



DURHAM SCHOOL OF THE ARTS - PTSA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING



DATE: Wednesday, September 09, 2009

PLACE: DSA Media Center

IN ATTENDANCE: **David Hawks** – Principal; **Lyleen Collins** – Exiting President; **Margaret Cox** – Incoming PTSA President; **Kateri Hoekstra** – Treasure; **Sarah Jane Huber** – Student Rep; **Cecilia Watkins** – Secretary; **Jackie Bryant** – Membership; **Sarah Corey** – Teacher; **Earle Manhertz** – Site Base Liaison; **Jeff Gall** – Reflections/School Beauty; **Xavier D. Page** – Volunteer VP

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: PTSA President - Margaret Cox at 05:50 PM.

Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes for August 13th were distributed by Cecilia Watkins and Lyleen Collins motion for their approval, Kateri Hoekstra seconds the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Principal Update, Mr. Hawks

Enrollment: 1,411 students. This number includes staff children that had not been accepted in the first lottery.

The school scores for last year are very good. The school continues to be a high achieving school with local and national recognition.

The school year had a very smooth start. It feels like the students were out one day and back the next. Students and teachers are enjoying the mobile classrooms with central air, mold free and proximity to the rest of the campus. The other teachers forced to relocate because of the closing of the Carr Building are adjusting and so far so good.

The new locker distribution policy proposed by Mr. Hawks and implemented beginning of school is a success. Sarah Huber confirmed how much easier this makes life for the students.

Lunch time is working out well so far and it should continue this way for the time being provided students keep the rules and clean after themselves. The students are concerned about this matter when the weather turns bad. Mr. Hawks is aware of this and will continue to work on a solution.

Financial Update - Kateri Hoekstra, Treasurer

Kateri Hoekstra circulated the transaction report from August 1 to the present. \$690 in membership dues has been deposited and \$450 towards the Fundraiser has been collected. Kateri

Hoekstra will present the proposed budget (previously approved at the August 13th PTSA Board Meeting) to the General Membership on September 22nd for final approval.

The Fundraiser committee met on August 28th and a donation letter was finalized. New this year for the fundraiser is online donations will be accepted using a Paypal account. Kateri has set up the Pay Pal account for the PTSA. The 2 ways to donate online will be visiting the PTSA website and clicking the DONATE button or clicking on the link in the DSA daily announcement emails. Fundraiser letters are scheduled to be mailed by the first of October.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OPEN HOUSE(S)

- Went well and the dedication of all participants is greatly appreciated.
- A raising 9th grader, Joanna Ehrisman, stayed at school to help with the 6 and 7 grade Open House. She did a fantastic job and was a great example to the new comers. Thank you Joanna.

OTHER COMMITTEES:

- *More complete information will be recorded at the next board meeting in October.*

The PTA Code of Ethics Form was presented and signed by the Board Members attending the meeting. Copies were available for those who wanted a copy.

Meeting adjourned by: Margaret Cox

Respectfully Submitted,

Cecilia Watkins

PTSA Secretary