



**Devinny Elementary PTA**  
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September 7, 2010  
PTA Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** 6:30 p.m., Mary Beth Pickett called the meeting to order.

**All Pro Dads:** Ed Graves and Doug Beck gave a presentation on "All Pro Dad, Dad's Day." All Pro Dad's Day is a simple idea with a profound impact. It's a one-hour monthly breakfast held before school where fathers and their children meet with other dads and kids in the school cafeteria or a local restaurant. During this time, they discuss a wide range of family topics, spend time together, create fun memories, and are equipped with resources to strengthen their relationship. For more about All Pro Dad's Day, please go to <http://www.allprodad.com>

**Approval of the Minutes:** Ingrid Cohen motioned to approve May 4, 2010 minutes. Motion seconded, membership approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary Ragins reports that we're still paying last year's bills with the \$25,000 carryover from last year's budget. This means figuring out the bottom-line total is problematic. Mary asks that this year everyone please turn in their receipts as soon as a purchase is made so we can have a beautifully accurate budget. For now, \$3,250.43 ± \$25,000.

**Duck Launch Fundraiser:** Ingrid Cohen reports that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Duck Launch will be held on October 23, 2010 (Saturday) from 9:30 a.m. to Noon. Volunteers are needed for setup/cleanup/and everything in-between. The "Birds of Prey Foundation" will be bringing a hawk and a falcon or similar raptor for the kids to squeal over and learn from.

**Dads and Donuts:** October 1 before school starts.

**Sock Hop:** Sept. 10 (upcoming Friday) Allen Gallamore makes a plea for 40 volunteers and a few wagons. Pizza and lemonade for purchase, and FREE ice cream!! Music to be provided by the Larkins and Skip Dorsey.

**Ways and Means:** Allen Gallamore presented. New members are needed! The purpose of the committee is to allocate the money generated by the various PTA fundraisers to cover school costs not funded by Jeffco Public Schools. Requests for project funding are submitted to the Ways and Means Committee in 3 categories, Short-Term Educational (requests by teachers for funds to be used in classrooms or by staff); Short-Term Environmental (sports equipment, recycle bins, etc.); and Medium-Term Environmental (water fountains, shade structure, etc.). This money can be combined with other funding sources such as grants from the City of Lakewood.

**Principal's Report:** Andrew Blackman introduced himself and welcomed everyone.

**Tech Committee:** Our goal is to bring 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology to Devinny. Currently in charge of the Devinny PTA webpages. Al Visconti is the webmaster with very minor help from Lisa Rukstales. New members are always welcome.

**Science Fair:** Lisa Colburn really would like a co-chair. Science Fair to be held on March 18, 2011.

**Legislative:** Keeps PTA members current on legislative issues that relate to education. Mike Sullivan reports there are important ballot issues coming up in the election. Amendments 60, 61, and Proposition 101.

**Reflections:** Margarita Vacanti and Alyson Bradley are co-chairs. The plan is to finish before the Christmas chaos. Deadline, Tues., Oct. 12. Need volunteers for the Open House on Oct. 26; set-up, judging, clean-up, etc., only ONE afternoon.

**Announcements:**

**Gold C sales began last week.**

**Picture Day and "One-day count" on Friday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Next PTA & Accountability meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. Note: This year, PTA meetings are NOT every month. Child care will always be provided even if it's just for the accountability meeting and not just for PTA meetings.**

**Comments:**

**Parking lot frenzy:** "Who's in charge of policing the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up craziness?" Accountability discussed this problem. Positive feedback? Public shaming? Notices on cars? What will work?

**Needed:** Health and Safety chairperson.

**Website:** Needs updating. Submit information you want posted to Al Visconti ([contial@msn.com](mailto:contial@msn.com)) or Lisa Rukstales ([lrukstales@usgs.gov](mailto:lrukstales@usgs.gov)).

**Gold C and Entertainment book deadlines inconsistent** (varied from teacher to teacher; varied from Sandy's info.); not enough time to sign people up. Definitely not good over the Labor Day weekend.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.

*Lisa Rukstales, Secretary 09/07/10*