

**FLORIDA A & M UNIVERSITY
DEVELOPMENTAL RESEARCH SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION MEETING
CAFETERIA
AUGUST 31, 2011
6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

The meeting of the PTA was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Prayer: Prayer was offered by Angel Tolliver, 7th Grade FAMU DRS Student

Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge was led by Patrick Holmes, Jr., 5th Grade FAMU DRS Student

Welcome/Introductions

President Holmes introduced Ashley Porter, Miss PTA and Sam Thomas, Mr. PTA.

Members of the Executive Board were also introduced to the PTA. He encouraged everyone to come out and support the PTA and to encourage participation from their friends.

President Holmes introduced the FAMU DRS Administration who presented the following reports:

Elementary Administrator Report - Mrs. Angelia Rivers welcomed everyone. She introduced other school administrators including Mrs. Joan McGlockton, the Secondary Administrator, Mr. Arnett Moore, Dean of Students. Additionally, she noted that Dr. Patricia Hodge, Superintendent sends regrets for not attending because of illness in her family. Mrs. Rivers provided an elementary update of events that include:

Grandparents Day Lunch – Monday, September 12, 2011. Cost: \$5.00

Open House 9/13/11

Progress Reports 9/22/11

DRS Writes – 9/28/11

Spirit Day – Friday, 9/2/11 – Student attire: orange or green shirts, khaki or regular uniform pants. No JEANS allowed.

Labor Day Holiday - Monday, September 5th – No School

Secondary Administrator Report

Ms. McGlockton encouraged attendance for the Open House will be held 9/14/11.

Additionally, she informed the PTA that a secondary audit will be held to ensure that all seniors are on track for graduation.

Dean of Students Report

Mr. Moore asked that parents be careful and adhere to traffic patterns when dropping off and picking up children. He reminded parents to pick up children by 3:45 p.m. Any students left at 3:46 will be ushered to a secure monitored location and the parent will be assessed a fee of \$20.00. One parent expressed concerns that there is no afterschool program available for secondary students and that the elementary aftercare program is currently full. Mr. Moore noted that the Smart Academy will start sometime in September. President Holmes later noted that he understands this concern and wants to assist in addressing the problem.

Mr. Moore asked that parents of students that are of driving age please note that your student must go through a process to receive the required parking permit. They must first see Mr. Moore to get a letter assessing them as a valid FAMUDRS student, take the letter to FAMU Parking Services, pay the required fee, then bring documentation from FAMU Parking Services back to Mr. Moore who will issue them an assigned parking permit.

Treasurer's Report

Steven Byrd distributed a documented report noting income taken in as well as expenditures. Also documented was a donation from Parks and Crump, LLC.

Shaquita Williams motioned to accept the Treasurers Report as presented, Mr. Moore seconded.

All members voted Aye; Motion carried.

2nd Harvest Food Bank

Mr. George Winston presented information on FAMU DRS participation in the collection of foods. FAMU DRS participated on last year in the collection of a total of 436 pounds of food during the fall holiday season. Mr. Winston has offered a 10,000 Pound Food Challenge for the 2011-12 school year. It was further suggested that we partner with 2nd Harvest Food Bank to raise 100 pounds of food each week in an effort to reach the 10,000 pound goal. President Holmes stated that he would like to present to the Board for consideration.

President's Report

President Holmes along with Vice President's presented the following Fundraising Events that have been approved by FAMU DRS Administration.

- Fish Fry outside stadium at local games 9/9/11, 9/30/11, 10/21/11, 11/4/11. Please sign up to volunteer for these events.
- Ole School Jam – working on date - TBA
- Pep Bus – Away games – Ms. McGlockton presented what was envisioned for football season and provided a flyer promoting the West Gadsden Game. Football season is our pilot. If there is enough participation, we hope to make available for all programs. One parent asked if we could include the ticket price and bus price together. Others expressed their concern that the pep bus be made available for all FAMU DRS sporting events.

Questions/Comments:

Parent Williams encouraged PTA to support football - Next game is against Maclay School. Parliamentarian Thomas also rallied for support of the Basketball program. Another comment noted that there is a conflict between games and the PTA schedule.

President Holmes noted it is not our intention that any sport be overlooked. Please encourage participation. We will look into scheduling conflicts and posted on website.

- Crystal Holmes, Elementary School Vice-President presented the following events:
Winter Carnival – Crystal Holmes presented, Date TBA – a signup sheet was available
Second Harvest – Crystal Holmes volunteered be the contact. Noted success last year.
Teacher Support – Coordinate volunteers in our children's classrooms – Ms. Shariffe is assisting on this project.
- Anthony Black, Middle School Vice-President presented the following events:
Nestle Candy Drive – for entire school, not just middle school. The profits are 50/50 and the sale includes a variety of items, not only candy.
Prom Night – last year went over budget. He noted that it was successful in other ways. Mr. Black would like to add on to last years' event by possibly adding a fashion show, more photography, limousines, etc.

Questions/Comments:

Parent Eunice Arnold asked, was this a successful fundraiser last year? Mr. Black stated there were not enough volunteers and donations.

Parent Ursula Tinner requested that a budget line item report be presented to the PTA.

- Nikita Wiggins, High School Vice– President encouraged parents sign up for PTA membership today and as an incentive, they will receive a planner.
Movie Night – High School and Elementary – outside in the open field with popcorn
If you have any ideas for our high school students, please see her and she will get with the Board and Administration

Current/New Business

President Holmes noted the following:

Spirit Store – 8 – 10 items will be available; Please present your ideas.

Volunteers Background Coordinator needed. The PTA has been tasked with this responsibility. An FDLE Level One Background check is required. There is no fee. The details will be worked out with administration. Members are encouraged to volunteer at any capacity.

Volunteer for the position - Erika Sissle, 850 443 8787. enrikasissle@aol.com.

Ms. Mildred Bryant – Membership Coordinator. He also noted that membership cards are being made available.

Nikki McGlockton – Fundraiser and Event Coordinator

Audrey Smith, resigned. Vacant PTA position – Corresponding Secretary

Coorporate sponsorship packets for Hungry Howies, McDonalds and various businesses. Budget will be available at the next PTA meeting for a vote by the body.

Old Business – None

Announcements/Concerns

Ms. Wiggins/Ms. Tomika -Saturday morning the cheerleaders will have a car wash fundraiser at 9:00 a.m. They will accept donations.

Mrs. Rivers acknowledged – KeShea Anderson

The minutes will be made available to those members who provided email address.

Next PTA Meeting - September 14, 2011, however, it was noted that is the date of open house.
PTA will change and announce.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned 7:05 p.m.