

# Dandelion Family Association Minutes

April 7, 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 engage 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.

## Welcome/Introductions

*Parents in Attendance: Stephanie Moore, Valerie Thee, Heather Houck, Tanya Fields, Debbie Tompkins, Patty Ainsworth*

*Staff in Attendance: Mary Janson, Sue Mogard, Kim Rokos*

## Update on DFA Account

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
3/3/08	Beginning Balance last DFA meeting			\$2459.42
3/5/08	Longaberger Basket Fundraiser Deposit		\$816.00	\$3275.42
3/5/08	Scholastic Book Fair Deposit		\$231.37	\$3506.79
3/16/08	Willy Woo Woo Easter Magic	\$350.00		\$3156.79
3/16/08	Check to Scholastic for Book Fair	\$994.81		\$2161.98
3/26/08	Longaberger Basket Deposit	\$81.00		\$2242.98
3/31/08	Interest		\$0.98	\$2243.96
4/16/08	Willy Woo Woo Funny Farm Visit	(\$350.00)		(\$1893.96)
5/3/08	Palm Tree Moonbounce for Family Festival	(\$200.00)		(\$1693.96)

## Funding Factory: Current Balance 320.50 pts./\$128.20 (2767.30 pts./\$1107.00 to date)

- Cameras—Nikon Coolpix (6.0 mp-256 pts), Kodak EasyShare (7.0 mp-327 pts.), Canon Powershot (7.1 mp-493 pts.)  
*The group voted on ordering another camera for the program. DCCC will now have 4 cameras. The goal is to have 6 cameras total (one camera for Rooms 1-5--School-age will share one camera) and one for the front desk.*

## Fundraiser Updates (Goal--Laminator Kit Discount Teacher Supply--\$1665.02 + shipping?)

- Scholastic (Janice/Patty)—\$994.81 received. DCCC Received lots of free books!  
*DCCC received 21 books donated by parents. Thanks!*
- Longaberger (Debbie)--\$1937.00 received-\$971.17 cost= \$965.83 FINAL PROFIT!!

## Family Fun Festival—May 3, 2008 4-7 p.m.

- Add more games, crafts, Palm Tree moonbounce confirmed for 3:30-7:30 (\$200.00)
- Redo sign up sheet for games
- Reschedule pizza

*The group decided to have the Family Festival outdoors (weather permitting). Games will be on the school age playground and on the sidewalk. Ticket sales, food, cafeteria, and prize chest will be indoors. Stephanie will contact Wing'n'Pizza to finalize pizza order. Stephanie will also make new posters reminding families of the new event date. A new bake sale and booth sign-up sheet will be available at the front desk. A drink sign up will also be made for families to help donate bottles of water, juice boxes and cans of soda. Kim will make up a map of the games to distribute to families at the festival to help them locate all of the events. In the event of rain, all festivities will be held indoors in classrooms.*

## Willy Woo Woo—Easter Magic 3/16/08 & Old McDonald's Funny Farm 4/16/08

*Willy Woo Woo will visit again on 4/16/08 for the Funny Farm. Easter Magic was a hit with the children and they are looking forward to his return on 4/16/08,*

### **Week of the Young Child (April 13-19)—Mary**

- See list of events attached--Night Out of the Kitchen included with Week of the Young Child

*Kim will email the citizen a copy of the flyer to invite a photographer and staff writer to cover some of the events.*

### **Dandelion Yellow Book Update (Heather)**

*The group discussed the Yellow Book progress. Heather has all of the information and the book is in the final stages. The group decided to hold off on the yellow book and distribute it in the fall with the new classroom assignments since it is so late in the school year. The group also discussed offering advertising space in the yellow book to local companies for \$20 for a business card sized space.*

### **Big Sweep--April 26 (Patty)**

*The Big Sweep will be held at the Brunswick City Park from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Donations are due by April 23. Proceeds from the donations will be given to Volunteer Frederick and the Jeremy Foundation. About 16 groups have registered and Patty will confirm details with individual groups. Drinks and snacks will be provided during the day of the Big Sweep.*

### **Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4-10)**

*Stephanie will create a flyer to distribute to families to explain the different days of special treats for teachers. A special catered lunch will be catered by Wing'n' Pizza on Wednesday, May 7,*

### **Spring Clean Up—Saturday, May 17, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

*The group will finalize details at the next meeting and create a flyer to distribute to the community.*

### **Other Ideas?**

*The group discussed the next calendar for DFA events for 2008-9. We will start looking at the calendar and plan events at the next DFA meeting in May.*

### **Upcoming Events:**

Parent's Night Out—Saturday, April 12, 4-8 p.m.

Big Sweep—April 26

Next DFA Meeting—Monday, May 5, 6:30 p.m.

Spring Clean-up—May 17, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

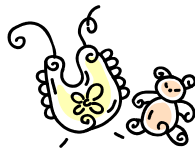
# Week of the Young Child

Bring Communities Together for **Children** Bring Communities Together  
 Week of the Young Child

**We are celebrating the Week of the Young Child at Dandelion!  
 April 13<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> 2008**

Dandelion has involved our community to help celebrate young children this year. We have the following activities scheduled for the Week of the Young Child.

<b>Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Tess Blumenthal, the principal from Valley, will be at Dandelion to share a story with our 3 and 4 year old children at 10:00 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup></b>	The Brunswick Senior Citizens will visit at 10:30 a.m. to enjoy a musical performance by the children at Dandelion. Cookies and lunch will be provided by the Seniors. The Seniors will stay for lunch. The Popcorn Trolley will be available for families, 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Willy Woo Woo will visit at 10:00 a.m. and bring his "Old MacDonald's Funny Farm." (Sponsored by the DFA) Dandelion will display children's art work at the Brunswick Roy Rogers. "Night out of the Kitchen" at Roy Rogers, 5:00-8:00. Families are invited to the Brunswick Roy Rogers to enjoy an evening with other families at Dandelion and view the children's artwork on display.
<b>Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Rick Weldon (District 3 MD Delegate), has been invited to Dandelion to read to our 3 and 4 year old children at 10:00 am
<b>Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Family Pancake Breakfast from 6:30-9:00 a.m. All families are invited to Dandelion to enjoy a breakfast with their children.



## Community Builder

We are also going to be participating in a community builder and would like your help! We will be presenting 5 filled baskets to the Frederick Memorial Hospital BirthPlace. These baskets will be donated to the families whose babies are born closest to 12:00 p.m. Monday through Friday during the Week of the Young Child. The Brunswick Senior Citizen Center volunteers will be crocheting 5 blankets for the baskets. We are asking families to make donations\* for the baskets. Donations will be due to the front desk by Friday April 11<sup>th</sup> 2008.

*\*Suggested donations: Onesies, socks, teethingers, rattles, gift cards, shampoo/body wash, powder, Q-tips, diaper coupons, bibs, spoons, feeding dishes, hangers, burp cloths, etc.*