

PTO Meeting Minutes – General Meeting

September 16th, 2021

Virtual/Zoom Meeting

Attendees: All DCE Board members attended, over 30 additional parents

Call to Order – 5:35pm

Review or previous meeting minutes

Motion to Approve – unanimous

1) Membership Notes

- a) 120+ members
- b) Just under 900 students at DCE

2) Principal's Report (Ms McCormick)

- a) She's getting a lot of support and positive feedback from the DCE community
- b) IReady assessments are finishing up
- c) FSA testing will be going away, waiting details
- d) Teacher committees meet 1x per week to discuss everything going on and see if/how things can be improved/changed
- e) Common Formative Quizzes – progress evaluation quizzes are being given to 4th & 5th graders
- f) Special recognition will be given to "Outstanding Explorers" for good behavior/attitudes
- g) Q & A With the PTO:
 - i) Mr Jorgenson asked if there are any specific needs Ms McCormick or DCE as a whole needs, she responded no, but she is open to ideas
 - ii) Are we considered over-capacity? No
 - iii) How are we handling social distancing and contact tracing? We are doing the best we can with the space we have; contact tracing is doing really well
 - iv) Will results from IReady be sent directly to parents or through parent conferences? Hard copies typically not sent home but teachers are open to discussing results
 - v) Can we improve biker/walker release? We release big kids first; we are open to suggestions, gates open till 8pm (10pm for car line loop) for pickup on rainy days

3) Treasurer's Report

- a) Rollover from last year's budget was \$80,782.12
- b) Partners in Learning has brought in \$24,600
- c) Membership income = \$3,463
- d) Spirit Wear income = \$6,669.78
- e) Spirit Night income:
 - i) Jeremiah's Ice = \$225
 - ii) Tropical Smoothie = \$583.33
- f) Amazon Smile income = \$183
- g) Proposed budget, motion to approve, 2nded, call for objections (none), budget was approved

- 4) Boosterthon / Fun Run
 - a) Fundraising Goals (what we want to do with the money we raise)
 - i) More iPads
 - ii) More bike racks on both sides of the school, maybe an awning or some covering for the bike racks
 - b) Top fundraising student gets a "Golden Ticket" which allows them to skip car-line entirely
 - c) Someone asked if there was a backup plan for the fun run if it could not be held like it was in years past, it was suggested that it be held in smaller groups over a couple of days
 - d) Someone asked when planners & shirts will arrive, we are expecting them by the end of September

- 5) Volunteering Opportunities
 - a) Book Fair
 - b) Staff snacks
 - c) Volunteers need to register with the St Johns County School District which can take a couple of weeks for approval, but approval is good for a couple of years

- 6) Upcoming Events
 - a) Picture Day – Sept 17
 - b) Jeremiah's Ice Night – Sept 22
 - c) Book Fair – Sept 27 – Oct 8
 - d) Boosterthon – Oct 12 – Oct 22
 - e) No School – Oct 18
 - f) Spirit Prize Patrol – Nov 12

6:26 pm – motion to adjourn, 2nded and approved.