

DESERT MOUNTAIN PTO
February 5th, 2008

Attending: Claire Harbottle, Carol Moench, Kelly Lieb, Sandy DeJohn, Jennifer Petersen, Terri Rainmondi, Greg Milbrandt - Administrator

Meeting called to order at 9:06 a.m. by co-President, Claire Harbottle.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Kelly Lieb to approve the January 8th, 2007 meeting minutes. **Seconded** by Sandy DeJohn. **Unanimously approved.**

Greg Milbrandt- Administrator

Greg gave an update on DMHS. Highlights are as follows:

- Greg expressed gratitude for PTO's and District's support for Kevin Brown's death (security guard at DMHS). There is a trust fund college account set up for Kevin's children. Greg made the staff aware of this donation opportunity as well.
- Construction at DMHS is on schedule. The field houses for softball and baseball are not open for the teams to use for a couple of weeks. The fields, however, are able to be utilized.
- The completion and final touches for the cafeteria will be the end of March. It will be a little earlier than that for the completion of the field house down by the football stadium.
- The district is looking for input from the community regarding McDowell Mountain Ranch/DC Ranch issues. Greg encouraged giving suggestions online on the SUSD website.
- The auditorium has had problems with the lighting and sound systems. It is being scheduled for installation of a new sound system within this next month. A week will need to be blocked out. In addition, they are looking at a new lighting system to be installed, although this is not scheduled as of yet, and are currently renting a lighting system. Greg would like to do both installments at the same time if possible. Therefore, we may see possible schedule changes with the auditorium in the near future, as a result of this installation.
- DMHS is getting a new marquee sign, paid through a state grant obtained a few years ago. DMHS is receiving an electrical digital one, without the need for supplementary or PTO financial support. All the high schools are earmarked to get the digital displays and elementary and middle schools will get removable letter marquees.
- End of Year Winter Sports: This is the last week of basketball and playoffs will begin shortly. The boys are in for basketball playoffs, while the girls are right on the cusp. Wrestling's state tournament starts this week.

Treasurer's Report –Kelly Lieb

- Kelly will email the Treasurer's report out today with necessary corrections. PTO will need to approve the Treasurer's Report at next month's meeting, March 4th.
- Kelly noted that bank credit/interest is up to \$795.57, so this was a prudent move just for setting it up! PTO is raking it in with Escrip-\$13,173.62!
- Under "Other Gift to School" (\$9,768.49), Kelly noted that we still have more checks to sign. She assured us it is okay that we're way over the budget (\$4,800.00) because we have plenty of money to spend, but simply need to keep an eye on it.
- Claire said Detective Katzaroff does not recommend having "NotMyKid.Org" any longer, due to their speaker changes, etc. He recommends changing to "Community Bridges." Claire will research further.
- Under "Teacher Gifting Fund" Kelly noted that only half of our teachers have participated.
- Claire will send a note to all Committee Chairs to determine whether or not their budgets are on target.
- Advertisements at MMS and Cheyenne for a PTO Treasurer for next school year are underway. The email to Desert Canyon parents bounced back. Claire will check with Carolyn Attal to see if she can notify the parents there.
- Claire will ask Jill Paweski who is responsible for ink purchases for the teachers, and to get a copy of the 2005 tax return for Kelly.

NEW BUSINESS:

President's Update – Claire Harbottle

Kevin Brown Memorial - Claire solicited ideas for a PTO memorial for Kevin Brown. One suggestion was to plant a tree by the rock memorial. Another suggestion was made to have the students participate and sell candy during lunchtime to raise money for his children's college trust fund. As this requires someone to spearhead it, Claire said that Mauri's daughter, Kristen, could take a leadership role on as a "Service Manager" for Service Learning with this fundraiser.

PTO Forms- Claire will ask committee chairs to print off forms from the website, update them, and send them back to Mauri for review, and/or questions. All updated forms are due at the March PTO meeting.

Fundraising – Safeway's Escrip – Our school is in the top 250 in the nation! As recognition for this, Safeway is donating \$1,000.00 to us!! Safeway would also like us to make a poster for their store.

1st V.P. Update – Sandy DeJohn

Funding Requests

Sandy distributed a Funding Requests sheet detailing the months of August to present. Please see handout in original meeting minutes.

1. **Suzette Korchmaros – Foreign Language – 123 student field trip to Orpheum -\$3,813.00.** This includes tickets to the show, lunch, and bus transportation. Sandy will first have Ms. Korchmaros check to see if tax credit money can cover the ticket and transportation portions of the field trip, and determine who paid for this trip in past years. A **motion** was made by Jennifer to pay the lunch portion of this trip (\$1,230.00). **Seconded** by Terri. **Unanimously Approved.**

An **amendment** to the first **motion** was made by Jennifer to approve paying the balance of the money due for the field trip, equaling a total cost of \$3,813.00, should tax credit research determine that it could not pay for the trip. **Seconded** by Terri. **Unanimously Approved.**

2. **Sam Russell – Social Studies - \$60.00 for a wireless presenter.** A **motion** was made by Jennifer to purchase a wireless presenter for \$60.00. **Seconded** by Terry. **Unanimously Approved.** (Please note that Sam Russell had already previously submitted a green form this school year, so he could not do so again for something this small under the amount of \$75.00. Therefore it is submitted under funding request.)

3rd V.P. Update – Terry Raimondi – The Project Graduation January 16th meeting was cancelled, & they will be scheduling a new meeting shortly. All chairs are in line except a Salon chair. They are trying to get a Wii/Guitar Hero station set up.

Jennifer Petersen shared regarding the Silent Auction and Dinner: The invitations were already sent out to the senior parents, and the junior parents will receive them next week. (Last year only the senior parents were invited.) The venue is Monterra. Although it is normally a 300 person maximum capacity, they could squeeze it to 360 persons if they change the table size. The invitations cost \$1,622.00 and \$555.00 postage. The estimated expense for Monterra is \$9,800.00. Cost per person is \$65.00, and this will be the teacher's cost, as well. Jennifer met with Mike from Event Central yesterday, to discuss details. They are leaning towards having him MC the event. Jennifer described the theme and details, which are double secret, and sounded wonderful!! ☺ Ten places are being given to Greg Milbrandt. Check in is at 6pm; 7pm is the buffet dinner; The silent auction will be first and then live auction to follow. Check out is at 10pm. She would like one person to oversee check in and check out. If 200 people come, will cover the cost for invitation and postage. She asked for IB and service learning volunteers to help that day. Terry will contact IB, and Sandy, Service Learning. Pom and Cheer are already helping that evening. At the completion of this event, Jennifer's committee will give a complete recap of expenses. She wants to promote the sponsors, and also hopes to find a DMHS parent who is a jeweler to donate a diamond. Jennifer also suggested that "Auction Volunteers" be solicited on the new PTO forms for next school year.

Next Meeting

March 4th, 2008, 9 am conference room. Upcoming meeting dates are 4/1, and May TBD.

Claire Harbottle adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Moench, PTO Secretary

cc: PTO members, Jill Paweski