5:35 pm Meeting Commenced

1) Ms. Williams opened the meeting with the mission and purpose of the Parent Committee- This partnership builds on shared decision making in the best interest of the children and programmatic enhancements. We ensure on-going communication to meet the needs of parents, teachers, DSU students and the community.

- Board Elections. The roles and responsibilities of the Officers were reviewed and nominations made. The following parents represent each classroom; please contact them with any suggestions or concerns to bring to the monthly Parent Committee meetings.

**The 2013-2014 Parent Committee Officers** are;
President- Tracey Marshall Underwood (Prek3) tham71@hotmail.com
Vice President- Julie Sejour (Prek5) jksejour@gmail.com
Secretary- Christine Taylor (Todd) taylor.c.e@hotmail.com
Treasurer- Leida Sanchez (Prek4) lsanchez@desu.edu

2) Treasurer’s Report- As of the last Parent Committee meeting 6/12/13, we have $3913.94 in the Parent Committee account. This is a culmination of vending machine donations and fundraising. The funds are typically used for special occasions, field trips, and seed money for fundraising. Use of these funds must be discussed and voted upon during official Parent Committee meetings.

3) Upcoming Events- **Homecoming Parade** is scheduled for Saturday, October 12th. We are on MLK, Jr. Dr. (formerly Duke of York St.) in front of the Biggs Museum at 9:00 am to decorate our float. Bags of individually wrapped candy are being collected by Ms. Mitchell for the children to “toss” during the parade. Wear DSU gear or red tops.

- **Operation Christmas Child** begins October 14th. Each classroom is filling shoeboxes (1 girl, 1 boy) for less fortunate children around the World. Check your mailbox for themed days for donating items.

- **Fifer Orchards**- The field trip is scheduled for Friday, October 18th at 9:30 am. We will explore the apple orchards, corn field maze, and pumpkin patch; have a hayride, and apple cider doughnuts! Chaperones are welcome to join us for $7.00. Children under 3 are also welcome with transporting adult. We will return at 12:00 pm.

- **Parade of Nations** (Halloween Parade) will be held on Thursday, October 31st at 11:00 am in the Education & Humanities Lobby. Each child will be paired with a DSU International Student (Oct. 8-25th) to learn about traditional costumes. Together, with your assistance, the child and DSU student will create a costume to wear on Oct. 31st. A variety of Student Organizations will set up cultural tables of “goodies” to give to the children on their parade. The best dressed table will win a pizza party with the children.
4) Open Forum

- Parents as Teachers at Polytech is offering **FREE** Kindergarten Readiness Nights. Children turning 5 years old before the next school year (Aug. 31, 2014) should attend. October 16th – Math readiness, November 20th – Writing readiness December 18th – Reading readiness. All sessions are from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at Polytech on Walnut Shade Road, Woodside, DE. REGISTER ASAP 697-4545.

- We collect BOX TOPS for EDUCATION and CAMPBELL’S LABELS for EDUCATION. Each container is located by the front door mailboxes. This is an easy was to raise money for additional supplies.

- JumpBunch of Northern DE, is a mobile sports and fitness program for young children. They would like to be considered as a complement to our curriculum at $75 per class or just for special occasions at $150 per hour.

6:25 pm Meeting Adjourned

Next Parent Meeting November 6th from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm
(Every 1st Wednesday)