

Friends of Dunbar School Parent Teacher Organization (FODSPTO)  
**APPROVED minutes from meeting 10/6/11-** brought to order @ 2:45am

In Attendance:

Alissa Pearce *	Renea Magnani *
Shannon Lee *	Audra Bodwell
Joanna Greenslade *	Barbara Martin
Dawn McIntyre *	Karen O'Hara *
Jen Decker *	Becky Elster (parent/Piggy Bank program representative!)
Beth Biermann	
Rosanne Goertzen	*= approved minutes

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**Handouts:** Meeting agenda, treasurer's report      **Alissa/Dawn:** called to order at 2:45

**Principal's Report:** Melanie not available.

**Teacher's Report:** (Karen) Wondering if there is still a yearbook fund for the sound system issues/improvements. (just to clarify, yearbook is NOT a PTO issue) We are really trying to give acknowledgements and prizes but we are running out of pizza coupons – wondering if Dawn can ply the contact with Baskin-Robbins. Any sort of gift certs.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Joanna) presented the financial report – current balance- \$13,522.18 (please ask if you'd like a copy, it is public information). Much of this is already allocated to spend this year or on specific needs for the next few years. Serious fundraising ideas/discussion needed at the next meeting. (\*we really need to push the eSCRIP program- maybe we can do that at Game Night? Renea is willing to take that on- also wondering if Aimee Weiss might want to take it on as a longer term project)

**GUESTS:**

**Beth Biermann:**

Art at Lunch: We have received \$6500 Plein Air grant for Art at Lunch. Through the end of March is covered by that grant. I will therefore ask for \$2500 from FODS-PTO to finish out the year. I'm hoping for M/T/Th schedule. Looking at possibility of focused projects: murals? Maybe mixing botanical drawings, need to replace dolphin one, also one outside the library- literary themes. The cost for the murals would be (with plywood donated), paint we have (random colors), the one main cost is the 'sealer' coat of 'paint'. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> graders?

Art Camp (during parent/teacher conference): worried that we may not have enough kids- I need 12 (at least) to make it worth my time – wish I could do it for free but....

**Laura Zimmerman:** (Alissa presenting for her)- Sonoma Valley Education Foundation- giving \$500 from Red and White Ball proceeds.

### Old/Past Business:

**FODSPTO Membership Update:** (Shannon) We have about \$200 that have come in for 'memberships'.

**Movie Night:** was so fun! We made a profit of \$600. Can we do another one (indoor) in January? In lieu of our Bingo Night.... Also????? Maybe another outdoor one in Spring???

**Whole Foods 5% Day:** proceeds from this are going to all school gardens- \$2257. Each school will get some of it.

### New/Upcoming Business:

**Glen Ellen Village Fair: (Shannon/Dawn)** This weekend. Parade line up on Carquinez at 11:30. T-shirts will be available and should be returned at the end of the parade. Mike and Jane Witkowski and Neon will be there. Dawn's van will be used to carry the dolphin and will be decorated. Every student in the fair will need to have had a permission slip/release form turned in. If you are willing to help out as a volunteer in Kids' Alley' please just come by and check in with Shannon at ANY time during the fair.

**Harvest Festival:** Alissa and Shannon – Sat. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> 10-2pm, set-up at 8:30am, crafts will be on hand again (Dia de Los Muertos skull, pumpkin, leaf rubbings, funny faces), produce and 'crafts' on hand to sell, canned goods, etc.. we'll need fall decorations, tablecloths, volunteers to help with crafts, set-up and clean-up. There will be breakfast pastries, coffee, cider, and hot chocolate.

**Halloween Carnival: FRIDAY Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>,** Audra- unfortunately CeCe said that Kenwood will not be involved. Joanna says that Julie was told/asked about the date. 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents will handle haunted house (Joanna and Shannon are both 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents, we will rally others- Jill, Jodie, etc...) Can someone ask Julie about square footage of the game space? Want to use the new hotdog machine. Will do popcorn, prizes and candy, baked goods, etc... Not asking for seed money really... except for the hotdog purchase cost (plus buns). CAKE WALK! Cece will return folder to Audra.

**Game night: Friday Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>:** Karen- same as last year. Popcorn, hotdogs, pizza, veggies, grapes, and desserts. 6-8pm, need donations of new games for raffle (or very lightly used) – free raffle! We'll do eSCRIP enrollments during that time as well.

**Pixie Corner:** Roseanne- asking if the funds can go towards the library or maybe half of the funds? I'm asking for seed money of \$250. From follow-up discussion, decided that a broad discussion regarding library funding sources and needs must be had, including

Melanie. We also all feel that this should stay as a PTO event AND that we will not directly earmark proceeds from any event. Anyone who wants to ask for funds can make a direct request to us.

**Christmas Tree Fundraiser:** Shannon- thought I'd have received more info on this by now but it hasn't come out yet. Victorian Farmstead in western Sonoma/Marin county sell trees in the holidays and partner with schools to provide delivery of them and assistance (price breaks) to allow the process to be a fundraiser. Are we interested in following up on this? Should we include Kenwood? Contact person over there? What is the price to us? And what can we sell it for? I'll be working on this and try to get these questions answered.

**RESOLUTION ITEM: to be voted on next time-**

\*We resolve that the proceeds from any FODS-PTO event shall go into the general fund of the FODS-PTO and not be earmarked for any specific program. (back story: this is basically what we've been doing but we wanted to officially state our position on this. This is especially critical in tough economic/fiscal times and since we are low on our fundraising. To tie your hands to only fund the 'program' that is earmarked from an event might mean not having the flexibility to keep ourselves diverse and solvent overall)

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**VOTING:**

No votes taken today. (see resolution that will be voted on next time)

**Reminders:**

**Next Scoop night is – Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>** , if you want to help scoop, contact Dawn at dawniemac6@gmail.com

**NEXT FODS-PTO MEETING: Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2:45pm in library**

**Meeting brought to a close at 5pm**

minutes prepared by Shannon Lee, FODSPTO secretary