

Daniel Bagley Elementary School
PTA Meeting Minutes
March 11th, 2008

Introductions & Sign-In

In attendance: Cindy Potter, Mary Sullivan, Kimberly Kinzer, Catherine Nelson, Deb Wintner, Erica Hutcheson, Tracy Woodman, Shelly Evans, Lynne Baratto, Nicole Yates, Lisa Robertson, Dan Cory, Mary Fordham, Chuck Millsap, Sharon Stockman, and Cory Nickerson.

1 - Principal's Report, Kimberly Kinzer

- A big Thank You to everyone who put effort into making the Mardi Gras Fundraiser/Giving Campaign Kickoff Party such an overwhelming success!
 - So many volunteers gave their time and skills to pull off this event. Look in the March edition of The Buzz for recognition of individuals who gave just a little (or a lot) extra to make it possible
- Discussion of budget and staffing for the 2008-09 school year
 - The District has changed the way they allocate funding for schools; given a staffing formula based on the projected number of children enrolled for next year
 - Projected number of students for 2008-09 was 298; bumped up to 300 so we can be moved up into the next bracket of funding
 - Our student enrollment this year ranged from 325-333
 - Anticipated staffing changes for next year include a nurse 3 days per week and the possibility of a school guidance counselor part-time
 - The District's new method allows for a lot of fluctuation and some other staffing structures were retained with reinforcement of the PTA budget & reallocation of faculty's planning/conference/planning time including the following: office administrator, health & fitness instruction, 4th/5th grade instruction, librarian, reading specialist, head teacher. These positions are expected to continue the same schedule next year as they do currently
 - 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classes have seen increased enrollment and we'll be looking into reducing those class sizes in the coming years
 - School Improvement Plan (also referred to as the Transformation Plan)
 - Teachers have been working intently to put together the DB 2-year plan
 - Plan focuses on writing and math, as well as inclusion & diversity
 - Based on hard numbers from data gathered this year - looked at how students are progressing with the current curriculums & identified where changes or revisions are necessary
 - Plan will be presented to the District on March 19th, then will be summarized and available for faculty, families and the community. Input is welcome
 - No school March 21st - Professional Development Day for faculty
 - A.M. will consist of literacy training [making sure we are streamlining our language throughout all grade levels - using the same words & comprehension K-5], then staff will head to Olympic View Elementary for math training [Everyday Math curriculum]
 - Report Cards will be coming home on March 28th along with Narratives from your child(ren)'s teachers
 - Please sign and return the empty envelope - the contents are to be kept at home
 - Let your teacher know how nice it is to get that accompanying Narrative! This is not typical of most schools & we are privileged to get such individualized attention, not only in progress reports, but all throughout the year
 - Touched on the topic of Use Of Space at DB. Further brainstorming and discussion of the following: possibility of an additional portable in the SW corner area of the playground. Also, other uses of the open area outside Ms. Filep's class (K, rm. 100) and a comprehensive look at other potential uses of space

2 - Treasurer's Report, Shelly Evans and Tracy Woodman

- Distributed Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss vs. Actual statements
- Discussion of Balance Sheet:
 - Lots of activity this month:
 - Paid out teacher subsidy salaries, \$33,000
 - Brought in \$32,000 from the Mardi Gras fundraiser party
 - Total assets are about balanced out