

Dandelion Family Association Agenda/Minutes February 4, 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 (co-chair), Amy Gaeta (co-chair), Patty Ainsworth, Didi Willard, Kymberli Rand, Shelley Grenier, Heather Houck*

Staff in Attendance: *Janice Czeh, Mary Janson, Kim Rokos*

Guest in Attendance: *Stephanie Jupiter (Noah's Ark Representative)*

Update on DFA Account

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1/7/08	Beginning Balance last DFA meeting (includes interest from 12/07)			\$1795.02
1/10/08	DFA Classroom Purchases	\$217.23		\$1577.79
1/10/08	Holiday Santa Shoppe '08 Pre-Purchase (Patty A.)	\$95.07		\$1482.72
1/24/08	Santa Shoppe Purchase Money (DCCC Staff)		\$29.00	\$1511.72
2/1/08	Longaberger Basket Fundraiser Purchase (Debbie T.)	\$971.17		\$540.55
	\$100 Room Allowances--estimated balance remaining	(\$143.71)		\$396.84

Funding Factory: Current Balance 74.50 pts./\$29.80 (2521.50 pts./\$1008.60 to date)

- Purchased another digital camera for 375 points. Currently have 3 total. Goal=One for each room.

DFA \$100 Room Purchases Update—Mary J.

Purchased additional items for Room 1 (foam blocks, table top drying rack, baby dolls) and Room 3 (camping set, train tracks, floor puzzles, peg set). Total=\$217.23

Night Out of the Kitchen (Location, Date?)

No date/location has been secured to date. Spoke about postponing the "Night Out of the Kitchen" to March. Possible dates mentioned were March 11 or 13. The group was still interested in pursuing the Mexican Restaurant that is scheduled to open in Brunswick. Janice will contact Allison Walser to discuss new plan for March and to watch for the opening of the business to inquire about a "night out."

Family Fun Festival—Saturday, Feb. 23 12-3 p.m. (Thank you to Kymberli R. for flyers)

- **Noah's Ark Representative**

Stephanie Jupiter attended the meeting to discuss the Noah's Ark Event to be held during the Family Festival on February 23. She discussed different types of animals and the bear making process. Stephanie J. will drop by additional flyers to Dandelion on Tuesday so DCCC can distribute the ordering information to families on Tuesday evening. Orders will be due by Wednesday, February 13. Stephanie J. will pick up the orders on Thursday, February 14 and place the order to arrive by February 23.

- **Posters, sign-ups, food, room assignments, prizes, craft**

Kim will prepare "booth" sign-ups for parent volunteers and a master sign in list for families at the front desk. Stephanie M. will prepare posters for the festival and the Noah's Ark "stuff-n-fluff" event to post around the building. Stephanie donated some prize items from Oriental Trading. Discussion occurred about kicking off the Longaberger Basket Fundraiser at the Festival and set up a table with sample baskets and ticket sales.

The group discussed offering pizza instead of hot dogs for food sales. Stephanie M. contacted Wings'n'pizza and they offer discounted pizzas at \$6.00 for a large that we can sell for \$1.50 per slice

to help generate a profit. The group voted on ordering 20 pizzas (160 slices)=\$120 up front cost. Possible profit of \$120. Wings'n'pizza will leave the warming bags with the pizzas and pick them up after the event. Stephanie will contact them to confirm our order and delivery time on Feb. 23^d. Discussion also included offering the food items for a cash cost vs. tickets. Pizza will cost \$1.50/slice and drinks, popcorn and bake sale items will be 50 cents each. Shelley and Stephanie will donate juice boxes and Kymberli will donate bottled water. The cafeteria will be in Room 5 with room for families to sit and eat.

Dandelion Yellow Book Update—Heather H.

Heather distributed sample Yellow Book Pages categorized by classrooms. Janice will review and inform families who have not yet participated that they still have time to submit their information before it goes to print.

Longaberger Basket Fundraiser for Month of March—Debbie T.

Debbie T. was absent, but information was shared about the basket order placed by Debbie T., who is a Longaberger Consultant. Debbie is working on a flyer and a calendar to showcase the schedule of baskets for each day of the month.

Popcorn Popper Rental?—Janice

A DCCC family inquired about the possibility of renting the popcorn machine for a party. The group voted that we will not be able to rent out the machine. It will be solely used by Dandelion for Dandelion events only.

Wish List for Fundraising Goal

- Die Cut Machine-- \$179.95
- Laminator--\$1625. (includes 4 free rolls of film \$27.99 each)
- Cubbies—5 section w/10 coat per section=\$325.00 (8 sets minimum=\$2600)
- Lofts--\$1500-2000
- Pave the parking lot ☺--\$30,000????

The group discussed the above possibilities for future DFA purchases. The group voted on the next purchase to be the laminator for teachers to use. Debbie will include a photo of the laminator on the Basket Fundraiser Flyer.

Additional information was shared by Patty A. regarding the upcoming Big Sweep the week of April 26. She will attend a Big Sweep Meeting in the next month and will discuss additional details on the next DFA meeting on March 3.

Upcoming Events:

Parent's Night Out—Saturday, February 9, 4-8 p.m.

Family Fun Festival—Saturday, February 23, 12-3 p.m.

Next DFA Meeting—Monday, March 3, 6:30 p.m.