

Durbin Creek Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization

General Meeting

February 16, 2023

DCE Oasis 6:00 PM

Board Members Present:

Maria Johnson	Co-President
Shanthi Dhaduvai	Co-President
Dara Giddings	Vice President
Nikki Boutin	Treasurer
Jen Sachs	Secretary
Tarra Lowe	Partner-in-Learning Coordinator

Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM

Minutes from the November 2022 Meeting were approved by Tarra Lowe and Shanti D

Treasurer Report

- Holiday Shop made a little over \$3,000
- Approximately \$51k Spent for 100 laptops and carts and extra money going to be used for extra ipads for ESE Students
- Teacher/Staff Funds Request Purchases
- Butterfly Kit
- Science Experiment Kits
- Recess/Playground Toys
- Online Learning Subscriptions
- Snack Pantry
- Thanks to the parents for Soup-er Bowl, Volunteers and Donations.

Nominating Committee

- Assisting in recruiting, selecting and nominating the 2023-2024 Executive Board
- General election of these nominees will take place in the spring
- Any PTO Members can volunteer for this committee or submit their intent to run for an executive position. If Interested Please email durbincreekelementarypto@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

- Book Fair
 - o February 21 – March 3
- Movie Night: Sing 2
 - o February 24
 - o Doors Open at 6:30 PM, Movie starts at 7PM
 - o Pre-Orders for Chick Fil A due February 23rd
 - o HS Volunteers Needed
- DCE Talent Show
 - o March 6th & 7th
- Space Jam
 - o April 1
 - o Food, Treats, Games & Dance Party
 - o Volunteers Needed to help plan/coordinate
- Art Show
 - o April 28
 - o Silent Auction items will happen here.
 - Donations from Parents would be very welcomed/needed

5TH GRADE EVENTS

- We need parents of 5th Graders who are interested in helping with the 5th grade Celebration Events
- For more info, please email Jen Farcas at Durbingrade5@gmail.com

Principal's Report given by Ashley McCormick:

- 4 new portables coming in during the Summer
- 986 enrolled at the current time
- A lot of kids coming from all over that are not speaking English, so iPads are very needed
- Just finished testing for Mid-Year
 - o Working with each grade level to dig into the scores for the kids
 - o End of April into May, testing will begin across the grades
- Tutors Have Started and had good success within the small groups
 - o Kindergarten
 - o 1st Grade
 - o 2nd Grade
 - o Interviewing for 3rd Grade
- Budget Season is coming
 - o Projections on teachers, kids etc
 - o Kindergarten projections hard – Register soon
 - o Be sure to register your kids when registration is open
 - Registration is annually. Not just a one time thing.
- 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Calendar out for parent input on the schedule

Q&A

- Is there a week of Parent Teacher Conferences set?
 - o Individual, but not a set time
- For Kindergarten – How is the Substitute Situation working?
 - o Trying to find a long-term sub right now until the end.
 - o Starting next week, having an instructional coach in there in the mornings to help with foundations to make sure they are still on plan/schedule
 - o Last resort of splitting up the class, each teacher has a list set-up for how to split the kids so that they go to the same teacher each time.
- School Field Trips – No off-campus field trips for 3rd Grade
 - o 3rd Grade is trying to get an off-campus field trip
 - o Buses can only be 930-1230 – which makes it more difficult

Meeting Adjourned