

## PTO General Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 5, 2011 – 8:45am in #J102

1. Introductions
2. Welcome Principal Eileen Nilson
3. Treasury Update
  - PawPartner - \$21,141
  - Yearbook – 267 sold so far
  - Birthday Book Club – 248 kids
  - T-shirts – 468 sold (not including adults)
4. Family Fun
  - December- NYPD on December 15<sup>th</sup> – 11am-9pm (also doing Teacher Appreciation Lunch this day from NYPD)
  - Tentative Spring Plan (January – Chipotle 50% back to DCES; March – McTeacher Night at McDonald's – 15% back to DCES)
  - Movie Night (changed from February to May due to possible cold weather)
5. Holiday Boutique
  - Made \$2,000 (\$1,100 in table fees and \$900 snacks/drink sales)
6. Book Fair
  - \$15,000+ in book sales; 60% kicked back to DCES in books; \$250 made for the One for Books Program
  - BOGO Free Scholastic Book Event on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> (same night as Art Walk)
  - \$250 goes to each teacher to stock classroom library from Scholastic
7. PTO funded Lectures
  - SPI Bullying & Internet Safety Lectures in Fall have been done
  - Plans for Spring?
8. Grant Status
  - Applied for additional shade for the back playground
9. Room Parent upcoming Responsibilities
  - Holiday Parties – dates from teachers communicated through Room Parent
  - Holiday Teacher Gifts - \$75-\$100 range for all teachers (All teachers & specials will get a holiday gift from the PTO and DCES families)
  - Spring Auction – March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Bingo, Bidding & BBQ
10. Auction
  - Debbie Blaes will chair event
  - Coordinates donations
  - One parent per class to go out and get donations
  - Jill Summer & Mara Hartline to do data entry for online bidding
11. Bingo, Bidding & BBQ (BBB)
  - Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> (family event)
  - Class baskets on display for bidding
  - Auction off parking spaces, street signs, etc. on this night
  - Online bidding brings in about 15%; while teacher experiences bring in about 25%

12. Golf

- Troy Weurding is chairing the event
- Date will either be 4/14 or 4/21 at MMR Golf Club (leaning toward 4/21)
- Lisa Payne will be chairing the Sponsorship
- Looking for donation of "golf related" items for raffles/silent auction

13. School Tax Credit Presentation (Gwen & Kim)

- Not PTO related
- Arizona is ranked 49 out of 50 states for per person funding
- K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade average class size has grown from 25 to 30 (in High School 35-40 kids per class)
- M&O budget pays for teachers
- State has cut \$1.2 billion in last 3 years to education (will lose \$150 million in next year)
- Check out school or district website on how to donate – You will get \$ for \$ back on tax return
- Anyone who pays taxes in Arizona can do it

14. Questions

- Spring Meeting Dates will be determined and emailed out