

**FLORIDA A & M UNIVERSITY
DEVELOPMENTAL RESEARCH SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION MEETING
CAFETERIA
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011
6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

The meeting of the PTA was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Invocation: Prayer was offered by Taylor Arnold, 7th Grade FAMU DRS Student

Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge was led by Nia Holmes, 7th Grade FAMU DRS Student

Reading and Approval of the Minutes

Following the reading of the 8/31/11 minutes, Parent Robinson motioned to accept the minutes with any necessary corrections. The motion was seconded, members voted Aye; motion passed.

Administration Updates

Mrs. Angelia Rivers provided information on the Baseline Assessment that is currently being administered to students. She encouraged parents to provide students with motivation, incentives, etc. Administrators are currently conducting walk-throughs and classroom observations.

- Progress Reports – 9/22/11
- Grandparents Day, Open House and Football season have been successful
- School Picture Day will be held in October.
- FCAT retake 10/17/11 – 46 students will take either math or reading
- Homecoming Week upcoming – look for activities. They are still being finalized.

Dr. Hodge and Mrs. Rivers met with PTA Leadership. The current leadership encourages teachers to be a part of the PTA.

Question/Comments:

Parent states she does not feel informed. Mrs. Rivers noted that the website is not updated due to having to pull out from the university and FAMU DRS is in the process of getting our own website.

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Reports

a. President

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President Holmes informed the PTA of additional details of his meeting with Administration. The Spirit Store will be made available to generate funds for the school. He noted the need to increase student and parent morale and requested that parents/teachers bring ideas. He noted some ideas including a Senior Night Dance-DJ reward for kids if they do a good job. Also, suggested, an Honors Assembly and Activity for elementary.

Fish Fry – 9/30/11 need volunteers to donate and help. Sign up was made available.
Lawn of the ROTC Building

b. High School Vice-President

Vice-President Nikita Wiggins noted that the Art Department has access to a printing press. She plans to meet with Mr. Peck for further details. Students could decide on a logo and begin printing school shirts. She also encouraged parents to see her with ideas and concerns. She would like to have a high school interest group as modeled by the Elementary Vice-President.

c. Middle School Vice-President

Vice-President Anthony Black was unable to attend the meeting. President Holmes noted that there are plans for a school wide candy drive.

d. Elementary School Vice-President

Vice-President Crystal Holmes provided information on the 2nd Harvest 10,000 Pound Food Challenge – an email blast was set out announcing tonight as the kick-off. There are currently 14 teams. The senior class will use this as a community service project. They will make posters to keep everyone informed of our status.

Elementary Support Team – meeting was scheduled, however, no one was available.

Fun Day Carnival – Fall. Need a team of people to assist.

Chuck E Cheese is scheduled for December 21, 2011, 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.

e. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Byrd reported:

6 new members

2 Teachers

Balance: $\$373.30 + \$60.00 = \$433.30$

Parent Nikki McGlockton motioned for approval of the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded, members voted Aye; motion passed.

Unfinished Business

Mr. and Mrs. PTA – would like to get them more involved with the students and community events. There was discussion on participation in the University parade. The fee of \$150 has been negotiated to \$37.50 by securing 3 other vendors. President Holmes opened the floor discussion. Parent Audrey Smith motioned to accept payment of fee for participation in the parade, seconded by Parent Geraldine Robinson, members voted Aye; motion passed.

10,000 Pound Food Challenge – 2nd Harvest – canisters in the back of the room were made available for food donations. The challenge has officially started.

New Business

2010-11 Proposed Budget for FAMU DRS PTA for the 2011-2012 school year was presented to the members for review. President Holmes noted that the amounts appear minimal as compared to last year. He noted that he plans to solicit funds from businesses and developing partnerships.

Concerns/Announcements

One parent, Jessica Hughes asked if we will be doing other fundraisers not listed in the budget. President Holmes stated that at the time ideas were requested, no one presented. Parent Hughes presented a fundraising idea of a silent auction. The cost is minimal to none because

you ask for donations. President Holmes asked if we could add this to the Ole School Jam. There would be no need to modify the budget if there is no additional cost. Ms. Hughes stated she would spear head this component of the Ole School Jam. She will work with Nikki McGlocton in planning the Silent Auction.

One parent asked if the FCAT Pep Rally could be included in the PTA Budget. Also, the End of Year – Elementary Reading Rally with celebrities - add \$50

It was noted there was no participation of the previously scheduled Pep Bus transportation to the Gadsden game.

Vice-President Nikki Wiggins motioned to accept the budget with any necessary corrections. The motion was seconded by Parent Audrey Smith, members voted Aye; motion passed.

Announcements

Pastor Simmons and the St. John M. B. Church have adopted FAMU DRS as their school of choice. An after school program will be provided for students 2nd - 12th grades offering reading, writing, homework help, health and nutrition. The program is a tool to increase FCAT scores, enlighten students on gardening and aqua phonics. It will offer opportunity for Spelling Bees, science and awards. A schedule was presented for each week.

Volunteers - FAMU/TCC/Graduate Students - All volunteers will be screened

Monday – Thursday

3:30 – 4:00 Snack

4-5 p.m. Tutorial assistance

5-6 Health and Nutrition awareness/Gardening

There is no Cost - All FREE

No CAP in place yet.

Students will be allowed to participate after sporting events/practices.

Start Date: 10/17/11

Application Forms were available and can be turned into the front office.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

President Holmes moved to adjourn, seconded, members voted Aye; motion passed.

Next meeting Wed., October 19, 2011 – Membership cards will be issued.