

Downers Grove South High School PTA
January 19, 2010

Call to Order: President Cheri Peterson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Those in attendance were: Ed Schwartz, Barb Schrage, Cindy Topps, Lisa Worthington, Laurie Ruggiero, Vanessa McGriff-Culver, Deonne Harris, Karen Encher Skala, Ryan Gleason, Zach Rabatah, Bryan Mulcrone, Rena Burks and Terry Pavesich.

Secretary's Report: Mr. Schwartz moved to accept the November minutes and was seconded by Terry. They will be posted Wednesday.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Topps reported all scholarships (7) for the 08-09 school year have been paid out; there are still some bills to be paid; Mr. Schwartz will propose money for t.v.'s for the weight room at next month's meeting. Vanessa moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Rena seconded.

The Treasurer's Report has been filed for audit.

DGS Report: Associate Principal Ed Schwartz gave a "virtual" tour of the new Website and suggested the idea of a "Scholarship Link" when the information comes out, and maybe include how Spirit Wear helps support scholarships. Mr. Schwartz will get scholarship information to Terry Tiseman. A discussion was had about whether we should do anything different this year in regards to scholarships. It is thought there may be more applicants this year. Further, Mr. Schwartz reported on the following:

- Tomorrow (Jan. 20) is a Financial Q & A.
- Thursday (Jan. 21) is the Jazz Café.
- January 25th and 27th is Open House for Class of 2014.
- January 28-29 Hearts for Life will be testing students.
- February 1st begins Spirit Week.

- February 3rd is a late start day.
- February 6th is Class of 2014 Registration.
- February 6th is the “Cross-Town” Basketball Game(s).
- No School on February 15th for Presidents’ Day.
- February 17th is the next late start day.
- February 19th is “Hall of Fame Night.”

Mr. Schwartz also noted that Jenny Davis is retiring, and Athletic Director, Todd Cassens is resigning and will return to the classroom. His job will be posted in February or March.

Finally, “Naviance,” a college search website will be introduced at the Parent Advisory Meeting.

Vice-President Report: No report.

Volunteer Coordinator: No report. Karen reported in “New Business” information about Heart Foundation Volunteers.

Spirit Wear: Spirit Wear will be available for Class of 2014 Open House which is scheduled for January 25th and January 28th. Pricing will be good. Karen will maybe help with Spirit Wear next year.

Downers Grove Council Rep.: No report.

Web Page: Mr. Schwartz reported during DGS Report.

Student Government: Ryan Gleason, Bryan Mulcrone and Zach Rabatah presented a Power Point Presentation requesting a “Coat Check Rack” donation of \$775 from the PTA for the Turnabout Dance. Last year the PTA donated \$756 for Coat Racks. The theme this year is *Winter Wonderland*. The dance will be from 7pm to 10pm. Tickets will be \$15 per person in advance, and \$25 per person at the door. Volunteers to check coats will be needed. Terry Pavesich moved to give

Student Government \$775 for Coat Rack rental. The motion carried with no dissent.

President Report: Scholarships are complete; Directories have been stuffed and mailed out; discussion was had about how to get Directories out sooner; for next year we may start with spreadsheets that are already done and add and delete names as needed.

Unfinished Business: No report.

New Business: Karen and Mr. Schwartz reported on Hearts for Life. A blast e-mail was sent out reminding parents to register their children. Currently there are only one-half of volunteers signed up as are needed. Fifty (50) people are needed to test 2000 children. Anyone interested in volunteering should email Karen. Training for volunteers will be Tuesday from 5:30-7pm and 7-8:30pm. There will be 10 EKG machines for the boys, and 14 EKG machines for the girls.

Next meeting: February 16, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by Laurie Ruggiero