

## **DGS PTA Meeting Minutes September 14, 2011**

**Call to Order:** By Susan Marshall at 5:40

**Introduction by DGS Partners:** Each partner gave a brief introduction/description as to the history of the formation of the school, philosophy and general guiding principals of DGS.

Partners in attendance:

Frank Coyne  
Mimi Diaz  
Jose Piza  
Jeff Buck  
Allen Potter

**Sprout City Farms:** Meg Caley introduced the farm and addressed fundraising goal of \$15,000. Currently farm is at 62% of reaching goal. DGS families and the community could donate to the farm by going online at [www.kickstarter.com](http://www.kickstarter.com) and making pledges to the Student Read-a-Thon being led by the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Goal must be reached by September 30<sup>th</sup>. It is “all or nothing” amount.

**Ice Breaker:** Frank Coyne gave “ice breaker” cards with fun questions to each table and groups of attendees engaged in enthusiastic “get to know each other” conversations.

**Q & A Time: (Policy and Procedures)**-Attendees did not have any general questions at this time.

### **PTA Introductions/Reports:**

**President: Susan Walker**-welcomed new members, addressed current needs and recapped last year's PTA successes

- General overview of why PTA was formed and the importance of PTA at DGS and the importance of participation by the parent/guardian community.
- Explained 501C3 Status.
- Topic of changing the name of the “PTA” to something different and opened it up to community to offer suggestions.
- Need to fill the “Treasurer” position for the PTA.
- Goal to have 75 members of the PTA. Last year 35 members.

PTA, its members and the DGS community were involved in the following events/activities:

- Meals for teachers during parent/guardian conference nights
- Demonstration nights
- Literacy Night
- Class POC program
- Morning Coffee gatherings
- Earth Week
- Fundraising efforts (box tops, restaurant nights, clothing sale)

**VP1: Debra Adair**-Reviewed/explained the POC program.

- Thanked all POC's and recognized those POC's in attendance.
- Requested that attendees fill out Volunteer Survey and return.
- Parent/Guardian Volunteers will need to have a background check prior to volunteering.
- POC's are the direct line of communication between Associate Partners and the learning community.
- Frank Coyne thanked and congratulated Debra on success of program and her hard work.

**VP2: Christi Martin**-Introduction and previous role.

- Active role as liaison for PTA and Associate Partners group
- Recap of past activities PTA was involved in and dates of activities.

**Secretary: Alyssa Jahns**-introduction as new family to DGS.

- Will be point of contact for coordinating fundraising efforts/committees' for 2011-2012.
- Current goal of raising \$10,000. Hope to exceed that goal.
- \$34 per family per year could achieve that goal.
- 3 Categories of potential fundraising: \*On-going yearlong efforts, \*One-time events and \*On-going date specific events

**New Business:** Susan Walker introduced the concept of "Working Groups". Each PTA officer shall lead and be the point of contact for different areas of participation by the PTA as a working body.

- Susan Walker-
- Debra Adair-
- Christi Martin-
- Alyssa Jahns-Fundraising

Alyssa Jahns to add attendance list to google docs.

Meeting called to close at 7:35.