

DSHS PTA

ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES—AS AMENDED

DATE: Wednesday, September 5, 2012

TIME: 7:32-9:04 pm

In Attendance: Kelly Carlson, Pia Engwall, Bob Darragh, Nancy Williams, Yi Sun, Tom McHale, Carri Ziegler, Meiyam Lin, Leigh Choate, Julia Grim, Jennifer Creinin, Lea Darrah, Tara M., Hye G. Ye, Jean Ye, Tina S., Swan Steinbach, Maryann Noonan, Sue Shepps, Nancy Cole, Jenny Kobold, Margie Ferguson, Courtnay Tessler, Sugal S., John Yoder, Liz Grassi, Cathy Farman, Cannie Lorico Hertz, Darcie Houck, Julie Kier, Sarah Schrupp, Nancy Peterson, Jacqui Moore, and Elizabeth Tinsley

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by President Cathy Farman in the DSHS Library. The PTA Board, DSHS Staff, Student Representatives and parents introduced themselves.

Ratification of the Treasurer Election:

Cathy Farman introduced Li Sun as the candidate elected by the Executive Board to fulfill the job of Treasurer for the 2012-2013 year. Lea Darrah moved that Yi Sun be approved as the DSHS PTA Treasurer. Motion Carried

Student Reports:

- Sophomore Representative Tina S. reported that the sophomore class is having introductory assemblies.
- Junior Representative Tara M. reported that the junior class is working on Homecoming, Junior Ball and preparing to undergo the SAT's.
- Senior Class President Sugal S. reported that Senior Sunrise was well attended and successful. The class is beginning work on plans for Prom.

Counselor's Report:

Courtnay Tessler reported that DSHS is in process of hiring another counselor with the funds donated by Davis Schools Foundation. The increase to a two month Course Selection period in the spring has greatly improved the registration process. There have been fewer changes and less stress overall which has enabled the counselors to be reviewing 504 Accommodation Plans with families earlier than previous years. Next year open house will be in late February to give students the opportunity to meet teachers and gather additional information prior to course selection. Naviance information is being introduced to sophomores. It was noted that all class levels at DSHS are able to attend on-campus college visits.

Principal's Report:

Jacqui Moore thanked the PTA for the Welcome Back Breakfast that was provided for Staff. She also thanked the PTA for the computer grant that was made last year and encouraged everyone to visit the new Computer Lab in A5 where a variety of computer classes are offered. DSHS will undergo a WASC review in March. The school was reviewed three years ago for accreditation and received Six year Accreditation with a Year Three Review. The committee will be looking at the following three areas:

1. Improvement by students in Algebra 1 and Geometry classes
2. Overall performance by EL students
3. DSHS's ability to provide equitable access to curriculum for all students

The Administration is in the process of trying to improve the school website by creating a user friendly program where anyone with minimal training is able to update information and make changes to the site. The PTA would like to work in conjunction to ensure information is not duplicated between sites.

Parent Questions and Answer followed:

- Plans are in process for the demolition of Cafeteria/MPR building
- A change in the final exam schedule was discussed. There are currently three proposed options: A) All classes have final exams before Winter Break and the three weeks in January before second semester begins will be used to teach a self-contained unit., B) Final Exam schedule will remain the same with exams taking place in January as currently scheduled., and C) Teachers will have the option of A or B.

Discussion ensued with general parent input to choose either A or B, but not have the inconsistency created by option C.

Teacher's Report—Lee Chote

This year most teachers used a uniform syllabus program in order to streamline things for students and parents. All 4th periods are going over DSHS Policy and Procedures. Teachers are working to help improve school spirit. Information was given regarding the changes made to Lifetime Sports Class. *Discussion ensued.*

Treasurer's Report:

Yi Sun and Cathy Farman introduced the 2012-2013 proposed PTA Budget. **Lea Darrah moved that the 2012-2013 PTA Budget be approved. Motion Carried.** *Discussion ensued.*

Lea Darrah moved that the Financial report dated 8/31/12 be approved. Motion Carried.

PIE Grant Forms—Tabled

Approval of Minutes:

The May, 9 2012 minutes were presented by Elizabeth Tinsley. **Bob Darragh moved that the May 9, 2012 PTA Association Minutes be approved as presented. Motion Carried.**

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.

Jennifer also serves on a district parent education committee. Last year they provided two parents seminars, one focusing on gratitude and the other on technology safety. This year there will be a parent survey posted on the Listerver to seek input on a variety of topics, including Madeline Levine's "Teach Your Children Well" book, Children and Finances, Childhood Anxiety, and/or a Drug and Alcohol Information seminar.

Climate Committee—Jenny Kobold reported that the next meeting is on September 12, 2012 at 2:45 and is open to anyone who is interested, including parents. The committee is headed by VP Tom McHale.

Membership—Carrie Ziegler reported that the membership dissemination went well and that she is in training to take over the position for the following school year.

Other:

- Cathy Farman requested input regarding the PTA hosting a School Board Candidate forum. Since there are already three upcoming forums, it was suggested that the PTA would seek input from other schools through the PLG and possibly support a joint forum.

- Cathy is looking for someone to join Superintendent Roberson’s Fiscal Crisis Committee. Darcie Houck volunteered.
- A Measure E representative will attend the October PTA meeting to seek support from the DSHS PTA.

Meeting was adjourned by President Cathy Farman at 9:04 pm.

VOLUNTEER HOURS ON 9/5/2012: 49 HOURS

ACTION ITEMS:

Cathy Farman will contact the PLG regarding the possibility of a joint school board candidate forum.

UPCOMING DATES:

DHS Back-to-School Night	Thursday, September 27, 2012, 6:00 PM
PTA Executive Board Meeting	Friday, September 28, 2012, 9:30-11:00 AM
PTA Association Meeting	Wednesday, October 3, 2012, 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth Tinsley, DSHS PTA Secretary
