

**DAVIS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PTA
ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Wednesday, October 3, 2012

TIME: 7:31-9:04 pm

In Attendance: Bob Darragh, Carin Loy, Camille Melendres, Larry McCoy, Jennifer Creinin, Leigh Chote, Yi Sun, Rami R., Lara V., Maryann Noonan, Nancy Peterson, Cona Reno, Reem Awad-Rashmawi, Sarah Schrupp, Carri Ziegler, Cathy Farman, Susan Lovenberg, Cannie Lorico-Hertz, Gabor Hertz, Sugal S., Yvonne Rodriguez, Bob Blattoner, Jean Ye, Lea Darrah, Tom McHale, Richard Harris, Jacqui Moore, and Elizabeth Tinsley

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by President Cathy Farman in the DSHS Library. The PTA Board, DSHS Staff, Student Representatives and parents introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes: The September 5, 2012 minutes were presented by Elizabeth Tinsley. **Lea Darrah moved that the September 5, 2012 PTA Association Minutes be approved as amended. MOTION CARRIED**

Student Reports:

Sophomore: Class Representative reported that the sophomore class is currently working on the building of their Homecoming float near the DSHS Auto Shop.

Junior: Class President reported that the junior class is also working on their Homecoming float at the Goodyear Center and the planning of Junior Prom which will be held on December 8, 2012. The student response has been positive regarding final schedule changes.

Senior: Class President reported that the senior assemblies went well with overall positive feedback from students. They also are working on their Homecoming float.

Principal's Report: Jacqui Moore

Communication—Jacqui Moore reported that 74% of all teachers are using Zangle. Administration and Staff are in-process of compiling the teacher contact information list requested by the PTA executive board.

Final Exam Schedule—Changes to final exam schedule come after a multi-year conversation with DSHS staff. This change will help to address the issue of the achievement gap and meeting mid-year college transcript requirements, among other things. Administration is in-process of developing an assessment tool to evaluate the success of the change in final exam schedule.

New School Reforms/WASC—For the first time in many years, the proposed changes to education are matching up with educator goals. These reforms look to go deeper into subject matter that is being taught rather than broad overviews. Site Council is looking to understand why the DSHS ranking is not matching up with other schools with similar demographics. There will be a review of a school in Rocklin to glean information that may help DSHS with their upcoming WASC review.

Homecoming/Graduation—Students at this time are not in favor of a dance, which needs to be planned one-year in advance. Some suggestions have been for a movie night or a games night. 2012-2013 Graduation will be held on campus.

Question and Answer/Discussion Ensued. The accuracy of student progress was discussed at length and the PTA will now post Listserver announcements when the progress reports are actually mailed home.

Counselor's Report: *Tabled*

Teacher's Report—Leigh Choate

Drama & Music: They will be presenting "Avenue Q" from November 2-10 at the Brunelle Hall.

CSF: Fern O'Brien reported record numbers of students joining CSF this year. Please remind your students to keep an accurate record of meetings they attend, due dates and volunteer hours.

Model UN Club: Next meeting on 10/6 and they will have a speaker presentation on 10/29.

Mole Day: The Chemistry department will once again participate in Mole Day on 10/23 beginning at 6:02 AM in the Holmes Multipurpose room.

Measure E: Richard Harris presented information on Measure E, a renewal of Measure A which includes an emergency funding provision if Prop. 30 fails to pass. Discussion ensued regarding loss of funding and possible reductions at DSHS. The school board has begun planning for contingencies if Measure E and/or Prop 30 fail. **Lea Darrah moved that the DSHS PTA endorse Measure E. MOTION CARRIED**

PROP 38: Lea Darrah reported that Proposition 38 has been co-authored and is sponsored by CAPTA. For more information you can visit www.prop38forlocalschools.org. This prop includes a graduated tax over 12 years, an independent oversight committee, guarantees local control of funds, and requires schools to focus on student improvement. *Discussion and input ensued on both Propositions 38 and 30.* For more information on Propositions 30, visit www.yesonprop30.com. **Lea Darrah moved that the DSHS PTA endorse Proposition 38. Motion seconded and discussion ensued. Julia Grimm moved to amend the motion to say the DSHS PTA endorse all Propositions on the November ballot that support increasing funds for schools. VOTE: 6 Abstention, 2 No, 13 Yes. MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurer's Report: Yi Sun presented the PTA financial report dated September 30, 2012. **Lea Darrah moved that the September 30, 2012 financial report be approved. MOTION CARRIED** Next month Yi Sun will provide a copy of receipts paid to date with the budget report for ratifying.

PIE Grant Forms: Lea Darrah presented the PTA grant form which will be given to all teachers. The grant application process and previous awards were explained. Dr. Moore reviews all grants prior to consideration by the PTA to ensure supplies or funding are not available from other sources. The PTA's goal is to reach as many students as possible and for funds to be used in the school year in which they are donated. Proposed grants will be presented and voted upon at the November Association meeting. *Discussion ensued.*

Committee Reports:

Parent Education: Jennifer Creinin reported on the planned parent education topics proposed for the year.

1. College Admissions Information by Sally Springer on October 17
2. Does the Expense of College Have You Worried? Talk will include information on maximizing financial aid, FAFSA, comparing private versus public universities, etc. on January 30, 2013.
3. Teens and Distracted Driving in the spring of 2013.

The DJUSD Parent Education committee will be holding a seminar based on Madeline Levine's book, "Teach Your Children Well". The top results from the district wide parent education survey were: Anxiety Tools, Sibling Harmony, Drugs and Alcohol Information, and Bullying. There was a request that the committee look into ways to provide copies of materials viewed during these seminars for teacher use.

Climate Committee—Tabled

New Business:

In-Kind Donation Coordinator: A parent request for In-Kind Donations has led to the idea of forming a new PTA committee to match needed items from teachers with possible parent donations. We will be looking for a parent to head this committee which will include soliciting top needs by teachers, organizing donation days for parents, and

delivery of items to teachers. **Jennifer Creinin moved that the PTA develop the position on In-Kind Donation Coordinator. MOTION CARRIED**

Candidate Forum: Susan Lovenberg thanked the DSHS PTA for their help with the School Board Candidate Forum.

PTA Needs: PTA has a need for a Newsletter Editor and Green Coordinator.

Meeting was adjourned by President Cathy Farman at 9:18 PM.

VOLUNTEER HOURS ON 10/3/2012: 90 HOURS

ACTION ITEMS:

1. PTA will post Listserv announcements when student progress reports are actually mailed home.
2. PTA has a need for a Newsletter Editor and Green Coordinator.
3. Yi Sun will provide a copy of receipts paid to date with the budget report for ratifying.
4. November Association Meeting—Approve increase to Hospitality budget.

UPCOMING DATES:

Parent Education Night—College Admissions with Sally Springer Wednesday, October 17, 7:30 PM DSHS Library

PTA Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, October 24, 7:30-9:00 PM

PTA Association Meeting Wednesday, November 7, 7:30-9:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth Tinsley, DSHS PTA Secretary
