

**Alice Deal Middle School  
ADCA General Meeting  
Minutes of May 24, 2017 (Approved September, 27, 2017)**

President Lori Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:46pm.

1. **Minutes for March 2017.** The March 2017 Minutes were available for review and approval. The President moved to approve the minutes; Secretary Laura Cloutier seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.
2. **Treasurer's Report.** Dan Rosenthal distributed the budget and provided the Treasurer's report. Expenses for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade musical are not in yet, but to date, expenses outpaced income for the year. This follows the three-year plan to spenddown the ADCA's budget surplus. The ADCA is on track for this goal and will likely reach the target surplus range of \$65,000-75,000 this year.

This year's fundraising efforts were successful; we raised and spent more than in past years. The ADCA introduced a mulch sale this year and it netted \$7,139. The Gala successfully did more with less: netting \$46,473. This year, the ADCA purchased the laptop carts from the 2017 Gala goal and the 2016 Gala's athletic supplies goal.

Principal Albright and incoming Acting Principal Neal will set the budget for next school year.

3. **Fundraising Report.** Maan Sacdalan and Lisa Wackler presented the fundraising report. The Fundraising Committee largely met its goals for the year. The Gala's goal was ambitious and while it was not met, it came close and surpassed 2016's net income.

The plan for the 2017-2018 school year is to open with the family contribution appeal at the start of the school year, followed by the Politics and Prose sale in late fall, then the holiday greens sale, the gala after the new year and the mulch sale in the spring.

The mulch sale was new this year and was successful so the plan is to repeat it next year. There was one issue with payment processing on Square for the mulch sale: some customers received an unintentional refund. Those that did receive an email; if you received this email please re-charge your account.

The fundraising committee seeks volunteers for next year. If you're interested, please reach out to Lisa Wackler.

4. **President's Report.** Lori Jackson, ADCA President provided the following report.
  - a. Thank you to the ADCA board and the volunteers this year. There was lots of creative thinking this year. For example, this year (thanks to Maan Sacdalan), the ADCA introduced a trifold brochure for families at the start of the year. It included a payment voucher and increased the amount and the

speed of family contributions compared to past years. Also, special thanks to Dan Rosenthal who will leave the ADCA board after servicing three years as treasurer.

- b. If you haven't done so already, please vote for next year's ADCA board. You may vote online or tonight.
- c. This year we're producing the inaugural 6<sup>th</sup> grade musical. The approximately 40 6<sup>th</sup> graders will perform School House Rock; the Musical. Please come out and support them.
- d. At the last ADCA board meeting, we solicited interest for meeting with Wilson's principal on establishing an IB program at Wilson. It turned out Principal Martin already has a meeting in the works. At the meeting, various challenges were raised for such an effort: 1) budget/funding; 2) need to focus on achievement gap; 3) pushback from Wilson families; and 4) central office constraints. While all of these issues can be addressed, at the end of the day what matters is whether Wilson wants this. At this time, it is not a priority.
- e. Teacher Appreciation Week was a huge success and the ADCA received words of gratitude from the faculty.

5. **Principal's Report.** Principal Albright reported the following.

- a. Recently, Principal Albright announced his retirement; this is his final year at Deal. Assistant Principal Neal will step in as Acting Principal.
- b. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade community service program started two years ago as a pilot. This year, 470 8<sup>th</sup> grader will have participated by the end of the school year.
- c. Hiring for next year is going well. This summer they will begin construction on three additional classrooms. All subjects will have a classroom, even PE.
- d. Principal Albright called attention to his recent newsletter essay in response to a Washington Post article on DC middle schools. He underscored that good things are happening everywhere and not to be lazy when assessing effectiveness.

6. **ADCA Speaker.** Dr. Emily Niu, an orthopedic surgeon with Children's Hospital presented on common sports injuries.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

### **Addendum A**

The ADCA elections ended on May 31, 2017 and the following were voted on for the ADCA executive board for the 2017-2018 school year.

Co-Presidents: Lori Jackson and Maan Sacdalan

VP for Events: Candace Smyth

Recording Secretary: Laura Cloutier

Communications Secretaries: Jenny Murray and Tracy Thomas

Co-VPs for Fundraising: Lisa and Leonie Stephenson

Co-Treasurers: Deidra Barksdale and Jenny Backus

Hospitality Chairs: Lucy Marvin and Alisa Gogarty