

**D F A Minutes
December 1, 2008**

Dandelion Community Mission Statement

- We are dedicated to promoting positive development in children by:
- Building caring relationships through positive discipline offered in a safe and enriching environment;
- Providing dedicated staff who engages children in the joy and excitement of learning;
- Offering a quality curriculum using innovative and research-based teaching strategies;
- Establishing strong partnerships with parents/guardians; and
- Nourishing spiritual growth through modeling love and respect for each other and the world around us.

Update on DFA Account

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Debit</u> | <u>Credit</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
|-------------|--|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 10/30/08 | Balance as of last DFA Meeting | | | \$1636.79 |
| 11/4/08 | Scholastic Book Fair Deposits | | \$833.79 | \$2470.58 |
| 11/7/08 | Scholastic Book Fair Payment | \$824.24 | | \$1646.34 |
| 11/10/08 | Uncle Ralph's Deposits | | \$2229.50 | \$3875.84 |
| 11/10/08 | Veteran's Day Parade Volunteers Gift Cards | \$50.00 | | \$3825.84 |
| 11/10/08 | Santa Shop Items | \$268.74 | | \$3557.10 |
| 11/25/08 | Santa Shop Items | \$202.45 | | \$3354.65 |
| 11/25/08 | Uncle Ralph's Cookie Expense | \$1213.50 | | \$2141.15 |

Attendance -

Staff - Mary Janson, Janice Czeh, Kim Rokos, Bassa Walla

DFA - Heather Houck, Valerie Thee, Lori Henry, Tricia Jarrell, DiDi Willard, Shelton & Tamara Alexander, Pat Thompson, Dan Namur, Debbie Tompkins, Samantha Crist, Patty Ainsworth. Childcare - (room 3).

Funding Factory (Kim)

- Will order 1 ½" lower case letters & punctuation with storage rack=155 pt
- Current point balance is 95.61 pts./\$38.24 (to date: 3766.61 pts./\$1506.64)
- We could use one more camera and lower case letters for die cut machine. Will con't. to purchase items as budget allows for the die cut machine. (Numbers shapes, etc.)

Uncle Ralph's Cookies - November 3, - 7th, 2008 (DiDi, Debbie, Lori, Val)

- Delivery 11/25 - Just for the record, it was an absolutely frigid, windy night, but it turned out well!
Thanks to everyone who volunteered for the delivery truck!
- Cookies were sorted out in front of the building, and picked up by sellers.
- \$1016.00 Profit

Veterans Day Parade - Sun. November 2, 2008

- Our float won 1st place prize for "Most Patriotic" - **\$200.00**

Dandelion "Yellow Book" (Heather and Kymberly)

- Kymberli and Heather to add updates for room 6 (3's) class, and start printing. (The class was recently moved.)

Secret Santa Shoppe- December 6th, 2008 - (Debbie, Kymberli, Heather, Valerie, Tricia, Lori)

- A display to be put up in the hall the week prior to the Holiday Festival.
- The Santa Shoppe will begin during the Holiday Festival at Dandelion on Dec. 6th 2008.
- Pricing completed except for late arrivals.
- A volunteer sign up sheet will be placed at the front desk for people to help out the staff with the kids for this event. Basically, we need people to walk the student through the Shoppe and show them what they can buy with the money in their envelope. (ANY time between 9 am and 6 pm is acceptable. Thanks for helping!!)

Holiday Festival - December 6th, 2008 (Heather Houck, Valerie Thee, Lori Henry, Tricia Jarrell, Kymberly Rand, DiDi Willard, Shelton & Tamara Alexander, Pat Thompson, Sara Charbonneau, Debbie Tompkins)

- Committee met at Shelton and Tamara's house on Nov. 24th at 6:30. (Di Di, Janice, Sara, Tamara, Shelton, Debbie, Valerie, Lori)
- The Holiday Festival will start at 1:00 and end at 3:00 pm. at DCCC. (100 - 150 people may attend.)
- Mary Kay cosmetics can not at this time participate in the festival, but have participated in the Santa Shoppe.
- Volunteer sign up sheets started, and timeline created for the crafts, pictures, and food.
- Set up - Friday, Dec. 5th at 6:00

Gifts for the Staff - (Fruity committee... you know who you are!! Ha! Ha!)

- Some ideas include a gift certificate from the Book Crossing in Brunswick, and making a lunchtime treat for the staff.
- Tricia to check on the Book Crossing G. C. and maybe a coupon.
- Lori to make an "edible" fruit display.
- All are welcome to join the "fruits and nuts" committee - at any time.
- Date of the luncheon - **Friday Dec. 19th with set up/prep to be on Thursday the 18th.**

Dandelion Discoveries Classified AD (Sue)

- A DFA member brought a new idea to the table regarding consignment or a "clothing swap" at Dandelion. Specifically, since winter is now here, it was suggested that we might create a closet for outside play in case of inclement weather. (Ex. Rain gear, gloves, etc.)

DFA Bulletin Board (Valerie)

- A display was created in November to highlight DFA events. It will be updated bi-monthly.

Miscellaneous -

- Discussion occurred about possible wireless internet connections and faster e-mail connections. Dandelion experiences very slow dial-up access which makes it hard to communicate regularly with DFA members etc. We need to take a tour of the building and see what can be done for the staff of Dandelion. Anyone and everyone with knowledge and advice are advised to attend the next DFA meeting regarding the slow internet access.
- DFA members were given a copy of the master DFA contact list.
- "Job Descriptions" for DFA chair and co-chair positions will be placed in the DFA handbook. Still working on these descriptions. Mary to discuss with DFA in January.

New Fundraising Ideas -

- It was suggested that perhaps the DFA could create a "Cookbook" and make it into a fundraiser. The school aged kids could design the cover, and title.
- Details to be discussed next meeting.

Upcoming events:

- **Parent's night out - Saturday, December 13th, 2008 - 4:00pm to 8:00pm**
- **Next DFA Meeting—January 5th, 2009 (6:30 p.m.) & IT meeting - 8:00 pm**
- **A Night Out of the Kitchen - Fundraiser - January 2009 (TBA)**