

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

DATE: Wednesday, February 6, 2013 TIME: 7:32-8:20 PM

In Attendance: Cathy Farman, Liz Grassi, Mary Ann Noonan, Jennifer Creinin, Darcie Houck, Catherine Li Yu, Rami, R., Lara V., Leena Varjavand, Jean Ye, Courtenay Tessler, Sheila Smith, Carri Ziegler, Sarah Schrupp, Cona Reno, Leigh Choate, Mary Nicholson, Bob Darragh, Colleen Costello-Kreidler, and Elizabeth Tinsley

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

By-Law Changes: Parliamentarian Bob Darragh presented the by-laws that have been approved by the State PTA Parliamentarian and thanked Colleen Costello-Kreidler for all her efforts in beginning the by-law revision process in 2011-2012. **Bob Darragh moved to adopt the DSHS PTA By-Laws dated November 20, 2012 to become effective on July 1, 2013. MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Minutes: The January 9, 2013 minutes were presented by Elizabeth Tinsley. **Elizabeth Tinsley moved that the January 9, 2013 PTA Association Minutes be approved as written. MOTION CARRIED**

Student Reports:

Sophomore: Class Representative reported that there are 7-8 sophomores running for various ASB positions.

Junior: Class President reported that there will be a new Spring-Fling Dance to replace the dance held after Break-the-Record Night due to low attendance. On March 1, 2013 students can begin applying to participate in Youth in Government.

Senior: Class President reported that Senior Ball will be held on May 4, 2013 at the Sacramento Sheraton. The committee has begun working with various vendors. Students are looking for parents to host bus transportation to and from the prom.

Administrator's Report: Sheila Smith

Common Core Standards—Sheila reported that the staff has been working on their Common Core Standards, which are educational standards stating what all students should be able to know and do in Math, Science, Social Science and English.

WASC Visit—The commission for accrediting schools will be completing their mid-year visit at DSHS on March 4, 2013. The visit will determine if DSHS has completed necessary recommendations by the commission.

Final Schedule Change—Sheila passed out a copy of the parent survey polling parents regarding their preference for final exams to be in December or January.

Class Participation & Student Grades—Sheila reported that staff is reviewing policy in regards to teachers grading on participation. The current policy doesn't define what class participation is or how to translate it into grading.

Academic Appeal—Staff is developing an appeal board for students who wish to take high level classes without completing the pre-requisites stated in the course catalog. Currently students are able to appeal without a panel discussion.

CAHSEE—Sheila thanked all of the parent volunteers who helped to proctor exams.

Counselor's Report: Courtenay Tessler

Program Planning—Courtney reported that program planning begins next week for 9th grade students with planner collection at all junior highs on March 18, 2013. Current DSHS students will begin planning the following week.

Counselors have been meeting with students having D and F marks on their semester report cards in order to try to ensure a more successful second semester.

Open House – Open House will be February 28th from 5 to 7 p.m. for incoming 9, 10 and 11th graders. Discussion of AP and Honors courses will be included in the presentations.

Teacher's Report: Leigh Choate

World Language Department: Leigh reported that the annual World Language Festival will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2013 from 12:00-3:00PM. Admission is free and Chinese, French, German, Japanese, and Spanish foods will be for sale. Visitors can engage in hands-on activities, games, and enjoy student performances.

Photography: Doug Wright would like to thank the PTA for the monies given for photo supplies. The monies have enabled students to continue in and master the process of photography.

MPR: Kelly Wilkerson would like to again mention the need for a new MPR, especially during rainy days when students are forced to take shelter in various hallways.

HUB: The HUB won a national award, the NSPA Peacemaker, which means it's one of the top 15 newspapers in the country. Thank you to the PTA for the new software purchased to help keep the HUB functioning.

Agriculture: Mr. Hess reported that the School Board will be considering program changes to Ag Mechanics. Starting next year, Ag Mechanics will be offered through a 3-Course sequence titled: Agricultural Engineering 1, Agricultural Mechanics 2, and Advanced Agricultural Engineering—Design and Fabrication. There are concrete stepping stones and door knockers left from the basic metals unit. If you are interested in purchasing either of these items, please contact Mr. Hess.

Committee Reports:

Climate Committee: *Tabled*

Parent Education: Jennifer Creinin reported that the *Financing College Education* program was very well attended by many families, including junior high parents. A recommendation was made to hold this seminar in the fall next year in order to help families with the college application process.

Upcoming Events:

1. Madeline Levine's book, "Teach Your Children Well" on 2/8/13 at Brunelle Performing Arts Center.
2. Say No to Drugs and Alcohol on 3/9/13. Location TBA.

In-Kind Donations: *Tabled*

Treasurer's Report: Catherine Yi Lu presented the PTA financial report dated December 31, 2012. **Catherine Yi Lu moved that the January 31, 2013 financial report be approved. MOTION CARRIED.**

Appointment of Nominating Committee: Bob Darragh reported on the role of the Nominating Committee. The committee will provide a report of proposed candidates at the March 6, 2013 Association Meeting. The report will include nominees for PTA Officers, chairs, managers and Listserv volunteers. The annual PTA election meeting in on April 10th and additional nominations must be called for from the floor. Bob submitted the following proposed members for the PTA Nominating Committee for 2013-14. The proposed members are: Mary Nicholson, Helen Ma and Bob Darragh. The alternative members are Elizabeth Tinsley and Belinda Martineau. Bob asked if there were additional members who wished to be a member of the committee. **Bob Darragh moved to approve the Nomination Committee as presented. MOTION CARRIED.**

PIE Grants: Cathy Farman presented a Grant Request from the Language Department in the amount of \$593.00 for costs related to conference attendance for ratification by the association. **Elizabeth Tinsley moved to ratify the Language Dept. grant request in the amount of \$593.00. MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business: *None*

Meeting was adjourned by President Cathy Farman at 8:20 PM

VOLUNTEER HOURS ON 2/6/2013: 50 HOURS

ACTION ITEMS:

1. DHS Open House—Volunteer needed to man PTA table from 5:00-7:00PM
2. Association Meeting—Approve increase to Hospitality budget.
3. Disburse Student Aid Budget Line Item to counseling department

UPCOMING DATES:

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| PTA Executive Board Meeting | Wednesday, February 22, 2013 7:30PM |
| PTA Association Meeting | Wednesday, March 6, 2013 7:30-9:00 PM |

Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth Tinsley, DSHS PTA Secretary
