



**Deviny Elementary PTA**  
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PTA Meeting  
April 6, 2010

Call to Order: 6:40pm Skip Dorsey called the meeting to order.

PIE Presentation: No presentation due to Board elections and budget discussions.

Approval of the Minutes: Tina Larkins motioned to approve March 2, 2010 minutes. Ingrid Cohen seconded, membership approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kim Soulliere reported balance at \$38,092.25. Current funds raised for "Smarter kids, Better Community" is at \$13,600.00.

Annual Fundraiser Report: Ingrid Cohen reports that "Smarter Kids, Better Community" has been extended to April 16. PTA co-president, Skip Dorsey, recorded a message to send out to Deviny families. Combined with the Duck launch, which raised \$2000.00, the fundraisers replacing the Spaghetti and Meet Ball have been successful for the first year and require fewer manhours. The carnival is expected to contribute a couple thousand and will be held May 7th, 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Working on approval of games and prizes. Black Jack Pizza will be served. Volunteers needed for set up. Flyers will go out concerning the community service projects and the media will be notified. Kids should wear their Deviny t-shirts when participating in the community projects. An online survey was suggested to get feedback on the "Smarter Kids, Better Community" fundraiser and the donation process.

Legislative Committee: Mike Sullivan reported that the bills PTA supported were approved and the bills PTA opposed have been killed. House bill 1131 passed the House and has gone on to the Senate. Concerns raised for this bill is that the curriculum would be very environmentalist.

State budget for next year will be more difficult even though economy is improving.

Ways and Means Committee: Allen Gallamore reports that the Short term education funds of \$6,000.00 have been allocated. Ways and Means committee will meet one more time this year.

Technology Committee: Margaret Herzog reports website is updated and link has been corrected by Al Visconti, webmaster.

Principal's Report: Terry Elliot

- Devinny's webpage will be redesigned by a web design team. Planning on a June launch date. Redesigned webpage will be cost effective and help Devinny go green.
- Solar panels will be installed
- Science Fair – Dunstan will be hosting the Science Fair “kick off” April 9th with K-3rd attending in the am and 4th-6th attending in the pm.
- Budget cuts – asked for feedback or any questions concerning newsletter announcement over the staffing cuts taking place at Devinny. Question was raised about the lack of an assistant principal. This will leave a void in CSAP duties, teacher evaluations, scheduling, etc. These duties will be managed by the remaining staff in the most effective manner.
- Smart Boards installed in 7 teachers' classrooms over break.
- Angie Wagner is training to be a Smart Board trainer.
- Continuing work on grants to get more Smart Boards installed.

Old Business: Margaret Herzog nominated Sally Garcia for Vice President and Lisa Ruckstales for Secretary. Both nominees agreed to the nomination. Tina Larkins motioned approval of nominated officers. Motion seconded, membership approved.

Volunteers for open committee chairpersons were:

- Cartridges for Kids – Ingrid Cohen
- Destination Imagination – Doreen McHugh and Gina Caswell
- Hospitality – Lisa Colburn
- Membership – Kim Soulliere
- Room Parent Coordinator – Laurie Gallamore
- Sock Hop – Allen Gallamore

Membership would like to see committees added for Health and Safety plus Knightly News.

Budget discussion began with explanation of carry over of funds, 60 percent goes to Middle term goals and 40 percent goes to Short term goals.

A separate line item is needed for the Duck Derby, the Carnival and Technology.

Ways and Means has opted to not fund technology items. It was suggested by Margaret Herzog that a portion of the carry over go to Technology with 50% allocated to Midterm goals, 30% allocated to Short term and 20% allocated to Technology.

There was discussion about the need to increase the budget for the Duck Derby by \$500.00 or \$600.00 and allocate a budget of \$4,000.00 for the Carnival. Smarter Kids suggested budget will be \$400.00.

Ingrid Cohen will get the numbers together for the Carnival.

Allen Gallamore motioned to table Margaret Herzog's suggestion to allocate funds to technology from the Middle and Short term goals budget. Motion seconded and approved by membership.

Line item for Picture Parents will be removed from budget and funds will move to Teacher Appreciation budget.

Race to Read off to a great start. Mr. Augustine's is currently in first place with the most hours read and Ms. Eppard's class is in second place. Top reader of each class will receive a t-shirt. April 30th is the last day to accept Race to Read forms. Night of Thunder at Bandimere is May 15, 2010.

The Jose Oshea's night out dinner and fundraiser made \$250.00.

New Business: none

Student Council is working on Earth Day events.

Announcements:

- Science Fair – April 16th
- Moms & Muffins – April 30th
- Day without Hate – April 30th – trying to work with Green Mountain High School to coordinate events. Wear White.
- Spring Carnival – May 7th
- Next PTA meeting May 4th at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm

Sally Garcia, Secretary

Date: April 25, 2010