

H.B. duPont Middle School  
PTA Meeting Minutes for September 20, 2011  
Called to order 7:12 pm by John Mason

Introductions were made.

Executive Board Awards from the 2010/2011 school year were given to Kelly Piatt and Beth Barry.

Minutes from the April 19, 2011 meeting were approved.

Kelly Piatt and Bill Doolittle gave State PTA reports.

Bill said that the State PTA needs people for issues committees. There has been a large cut (8 million dollars) to the school budget. People should write their legislators. This year, they will start having district PTA meetings. Parent engagement is a big area of interest this year. There is a Special Ed PTA forming. Also forming is a district-wide Superintendent's Council. The Certificate of Need has been tabled for a new school. Current elementary schools are over capacity.

Kelly talked about the State PTA's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday to be celebrated on November 12 and about Common Course Standards - a state led effort to provide a framework defining knowledge and skills kids should have from K-12. They have received a \$40,000 grant from the Bill Gates Foundation. There will be workshops on the standards and there are links on the Delaware PTA website.

Dr. Carmack presented information on new staff and programs and thanked the parents for the staff appreciation event. He said the school now has recording video cameras in the halls and cafeteria. If there are any parents interested in serving on a district committee, they should contact Robbie Miller at [Robbie.miller@redclay.k12.de.us](mailto:Robbie.miller@redclay.k12.de.us). There is the possibility of an upcoming referendum. H.B. has a list of needs including HVAC, site improvement, and auditorium seats among other things.

John Mason discussed the Culture/Climate Sub-Committee.

Kristy Atkins reviewed the 2011-2012 budget. The budget was approved.

#### VP Reports

Candy McDermott –

- Spirit Wear – Receiving approx. 21 orders per week. Blue hoodies should be in next week. Deliveries are taken to the office twice a week. No lunch delivery - pick up in office. The online order form should be changed to reflect this.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teen Center – This coming Friday. Tickets on sale at lunch starting Wednesday for \$8 or \$9 at door. The gym will be the only room used. There will be a DJ, basketball, food, etc. Parents must sign ticket.
- Coupon Book - \$10 per book in earnings 10/18-11/18
- Reflections - January deadline for entries
- 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teen Centers - 10/21 Fall Festival - Costumes allowed - no masks or weapons - DJ, food

Kim Hoeschel - Kim sent out volunteer lists

- Staff Appreciation - Sign-up sheet was passed around. Events planned for October, December, February, and May. Need someone for next year.
- Membership – Ms. Jamison was the winner of the staff PTA membership basket raffle. The staff who have joined have received their cards in a bag along with tea, chocolates, and candles. They are planning a parent raffle of a hoodie. Parents who join by the Open House will be entered in the raffle.
- Product Incentives - Friendly's Night 10/10 from 5-8. 10/18 first deadline for Box Tops competition. Top 6 students will receive a \$15 gift card. Send in Box Tops with your name and homeroom number.
- Community Service - The club will meet every other week. Some ideas are a food drive, work with Faithful Friends, book drive, clean-up, and speakers about community involvement.
- Ladies Night - Kim is willing to arrange date and location if someone is willing to solicit donations.
- H.B. Tech Fund - A letter will be ready for Open House asking for contributions.
- Landscaping – Borsello's plans have been approved. The front should be done by Open House.
- Email - Send Kelly information to go out in email by Wednesday. She needs a replacement for next year.
- Book Fair - 2/21-28 Family event during PTA meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm

Next meeting is October 18.

Donna McCarter, Secretary