

H.B. duPont Middle School
Executive Board and Committee Chair Meeting, November 15, 2011
Called to order 6:37 pm

Beth Engler, previous president, was asked to give a summary of the relationship between the Yorklyn Pool and the H.B. DuPont PTA.

Beth's summary:

1961 - NVF pool shut down

1963 - Yorklyn PTA incorporates and plans to build a pool

1967 - Pool opens

1978 - Yorklyn Elementary School closes. Yorklyn PTA Inc's name is changed to HB duPont PTA Inc. HB starts to use Yorklyn's tax id number

1982 - Records show HB has an 8th grade trip to the Yorklyn Pool

1985 - Records show the HB PTA and Yorklyn Pool are communicating and there is a committee on the PTA board called Yorklyn Pool Liason

2002 - Pool approached to separate from PTA. Records show a decision was reached at a PTA meeting to separate at no cost to the pool, no profit to the PTA. We think proceedings were not undertaken due to legal costs.

Summer, 2009 - Eileen Malin, treasurer of the Yorklyn Pool approaches me (Beth Engler) to discuss a potential relationship

October, 2009 - Derek Abbott, an HB parent and lawyer with MNAT law firm is contacted to possibly represent PTA

February, 2010 - The HB PTA votes to adopt a resolution giving the officers power to execute a lease with the Yorklyn Pool. MNAT agrees to take on this case pro bono for the HB PTA. The pool and PTA board discuss goals and decide on a long term lease. This would make the relationship official and protect the PTA and allow Yorklyn to continue to operate. Yorklyn needs to become a non-profit organization in order to enter into a lease.

May, 2011 - Yorklyn is awarded 501(c)3 status. We no longer need to file a joint tax return

We need signatures of a quorum of officers and committee chairs on a Consent on Lease document to allow John Mason to enter into a lease on behalf of the PTA.

It is a 30-year lease allowing Yorklyn to continue operating the pool. They will need to pay the taxes on the pool and name us on the insurance. The PTA will receive \$10 per year, a yearly report, one membership (used at auction in past), and the 8th grade pool party.

We collected the necessary signatures on the Consent on Lease.

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PTA Meeting Minutes for November 15, 2011
Called to order 7:05 pm by John Mason

The State PTA Convention, celebrating Delaware PTA's 100th anniversary, was November 12. The HB Chamber Choir performed. HB PTA received the Membership Award for 100% Teacher Membership, the Early Bird Award, and the Increase in Early Bird Award.

Minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Kelly Piatt discussed the State PTA Convention.

VP Reports

Candy McDermott –

- Spirit Wear – Out of size small - ordered 15 small zip and 15 small regular - waiting list for small blue hoodies
- Coupon Book - 63 books sold so far (typically sell about 300)
- Reflections - Announcements starting; some teachers making assignment

Kim Hoeschel -

- Staff Appreciation - Finger foods were great. Baked goods needed for 12/4
- Product Incentives - \$700 worth of BoxTops were collected. There were six winners. The next contest is in February. Zingos brought in \$80 more. There will be a Friendlys 7th grade night on 11/22 From 5-8
- Kids Who Care - Canned food drive is ending, mitten/scarf drive is starting
- Ladies Night - Still on if we can get 20-25 people to donate item or basket. Email will be sent out soliciting items from parents
- Legislative - Referendum on 2/28

President Reports

- Landscaping - Phase I is done. The NJHS helped with completing Phase II on Sunday. Trying to find tennis enthusiasts willing to work on courts for play time.
- Newsletter - Ideas were asked for to improve newsletter or weekly communications
- Culture and Climate - John is meeting with school administrators concerning the issues people have expressed concern about

Kristy Adkins reviewed the treasurer's report.

Dr. Carmack discussed next year's block schedule. He congratulated the H.B. 7th grade math league that took 1st and 2nd yesterday and the 8th grade team that took 2nd. The staff is working on incentives for the Achieve 3000 computer-based reading program.

There is a Family Resource Fair at Dickinson High School on November 19.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm
Next meeting is January 17, 2012
Donna McCarter, Secretary