

D F A Minutes - May 4th, 2009

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.

Attendance -

Staff - Mary Janson, Janice Czeh, Kim Rokos **DFA** - Valerie Thee, Didi Willard, Tricia Jarrell, Stephanie Halling, Patty Ainsworth, Lori Henry, Tamara Alexander, Heather Houck, Joe and Maria Kelly

Update on DFA Account

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
4/6/09	Balance as of last DFA Meeting			\$3023.83
4/17/09	Prize Items for Festival (Stephanie)	\$39.09		\$2984.74
4/20/09	Sheetz Gift Cards for Staff (Teacher Appreciation)	\$600.00		\$2384.74
4/28/09	Basket Silent Auction Fundraiser		\$160.00	\$2720.74
5/06/09	Meal For Staff (Wing and Pizza Shack)	(\$287.00)		\$2433.74
5/09/09	Moon Bounce	(\$160.00)		\$2273.74
	Brunswick Library Donation	(\$150.00)		\$2123.74

Funding Factory (Kim)

- Current point balance is 141.07 pts./\$56.43 (to date: 4080.07 pts./\$1632.03)
- More die cut templates next—118 pts. For 1 ½ " lowercase letters & punctuation.

Basket & Pottery Silent Auction (Debbie)

- Dates held - April 6th - April 17th, 2009.
- PROFITT= \$336.00
- Every item donated for this fundraiser by DFA members and staff.

Week of the Young Child (April 18th - 25th)

- 2009 theme: "Bringing Communities Together for Children - Children Bring Communities Together" - All information will be on the website.
- **DFA Community Builder Events for the Week of the Young Child are:**
 1. "Baskets for Babies" - 3 newborns who were born the closest to noon that day received a filled basket with donated items for infants at FMH.
 2. Loose Change Drive - All proceeds will be donated to Birthright and My Stuff Bags Charities.
 3. Library Donation - \$150.00 to be donated to the Brunswick Library.
 4. A Night Out of the Kitchen (Heather) - Held at UNO's Chicago Grill in Frederick. There were 60 participants. All proceeds (TBA) from the night went to the Jeremy Foundation. It was voted to keep the money jars going year round for loose change donations.
- Mary contacted the Citizen newspaper regarding an article and photos about the Week of the Young Child events.

Cubbies (Di Di)

- Sub-committee formed - Di Di, Lori, Stephanie, and Mary.
- Mary would like to begin putting new cubbies in the two rooms down stairs.

T-Shirt Order (Debbie)

- New shirts ordered for the staff.

Family Fun Festival (May 9th 2009 from 1:00-4:00)

- Drinks, Bake sale, Pizza and chicken nuggets will be sold. Sign up sheets will be placed at the front desk area for families to sign up as a volunteer or for a drink/food item donation.
- Mc Gruff fingerprinting booth (Frederick County Sheriff's Office) to attend the festival. (Mary and Samantha)
- DFA rented a moonbounce style obstacle course (\$160.00 for a 4-hr. rental) as an activity from a local rental company called Kidz Zone Entertainment.
- Prizes left over from last year's festival were inventoried and a list was distributed to the DFA.

Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4-10 2009) (Valerie & Stephanie)

- Mary will make a questionnaire for the teachers and post a list for parents to know who is in the classroom. Bio's will be available for parents outside of classroom door, and on the email flier.
- This year, the DFA has chosen to "highlight" Teacher Appreciation week, and let each family choose their own way of expressing their true gratitude and deep appreciation for all the members of Dandelion Staff for the things they do each day for our children.
- Heather to create a flier.
- Stephanie to coordinate with Wings and Pizza about a catered lunch for this event on Wednesday, May 6th, 2009 for the staff.
- Kim to buy \$20 gift cards from Sheetz.

Annual Family Picnic - NOT Canceled - JUNE 12TH 6:30 - 8:30

- DiDi is going to make up the fliers and sign up sheets.

New Officers -

- New DFA Tri-Chairs are Tricia Jarrell, Stephanie Halling, and Tamara Alexander

Upcoming events:

- Next DFA Meeting - June 8, 2009 (6:15 p.m.)