**Families of Denison Montessori (FDM)**

**August 2018 General Meeting Minutes**

**Date, Time, and Location**: September 11, 2018, Denison Library

**Meeting called to order by**: Kris Green/Ana Petersen

**Attendance**: Ana, Laura, Angela, Kris, Amanda

**Minutes:** 8/21/2018 meeting minutes were accepted and approved by the Executive Board.

**Principal’s Report:** Elza thanked FDM for the $500 donation that went toward the September teacher training. 11 participants benefited, including Elza, Haley Gianulus, and 9 para professionals.

**Officers’ Reports**

**Chair (s):**

1. Co-Chair: Kris Green – welcomed all attendees and explained a bit about FDM history and what our purpose is.

**Treasurer:** Amanda Truesdale – no report given

**Committee Reports**

**Denison Soiree:** Given by Laura Gilsdorf

First meeting will be held on October 16th from 4:15-6:00. All attendees were invited to attend who feel they have something to contribute in areas of entertainment, food, donations, volunteering and party planning.

**Believe:** Given by Laura Gilsdorf

Fundraiser will take place 11/13/18-11/27/18. Items will be back before Christmas. ShopRaise was voted in, need to collaborate with other fundraising efforts and compile a “How can you help” sheet for Friday folder and the website, that includes all methods of giving back to the school including direct donations, King Soopers Gift Cards, Amazon Smile, events, etc.

Text to Pay – Get more information from Gerald on how this works.

Prizes – Need to vote next meeting on when to give prizes to students; immediately or after the fact? Gerald says most schools see greater results if prizes are given out once or twice a week during the fundraiser, but this can put a burden on teachers and staff. Check with Board and Principal to determine best method.

**Roller City:**  Given by Laura Gilsdorf

Confirmed for Tuesday September 18th

**Spirit Week:**

Spirit week is Sept 17-21. Roller City Kick off night to be held on Tuesday the 18th. Work with Morada to put on website and draft a facebook invite. Also produce flyer for Friday folders. Changed Wednesday to Favorite Sports Team.

Monday: Denison Gear or Colors (purple/green).

Tuesday: Favorite Person in History

Wednesday: Sports Team

Thursday: TBT – Favorite Decade

Friday: Crazy Hat and Sock Day

**Book Fair:** Given by Kris Green

Open discussion about whether to try Usborn or to keep with Scholastic Book fair. Benefits unknown, but it appears to have a different book selection, and less trinkets, which is appealing to parents.

**Fall Festival:** Given by Angela Robbins

Contact Morada to start signup genius for FDM.

6th Graders participation this year may look different. Ana to make contact with 6th graders to discuss options. Angela will take the lead on all other items including booth sign ups, entertainment, food, prizes, supplies/decorations, logistics and facilities. Angela reached out to police and will reach out to fire dept. Ana to reach out to Girl Scouts, Girls on the Run, and Dragons blood, about hosting a booth at the festival. We will have 2-3 food trucks at the event.

Will still look into the option to get donations from Costco, King Soopers, or Sprouts for food or gift cards. Ask Kacey if she would be willing to ask for donations. If donations are not received or not enough, FDM will purchase a $500 King Soopers Gift Card, and all food purchases will be made with that so that money continues coming back to FDM.

**On Going Business**

1. Teacher account status – to be discussed in October
2. End of Year Financial Audit – Parent in attendance offered. Follow up to ensure it happens.
3. FDM Website Redesign – Morada/Laura
4. Facebook Account Management – Morada/Laura
5. PAC Liaison – do we have one? Who is it?
6. Dragons Blood Money – what happed with this?
7. Communication

**New Business**

1. Update FDM Marketing Materials – Discussed introducing new materials such as stickers, t-shirt, banner, table cloth, buttons, etc. Laura to get pricing and run by the board for approval.
2. FDM Financials – other payment methods for donations – Work with Amanda on these items and if there are any rules and regulations to follow. Discussion about purchasing an iPad or other device in order to process payments more easily at Fall festival or any other opportunity to sell or receive donations.
3. Gift Cards – Angela – has two gift cards from Park Burger in the amount of $25. No decision made on what to do with them at this time.

**Next Meeting Agenda:** Revise agenda and send to Board for review and approval.

**Next Meeting is:** October 9 from 4:15-6:00 in the Denison Library

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 5:45 pm

**Minutes compiled by:** Laura Gilsdorf

**Attachments:** (available upon request)

**FDM Event Calendar**

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| **August** | Registration August 2/3 from 7-4 |
| **September** | \*Spirit Week  9/17: Denison Gear/Colors, 9/19 Favorite Person from History, 9/20 Classroom Theme, 9/21 TBT – Favorite Decade, 9/22 Crazy Hat/Sock Day  \*Roller City Tuesday September 18th. |
| **October** | \*Fall Festival 10/13 1-4pm  \*Denison Soiree Kick off Meeting – 10/16 – 4:15-6 |
| **November** | \*Scholastic Book Fair 11/17-11/18 ??  \*Believe Fundraiser – Due 11/27 ?? |
| **December** | \*Winter Staff Appreciation ??  12/18 Massages, 12/19 Lunch, 12/20 Cookie Swap |
| **January** | \*Restaurant Fundraiser – Magill’s 1/24 ?? |
| **February** | \*Grandparents/Special Friends Day – 2/14?? |
| **March** | \*World Down Syndrome Day – 3/21?? |
| **April** | \*Restaurant Fundraiser – Illegal Pete’s ????  \*Butter Braids Fundraiser ????  \*Denison Soirée – 4/14 ?? |
| **May** | \*Teacher Appreciation Week 5/7-5/11  \*Restaurant Fundraiser – Modern Market????  \*Skate City ????  \*Scholastic Book Fair BOGO ??? |