading Marathon book swap or other events.
- * Loretta Ryan reported on BoxTops for Education. We recently received a check for \$1,765.48 and at this point we have 4,000 points from Campbell's labels. BoxTops is currently running an online promotional contest. She urges everyone to log on to the BoxTops website once a day to enter our school to win. Anyone can enter. An email was sent out to the email distribution list encouraging families to enter as much as possible. The web site is www.boxtops4education.com/promotions/extremedream/
- * Loretta Ryan reported on the Dine-out Events in Ginny Perron's absence. DiSH in Andover was a big success earning \$280 for the Dewing School. The next Dine-out night will be held at Wicked Cheesy. A tentative date of 3/24 has been set.
- * Melissa Lane reported on the cookbook sales. The sales have been terrific raising approximately \$1,100. The final books will go home in backpacks on Tuesday, March 18th.
- * Krissy Polimeno reported on the School Store in Kerry Quinn's absence. The store is continuing to do excellent. Volunteers are urgently needed for Thursday School Store days. Anyone who can donate a few hours on Thursdays should contact Kerry Quinn (kaquinn97@msn.com).
- * Krissy Polimeno reported on the upcoming Dewing Movie Night. The event will take place on 3/19/08 in the cafeteria. Tickets will be \$1 each. Participants will be invited to come in their PJs. Snacks and drinks will be made available. Country Store Tickets will be sold for chances to win a Nintendo Wii. Tickets will be one for \$3 and three for \$5. The winner will be announced at the end of the movie.
- * Melissa Lane reported on Square One Art. Mrs. Kosiba has done a wonderful job pulling all the students' artwork together. It will be sent to the printer at the end of the Month and sales fliers with magnets containing the child's artwork will be sent home with students in the middle of April. Orders will need to be placed in early May and the final products will be delivered in early June. The project has been opened to teachers as well and many have had an interest in having their own children create artwork.
- * Arthy Bennett and Loretta Ryan reported on the Coin Drive in Christine Strickler's absence. The drive has been extremely successful. At the time of the meeting the Dewing School raised \$77 in pennies, \$400 in dimes, and \$360 in quarters. Nickels and "Anything Goes" amounts had not been totaled as of the meeting. A FUNHOOP will be purchased with the money raised. Mrs. Ronan will look into the work order for installation as well as determine an appropriate location for the hoop.

VI. Other Events/Activities

- * Andrea Regina and the PAC Board reported on the Reading Marathon project. The Kick-off Celebration was held on 3/11. There were over 400 participants that evening. The children had a terrific time participating in several reading and marathon themed events and listening to speakers such as Nate Jenkins (2007 Runner of the year) and Mark Coddair owner of Marx's Running in Acton. Children took part in stretching activities with Julann Briggs to get their bodies going and Tongue Twisters with Andrea Regina to get their mouths ready for reading. There was lots of excitement for the event and considering the huge attendance the event was a wonderful success enjoyed by parents and students. There were a few improvements discussed for future events like this. Also, the PA System was tested after the PAC meeting and we confirmed that it is working and may possibly have not been hooked up appropriately during the reading event.
- * Krissy Polimeno reported in Louise Chemla's absence on the Heartbreak Hill Spaghetti Dinner (4/9), the next event to take place during the Reading Marathon. This event also looks like it will

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have a large number of participants. It is still in the planning stage. The All-School celebration will end the Reading Marathon event on 4/19.

- * Lisa Gill reported on the Staff Luncheon, which will be held on Thursday, May 22nd. Volunteers are still needed and they will be having a meeting soon. The theme this year will be movies and the colors will be black, gold, and white. A suggestion was made that it might be nice to contact those who submitted recipes in the cookbook and ask that they make that recipe for the luncheon it plausible.
- * Paige Impink reported on the 2nd Grade Library Card Drive. It was a huge success with 75% of the students responding. A lot had cards already, 26 new cards were issues and 12 lost cards were replaced. The library will also be doing the drive at the North Street School and it will be done again next year at the Dewing School.
- * Krissy Polimeno reported on the School Department's Town-Wide Battle of the Bands fundraiser scheduled for this upcoming summer. Dennis Maffeo whose daughter Hanna attends the Dewing School and who is a member of the band Plasma Factory, will be representing the Dewing school.
- * Krissy Polimeno reported on the High School PAC's Trivia Night Fundraiser. The event will be held on 3/20 and Dewing staff, families, and the PAC have purchased many tables.
- * Holly Fleury spoke about Destination Imagination and thanked the PAC for purchasing team t-shirts for the tournament being held on 3/15. She also spoke about DI funding and informed the group that Cheryl Edwards will be the DI Coordinator for the Dewing School next year.
- * Loretta Ryan spoke briefly about the Green Makeover Ford is putting on. Families are urged to visit www.fordvehicles.com/educatetoescape/?bannerid=B_EducateToEscape_FBHybrid to enter Tewksbury High School which is in dire need of a "green makeover".

VII. Questions/Comments

- * No one had any additional items to discuss.
- * Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.
- * Meeting minutes prepared and submitted by Melissa Lane.