

**Alice Deal Middle School
ADCA General Meeting
Minutes of September 28, 2016**

President Lori Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

1. **Minutes for May 2016.** The May 2016 Minutes were available for review and approval. The minutes were unanimously approved.
2. **Treasurer's Report.** Dan Rosenthal presented the Treasurer's report. This year the ADCA increased its family contribution goal due to 1) last year's strong participation, 2) increase in enrollment and 3) the number of new activities planned for this year. To date, family contributions are doing well and the ADCA is ahead of where it was at this point last year. The ADCA has collected \$76,095 year-to-date compared to the school year budget amount of \$90,000. The ADCA strives for high participation, even if a family cannot contribute the full dollar amount.

There are numerous fundraising activities coming up this year [to be outlined in the Fundraising Events report.] For expenditures, the ADCA is running a budget surplus of approximately \$110,000 and has been working toward spending down some of that surplus. Last year, the ADCA spent down approximately \$50,000 of the cushion and this year's target is \$40,000. The ADCA will maintain an appropriate surplus to cover start-of-year expenditures that arise before needed funds are raised.

3. **Community Events Report.** Lori Jackson presented the Community Events report. Over the summer, the ADCA hosted community building events for teachers and staff during Professional Development. The seventh and eighth grade classes held their respective class BBQ and on October 1, the sixth grade class will have its October-fest. Last week the ADCA hosted movie night – it was very well attended.

The next school-wide community event is International Night, a community potluck scheduled for November 17. Funds raised at this event will go toward funding the eighth grade international trips. This year, International Night will be co-chaired by Erica Shep and Eliane Catilina.

4. **Fundraising Events.** Lori Jackson presented the Fundraising Events report. The **Politics and Prose fundraiser** is scheduled for October 29 and 30 and the co-chairs are Jenny Bonney and Amy Hall. Participants must make purchases in store (not online) and mention Alice Deal at check-out. In addition, Deal MS librarians create item wish lists that may be purchased for donation. Proceeds from the Politics and Prose fundraiser go to the Deal MS library. The **Holidays Greens sale** will be held on December 3, 4, 10 and 11; this event is co-chaired by Jonathan McHugh, Scott Cheney and Norm Dong. The first week of school **Donations Week** winner of a mini Ipad is Deena Shetler. This week's Donation Week prize items include two auction tickets plus Uber ride, a month of weekend dinners and a weekend of dinners delivered by Galley. This week is the **Galley Give Back** – 20% of all orders will go to ADCA, buyers must enter #DealMS when ordering.

The ADCA will actively communicate with the Deal community on these and other events via Constant Contact email.

Gala/Auction. Maan Sacdalan and Lisa Wackler, Co-2nd Vice Presidents for Fundraising, reported on the Gala and Auction. The Gala will be held on February 25, 2017 and will be chaired by Shari Wright. The Gala is the biggest fundraising event for the ADCA. This year's theme is Mardi Gras. The Gala has one event chair so far but the ADCA is actively seeking additional volunteers – there are jobs of all sizes and types.

5. **Principal's Report.** Principal James Albright presented the Principal's report. Deal MS had a successful school year opening. Enrollment numbers were approximately 100 more students than projected; total enrollment is currently 1,475. To accommodate the increase, Deal MS added more staff and four homerooms. For next year, Deal MS plans to add additional teachers, re-do the cottage for more space and provide additional resources. The goal is to have new classroom space by August 2017 and to add two new teams (for sixth and seventh grades) in order to right-size those class teams. The DCPS Chancellor and Council Members are aware of the resource needs of increased enrollment.

Deal MS adopted LEAP, a teacher professional development program, which includes teacher coaching. It should serve as a replacement for DCPS's master education and coaching program that they eliminated. PARCC scores have been mailed to families and Deal MS is redirecting resources, such as iReady, based on those results.

Principal Albright underscored the importance of the ADCA, which allows him to invest in needed resources. ADCA works with the school budget – Principal Albright provided some examples such as iReady packages, subsidizing transportation and program costs for the Hemlock trips and flexibility to negotiate with the Gala Theater to bring their program to Deal MS.

Principal Albright also reported on facility maintenance. He noted that the school is owned by the Department of General Services (not DCPS) and they are responsible for facility maintenance. Unfortunately, resources are limited and Deal MS will need to address some of the lower priority issues directly.

Principal Albright responded to questions. Delay in textbooks: art sketch books are now in and eight grade algebra and geometry books are possibly in – there was a delay due to higher than expected enrollment. On computers, Deal MS needs more.

6. **ADCA Speaker.** Dr. Mary Gabriel from Children's National Medical Center presented on pre-adolescent and early adolescent development. The presentation covered:
 - Biological and Cognitive Development
 - Social, Emotional, and personality Development

- Contexts of Development
- Adolescent Problems
- How to Survive Your Middle Schooler, And Help Your Middle Schooler Survive in General

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.