

DURHAM INTERMEDIATE PTO GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM
JANUARY 12, 2010

Tina called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Dr. Lowell Strike, Julie Thannum, Mr. Gary Brake, Tina Wasserman, Tammy Kane, Julie Varialle, Tray Collins, Anjie Gordon, Jennifer Stallings, Robin Webb, Michele Packard, Patrice Miller, Maggi Long, Becky Ginn, Sharon Duquemin, Margaret Adams, Rebecca Schwartz, Lisa Butcher, Nan Stairs, and Ann Breeding.

Tina asked for a motion to approve last month's minutes. Jennifer Stallings made a motion, Michele Packard seconded the motion. The motion passed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Brake thanked the PTO for the outdoor classroom. He is excited, thrilled and relieved to have the extra space. He thanked the volunteers that helped over the holidays with the project.

He discussed the upcoming half days and the schedule times for release.

He said everything has been going well and report cards will be sent home on January 22nd.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Julie dispersed a financial statement to the audience. The financials can be found in the secretary's binder.

We recently received a check for \$1033.65 for directory advertising.

For the 2009-2010 PTO Board we have purchased with fundraising dollars, clay for the art class, 6 microscopes, scholastic online program, paid for the commandos student and parent program, start up funds for the teacher's classrooms, class t shirts for each student and teacher, outdoor classroom that will seat

approximately 100 students, smaller shaded area by the fields, basketball sports court and sod.

Julie said we are in very good shape. We have approximately \$47,000.00 in the bank.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tina added to Mr. Brake's update on the outdoor classroom that we have commissioned sod to be laid down to replace that was lost during construction.

She gave an overview of the upcoming computer course for parents by Billy Knight. The internet safety program will be conducted in the school cafeteria on three separate nights. Dates of the program are Tuesday, January 26th, Wednesday, Feb. 3rd and Thursday, Feb. 18th from 6 to 8 p.m. Mr. Knight will be discussing how to keep your child safe on Facebook, My Space and the cell phone. The DIS PTO will be inviting members of the PTO's from the three feeder schools, Carroll Elementary, Johnson Elementary and Durham Elementary.

The CMS PTSO is forming their nominating committee and forms are at the desk.

The DIS PTO is forming their nominating committee at this time. Please contact Tray Collins if you are interested in helping on this committee. We will have a representative from each feeder school to assist with the project.

VICE-PRESIDENT OF DISBURSEMENT'S REPORT

Tray reported that the executive committee approved a disbursement for \$343.99 to Mrs. Ramsey. Mrs. Ramsey's classroom is a former copying room with tile floors. She requested a rug for the floor, a partition for privacy and a chair to assist in teaching the behavioral unit.

Another expenditure the executive committee approved was for Dr. Giffin for \$236.85. She requested fourteen games of Boggle and the game Catch Phrase.

The third disbursement was from the Science Lab to purchase 16 new microscopes for a total of \$3533.00 to assist with the science labs. We recently

purchased six new microscopes in the Fall, this would give the teachers 22 new ones.

Ann Breeding made a motion to approve the funding of new microscopes for the Science Lab at a cost of \$3533.00. Michele Packard seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The fourth disbursement was from Mrs. Joyce for the subscription to the Scholastic News for DIS at a cost of \$99.75. This would be for four classes of 25.

Michele Packard made a motion to approve the expenditure for the Scholastic News Subscription. Anjie Gordon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The fifth disbursement was from Mrs. Joyce for DIS Reading Association membership at a cost of \$69.00. Rebecca Schwartz made a motion to approve the expenditure for the Reading Association membership and Ann Breeding seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Volunteer of the month went to Sharon Duquemin and Robin Webb for their work as art docents.

VICE-PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS

Stacy Saxton could not attend because she was ill. She did communicate that the Internet Safety Program would be paid for out of her budget.

VICE-PRESIDENT OF FUND RAISING

Tammy Kane reported that sixth grade fun night was a success. Mr. Underwood's class won the tug of war competition.

Booster Thon is in the last stages of being finalized. She will have more information at the February meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

CMS and Mr. Matt Miller will have an incoming seventh grade parent meeting on Feb. 22, 2010.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hospitality will host their second offsite function for the staff this Thursday at Cool Vines.

The Art docents reported that in February they will have their final program for the year.

Janet Fish reported that community partners has brought in \$279.10 from box top collections. Sarah Odneal and Jared Grant were the box top winners in the last contest. They won Harkins gift cards.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m. The meeting followed with guest speakers Dr. Lowell Strike and Julie Thannum giving an update on the district's Expenditure Reduction Plan.

These minutes were respectively submitted by Maureen Cramer.