Approved
Alice Deal Middle School
General Meeting
Minutes of January 13, 2016

Co-President Cathy House called the meeting to order at approximately 6:40 pm.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The October 7, 2015 minutes were not available for review at this meeting. The October 7, 2015 minutes and the January 13, 2016 minutes both will be available for review and approval at the next general Alice Deal Community Association meeting on March 9, 2016.

2. Treasurer's Report: Co-President's Cathy House and Brooke Evans presented the Treasurer's report on behalf of Dan Rosenthal. It was noted, Family Contributions amounted to $76,887 close to the budgeted amount of $80,000. Cathy House mentioned the annual auction scheduled for February 6, 2016, is the biggest ADCA fundraiser which will bring the largest amount of donations to the school which is budgeted for $65,000. Other fundraisers as of the general meeting included the holiday greens sale which netted $9,900 in contributions. In addition, the Politics and Prose book fair netted $1,100 earmarked for the Deal School Library.

Much of the funds raised go toward Deal school activities in particular toward scholarships for the global international trips.

There were no questions about the budget.

3. Winter Holiday Luncheon for the Teachers and Staff: The ADCA underwrites a catered event for teachers and staff each year prior to winter break. This year's event for teachers and staff was catered by Chipotle. In addition, teachers and staff received gift cards. The event was a success.

4. Shakespeare Event: Co-President Brooke Evans noted the next theatre arts student event was scheduled for January 15, 2016 at 6:30 pm. The students will perform Tempest and Much Ado About Nothing. This has become a popular event among the Deal community with 70 students trying out for the production and 50 actually performing in the production. Tickets are $8 for adults and $5 for kids. Ms. Evans also mentioned the Deal Spring Musical will happen in May 2016.

5. The Deal Gala and Auction: Co-President's Cathy House and Brooke Evans detailed the specifics for the annual auction and largest ADCA Fundraiser. The gala is scheduled to take place on Saturday, February 6, 2016 with ticket prices set at $45 in advance and $60 at the door. The theme this is year is 70's disco, food trucks will provide sustenance, and beer and wine will be provided.

Something new this year under the auction category is the DC insiders category- which includes auction packages and items related to Washington, D.C., such as an inside tour of the Capitol, or back room tour at the Smithsonian etc. There will be other auction items, and sponsorship categories as well.

6. 2016 Executive Board Positions: Cathy House mentioned that along with herself there are other board members who will be vacating their leadership roles with the ADCA executive board. She appealed to the audience to think about serving on the ADCA board or being a subcommittee event chair and to think about friends who might be interested.

7. Principal Remarks: Principal Albright discussed a new DCPS Initiative for boys of color. The system is planning for a new high school for boys of color. Under the initiative Deal submitted a grant to central office for $10,000-35,000 which would fund a summer mentoring and academic program for 6th and 7th grade African American and Latino boys and girls. The two-week program would connect the kids to the broader Deal community and staff. The second focus of the grant application was on professional development for staff to provide robust structures and supports for working with diverse students and addressing cultural awareness. Principal Albright stated he is committed to this effort and will find the funds to do it even if Deal is not awarded the grant from central office. It is important to make sure all kids at Deal feel connected to the community.

Principal Albright mentioned Deal was engaged in the budget process for the 2016-2017 school year. Deal's projected enrollment for that school year is around 1,350 students. Central Office will not be issuing new money but schools should get what they budget for according to student enrollment. He will know the budget by the end of February.

8. Featured Speaker: Blair Bunting, Chair for the speaker series provided an introduction of the guest speaker Dana Flightman who spoke in detail on Dating Abuse Tools for Talking to Teens. She spoke in detail about understanding dating abuse, what does dating abuse look like and what can parents do about it.

The presentation is available at the website of Jewish Women International.
http://www.jwi.org/page.aspx?pid=3997

9. The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2016.

The general meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.