

## **NCPTA Advisory Council Meeting**

**May 21, 2013**

### **Attending:**

Dianne Grumelot – Cumberland County, Vicki Wilson – Cumberland County, Rhonda Fleming – Forsyth County, Brian Littke – Nash/Rocky Mount, Charles McDowell – Moore County, Scott Denton – Durham County, Chris Jones – Robeson County, Derek Graham – DPI, Jim Ellis – Chapel Hill/Carrboro, David Twiddy – Dare County, Ralph Trango, Bobby Jones, Vec Dunn – Union, Lem Roberts, Carol Bowes – Person County.

**Roll Call/Sign In:** Carol Bowes

**Called to Order:** 2:37 by NCPTA President Jim Ellis – NC State Fairgrounds after School Bus Rodeo

**Introduction:** Jim Ellis

### **Minutes:**

Carol Bowes Motion to accept/second

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Brian Littke. \$49,670.00 in account, \$108,185.56 deposited, \$20,380 Encumbered, Balance \$137,104.83. Money coming in daily from conference and vendors fees. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report/Second

### **DPI Updates:** Derek Graham

Thanks to NCPTA for their support of Rodeo. It came off really well. (And it did!) It came in under budget even with more prizes. Each of the drivers also received a gift of a chair.

Still waiting on budget .... May get new buses.... May not. 0 dollars appropriated right now but we were able to purchase 80-90 new buses through the sale of old vehicles and grant money.

The Bus Inspector have started inspecting Charter School Buses....We will see how that goes.

We have a new governor with new priorities.

### **Legislative Report – Scott Denton:**

HB 162 – Still being discussed in Raleigh. Right now it sits at a bus being replaced with at least 150,000 miles or 20 years and definitely at 250,000 miles. Under that formula we would replace about 600 buses. We feel that we are being heard... continue to wait for final budget.

Physical Performance Standards for Bus Drivers continuing to be discussed. At this point the DMV trainers would do the Physical Performance test at initial licensing and at each renewal. DMV & LEA could decide together to pass a driver if they failed one of the standards....or could require a retest. The idea being not to have a lot of those.... Hoping for a January 1 start...we will see. Rhonda had heard

that DMV guy was getting a lot of negative feedback...Scott said that this was really for the safety of the children...DMV just wants an exact process and we are working on that as we discussed in the last TAG meeting.

**Conference Update – Brian Litke:**

Conference planning is going well. 460 registered so far...more will register. We will have the full use of Brunswick County High School in Shallotte but we still need AV equipment. If anyone is holding a block of rooms....please check to make certain you are going to use them and if not...please release them.

David Twiddy stated that there are 27 vendors already registered....of course that number will go up. We have space for 65.

**Old Business:**

Charles McDowell is chairman of the recognition committee. No replies so far. Jim will re-send.

Nominations for Secretary came in and Vec Dunn was chosen to be brought before a vote of the membership at the NCPTA meeting at the conference. Carol motion to accept/Charles second.

**Last Minute Business:** Rhonda brought up Tornado Awareness as a result of Tornado Tragedy in Oklahoma. Discussion ensued. Tornado safety is taught but hard to pre-plan....it depends on so many factors.

**Adjournment:** 3:17 p.m. Next meeting to be held at 3:00 p.m. at Sea Trails at NCPTA Conference.