

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

DATE: Wednesday, November 7, 2012

TIME: 7:30-9:00 pm

In Attendance: Cathy Farman, Bob Darragh, Jennifer Creinin, Darcie Houck, Rami R., Reem Awad-Rashmawi, Jen Leck, Yi Sun, Mary Ann Noonan, Liz Grassi, Leigh Choate, Sheila Smith, Sandra Schickele, Courtenay Tessler, and Elizabeth Tinsley

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Cathy Farman in the DSHS Library. The PTA Board, DSHS Staff, Student Representatives and parents introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes: The October 3, 2012 minutes were presented by Elizabeth Tinsley. **Lea Darrah moved that the October 3, 2012 PTA Association Minutes be approved as corrected. MOTION CARRIED**

Student Reports:

Sophomore: Class Representative reported that Homecoming activities were well attended.

Junior: Class President reported that the Homecoming went well with active involvement by students. There has been discussion about requiring mandatory attendance at events of Homecoming royalty in order to accept nomination. There was a conflict this year with cross-country. Voting will take place Friday on the top 3 themes for Junior Prom.

Senior: Class President reported that they have begun planning Senior Prom. A parent mentioned the need for an outside source to rent buses for prom transportation. Canned food drive has begun.

Auditor's Report: Sandra Schickele

Sandra Schickele presented the auditor's report dated July 14, 2012. Sandra examined the financial records of the treasurer of DSHS PTA and found them to be correct. **Lea Darrah moved to adopt the audit report dated July 14, 2012.**

MOTION CARRIED

Teacher's Report: Leigh Choate

Staff Professional Collaboration—Leigh reported that today staff had the option of attending one of the five sessions: Technology, Common Core, Differentiation, Project-Based Learning, or Student Concerns.

Yearbook—Kelly Thompson sent information that the yearbook is in process and going well with the goal to have the first half completed in January. She asks for continued support that Yearbook remain a class next year and not be changed to a club.

Access to Article Databases—Librarian Bruce Cummings reported that parents and students now have access to the magazine/newspaper article databases (and many other "premium content" resources like Worldbook Encyclopedia, Learn 360 video library, and AP Images) through California Learns Portal. It can be accessed at <http://teens.californialearns.org> with username: davishigh and password: school. This portal is now available district-wide, with site-specific login information (for example, Holmes Junior High is holmes and school).

Campus Visits—Leigh reported that campus security cannot allow graduated students to visit staff and teachers during school hours.

Principal's Report: VP Sheila Smith

STEM Education—The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education Coalition works to support STEM programs for teachers and students in the U. S. Sheila Smith reported that Biology teacher, Catherine Devine was accepted into a 3-year robotics program. The program will provide a financial stipend and each student will receive a modular robot for study.

Student Health Protocol—Site Leadership is in the process of developing concussion and health protocols for students. They are trying to understand the medical side of student issues and how the staff can continue to educate and serve these students. The primary focus of protocols will be on protecting student health.

Paper-Load Solutions—Staff is brainstorming strategies to enable adequate and timely teacher feedback for students without overwhelming teachers due to increased number of students.

School Site Visit—There will be a site visit to Rocklin High School in order to study their various programs in relation to their school ranking. Site Council is looking to understand why the DSHS ranking is not matching up with other schools with similar demographics.

Counselor's Report: Courtenay Tessler

Suicide Prevention Program—A few staff members are attending presentations by Pam Mari and Jan McNeil in order to better prepare for the possible suicide by a student. This is in response to the increase in student's experiencing depression, suicide idealization and suicide attempts. On December 5, there will be a district-wide presentation on the Increased Student Anxiety.

Students—Courtenay reported a record number of students taking multiple AP courses. There was discussion about establishing a 2 AP class limit that a student can be enrolled in at any one time. They would also establish an appeal process for students wanting to increase this number. This would give students the time to process information. Staff is also seeing an increased number of students being caught cheating.

Discussion ensued regarding school atmosphere.

Treasurer's Report: Yi Sun presented the PTA financial report dated October 31, 2012. **Lea Darrah moved that the October 31, 2012 financial report be approved along with the ratifying of all disbursements. MOTION CARRIED**

PIE Grant Forms: Lea Darrah presented the following Partners in Education grants for approval and disbursement:

1. Multi-Department: Adobe Site License \$4250.00
Lea Darrah moved that the Adobe Site License grant request in the amount of \$4250.00 be approved. MOTION CARRIED
2. Art Department: Cameras and film \$1000.00
Lea Darrah moved that the Art Dept. grant request for cameras and film in the amount of \$1000.00 be approved. MOTION CARRIED
3. Art Department: Ceramic Glazes \$500.00
Lea Darrah moved that the Art Dept. grant request for ceramic glazes in the amount of \$500.00 be approved. MOTION CARRIED
4. Science Department, Mr. Raymond: National Science League Competition Fee \$140.00
Lea Darrah moved that Mr. Raymond's grant request for National Science League Competition fees in the amount of \$140.00 be approved. MOTION CARRIED
5. Science Department: Dissection Supplies \$2512.04
Lea Darrah moved that the Science Dept. grant request for dissection supplies in the amount of \$2512.04 be approved. MOTION CARRIED
6. English Department, Mr. Oster: Projector bulbs \$240.82
Lea Darrah moved that the Mr. Oster's grant request for projector bulbs in the amount of \$240.82 be approved. MOTION CARRIED
7. Special Education, Bob Wheeler: Basic materials and books \$460.00
Lea Darrah moved that the Special Education grant request for materials and books in the amount of \$460.00 be approved. MOTION CARRIED

Grants approved totaled \$9072.56. Lea is seeking further information on the Naviance and Computer grant requests.

Committee Reports:

By-Laws: Parliamentarian Bob Darrah reported on the final by-law updates.

1. Membership dues will be raised to \$15.
2. Membership Chair will be added as the 3rd Vice President.
3. 1st Vice President will be added as a check signer on the bank account.
4. Our Association Meeting quorum will increase to 14.

Once By-Laws are returned they will be posted for 30 days prior to an association vote.

Parent Education: Jennifer Creinin reported on the remaining parent education topics for the school-year.

District Programs:

1. The Whole Child on 12/5/12 at Harper Junior High. This program will include breakout sessions.
2. Madeline Levine's book, "Teach Your Children Well" on 2/8/12 at Brunelle Performing Arts Center.
3. Say No to Drugs and Alcohol on 3/9/12. Location TBA.

Race to Nowhere kit will be purchased by DHS PTA and housed with each year's VP Programs. The kit may be used by other schools as long as the billing always contains DHS PTA in it.

Communications: Liz Grassi reported that a Newsletter Chair has been found and gave some information about the new PTA column.

In-Kind Donation Coordinators: Karen Loy and Yvonne Rodriguez have volunteered to head up this committee.

New Business: *None*

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

VOLUNTEER HOURS ON 11/7/2012: 100 HOURS

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Association Meeting—Approve increase to Hospitality budget.
2. Disburse Student Aid Budget Line Item to counseling department

UPCOMING DATES:

PTA Executive Board Meeting Friday, November 30, 2012 11:30AM

~~PTA Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, December 5, 2012 7:30 PM — CANCELLED~~

PTA Association Meeting Wednesday, January 9, 2013 7:30-9:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth Tinsley, DSHS PTA Secretary
