

Downers Grove South High School PTA
November 17, 2009

Call to Order: President Cheri Peterson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Those in attendance were: Steve Bild, Ed Schwartz, Barb Schrage, Cindy Topps, Barb Ceranec, Lisa Worthington, Laurie Ruggiero, Vanessa McGriff-Culver, Karen Encher Skala, Linda Cooper, Ryan Gleason, Nancy Janis, Blair Janis and Terry Pavesich.

Secretary's Report: The October minutes were amended to read, "The Budget was voted on and approved, and Barb moved to raise Staff Appreciation to \$900, seconded by Terri." The October minutes were approved as amended by Ed Schwartz and seconded by Cindy Topps.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Topps reported the fiscal dates have been worked out; it has been determined that 1099's are not necessary for scholarship recipients. Five (5) out of seven (7) scholarships for the 08-09 school year have been paid out; Cheri is working on documentation for last one.

The Treasurer's Report has been filed for audit.

Principal's Report: Associate Principal Ed Schwartz reported on the following:

- Tomorrow (Nov. 18) is a late start day.
- December 2nd is the next late start day.
- An email from DGN to DGS students about an Egg Harbor fundraiser was nixed; we will think about Dunkin Donuts fundraisers
- Friday and Saturday (Nov. 20 & 21) is the DGS Snowball Retreat at Camp Duncan.
- The Winter Play this year is *Bus Stop*, and it will be performed Friday and Saturday (December 4 & 5)
- The Winter Art Show and Holiday Concert are scheduled for Thursday, December 10th.

- The Key Club is sponsoring a food drive fund.
- Peer Leaders are “adopting” an under-privileged child by providing Christmas gifts.
- Winter sports are starting.

Mr. Steve Bild reported: Tonight is the Parent Advisory Board Meeting. The topics to discuss will be “School Improvement Plan.” Calendar changes due to the power outage went well; everything is on time with the exception of the play which is one week behind.

Vice-President Report: Barb reported that numbers are still coming in. Directories are on schedule.

Volunteer Coordinator: Lisa reported that the Career Fair went well and there has been an overwhelming response for hospitality volunteers. Holiday Breakfast is scheduled for December 17th. Lisa will contact Rena.

Spirit Wear: Spirit Wear sale for the Oct. 29 Parent-Teacher Conferences cleared in excess of \$1,100. There were many volunteers. The next event is the Class of 2014 Open House scheduled for January 25th and January 28th. Looking for volunteers to take over next year.

Downers Grove Council Rep.: Linda Cooper is the President of the Downers Grove Area Council. Meetings are every other month. Currently the D.A.R.E Program is in jeopardy as there are no funds to keep it going. A letter campaign is being organized. Also, a program for social and emotional learning is being implemented.

Web Page: Mr. Schwartz reported that the Web Page is about ready to be put up online; the framework is done.

Student Government: Ryan Gleason reported the following:

- The Student Government conducted a Leadership Conference.
- They are supporting the Woodridge Food Pantry.

- The same DJ that was used for Homecoming will also be used for the Turnabout Dance in February. The Junior Class Board is discussing themes such as “Circus, Masquerade, Winter Wonderland, and Under the Sea.”

President Report: One PTA Scholarship is outstanding and one will be taken care of tonight; McAdams Printers whose bid was less than 2 other quotes will be printing Directories which will be ready by the end of the month; covers will be blue; 750 directories will be ordered; volunteers are needed to stuff into envelopes which be boxed by zip code.

Unfinished Business: Blair Janis reported on the student survey; she also inquired about a fundraiser to raise money for a post-prom cruise; the required Contract states a minimum guarantee of 375 students which would commit PTA to \$18,000 and the way tickets are sold, we could not get refund if we could not secure minimum. In addition, we would need to purchase “Event Insurance” which is in excess of \$150; Cheri is not comfortable signing a Contract on behalf of the PTA. The administration would not be available to chaperone due to the late hour. Barb Ceranec made a Motion for the PTA to sign a Contract to Sponsor a post-Prom Mystic Blue Boat Cruise; the Motion was defeated 6-2; further discussion of parents organizing; Blair will send out an email asking if any other interests.

New Business: Tabled for next month.

Next meeting: January 19, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by Laurie Ruggiero