

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

DATE: Wednesday, January 9, 2013 TIME: 7:35-9:15 PM

In Attendance: Cathy Farman, Mary Ann Noonan, Jennifer Creinin, Darcie Houck, Lea Darrah, Catherine Li Yu, Carin Loy, Rami, R., Tina, S., Jenny Kobold, Jean Ye, Courtenay Tessler, Jacqui Moore, Carri Ziegler, Sarah Schrupp, Ameer Alsawaf and Bob Darragh

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Cathy Farman in the DSHS Library. The PTA Board, DSHS Staff, Student Representatives and parents introduced themselves.

Treasurer: Cathy thanked Yi Sun who served as PTA treasurer from August-December 2012. She stepped in on short notice and did a wonderful job. Unfortunately, she is unable to continue as treasurer. Catherine Yu Li, last year's treasurer, has volunteered to fill the position for the balance of the year. Lea Darrah moved to accept the resignation of Yi Sun and appoint Catherine Yu Li as treasurer for the balance of the year. MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes: The November 7, 2012 minutes were presented by Bob Darragh. Bob Darragh moved that the November 7, 2012 PTA Association Minutes be approved as written. MOTION CARRIED

Student Reports:

Sophomore: Class Representative reported that they are preparing for the upcoming Break the Record Night.

Junior: Class President reported that the Junior Prom went well with 420 tickets sold. Thirty-five tickets were purchased on-line. Since the dance contract needed to be handed in most students paid at the same time and did not use the on-line option. The junior class overwhelmingly liked the change in the finals dates to before winter break. However, many students wish the date change would have been announced earlier.

Principal's Report: Jacqui Moore

Common Core State Standards in Literacy and Math—Jacqui distributed a handout detailing proposed changes to the California state standards in math and literacy to improve conceptual understanding and fluency.

School Site Visit—Jacqui and Courtenay visited to Rocklin High School in order to study their various programs in relation to their school ranking. Rocklin has a specialized, long-standing mastery assessment tool in place. The tool consists of “plus” and “MASH” lunch-time computer-based and individualized interventions designed to assess content mastery. Rocklin High School was started with this focus on student learning and they only hire teachers who wish to teach in this culture.

Math 300 – A junior-college level math class for seniors will be offered again next year with Sacramento City College. PTA may be asked to pay for books since the DJUSD cannot purchase these materials due to the precedent setting of purchasing community college books for any student. This class may draw students from Statistics AP and provide an additional non-Calculus class for seniors and provides community college credit.

Final Schedule Change—Jacqui reported that the final schedule change was overwhelmingly approved of by the initial survey of 174 students. Only 3 students did not like the change to the earlier test dates. Some of the student comments include “Spent time with family and friends”, “best holiday gift”, “more relaxing, less studying, worry free” and “also want semester to end at the same time.” The next steps are to survey additional students and parents and present the results to the school board.

Counselor's Report: Courtenay Tessler

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. Prior to the Open House, program planning will start on 2/7

followed by presentations to students on 2/13 and 2/14. Presentations at the junior high schools will be the first week of March.

Student Support Efforts—On December 5, there was a district-wide presentation on the Increased Student Anxiety. This is in response to the increase in student's experiencing depression, suicide idealization and attempts, as well as recent school shootings.

AP and Honor Classes—Courtenay reported that 1405 students took at least one AP or Honors course this year. The number of students taking multiple AP courses is lower than generally thought. For example, only 51, 10 and 1 students are taking 5, 6, or 7 AP and Honors courses, respectively. Additionally, 408, 320, 267, 148 students are taking 1, 2, 3, or 4 AP and Honors courses, respectively. The counselors are proposing the following changes to AP and Honors courses to alter student and parent perception. They are:

1. Counselors will mark on college applications the most rigorous program for 3 or more AP and honors courses.
2. No more waivers for AP course work. As an example, a student must complete Chemistry before taking Chemistry AP. This change will need DJUSD Board approval.
3. Ranking will no longer be used, weighted grades, the maximum GPA will be 4.0.
4. The counselors will remind parents and students that UC uses a maximum of only 4 year-long AP classes in calculating weighted GPA.

Discussion ensued regarding school atmosphere and courses.

Proposed By-Law Changes: Parliamentarian Bob Darragh summarized the changes in the by-laws that have been approved by the State PTA Parliamentarian. The main revisions are:

1. Membership dues will be raised to \$15 from \$10.
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.

The By-Laws were posted on the PTA list serve in December and there will be an association vote during the February meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Catherine Yi Lu presented the PTA financial report dated December 31, 2012. **Lea Darragh moved that the December 31, 2012 financial report be approved. MOTION CARRIED.** Catherine and Darcie have begun preparation for the financial audit covering July 1 to December 31, 2012.

PIE Grants: Lea Darragh presented additional grant requests submitted by DSHS staff. The first two requests have been approved by the Executive Board in December 2012 via e-mail and four other requests were approved earlier at the Executive Board meeting on 1/9/2013. The PIE grants proposed for approval are:

1. Parent Education/DSHS.: Race to Nowhere Educational Material. -- \$ 436.46.
The Race to Nowhere kit will be kept by the VP for Programs. The kit may be used by other schools as long as the announcement always contains DSHS PTA.
2. Counseling Dept.: Naviance System renewal-- \$ 2804.80.
Art Video/Graphic Class: 2 Apple Computers -- \$ 3000.00
3. Blue Devil Café: 10 Ladder-back chairs -- \$ 732.70
4. CADA Conference Registration: -- \$ 300.00
5. Science Teacher conference training and expenses to supplement PAC-10 grant from UC Davis -- \$ 960.00
6. Five copies of "Teach Your Children Well by Madeline Levine for Library -- \$ 134.95

Lea Darragh moved to approve these six grant requests MOTION CARRIED Grant Requests approved at the January Association Meeting totaled \$8368.91. In addition, two grant requests were tabled for later discussion. They are:

1. DHS Band/Orchestra: French Horn -- \$ 2693.75

2. Art: Computer for in class research -- \$ 1122.30

Committee Reports:

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

1. Financing college education on 1/30/13 in the DSHS Library.
2. Madeline Levine's book, "Teach Your Children Well" on 2/8/13 at Brunelle Performing Arts Center.
3. Say No to Drugs and Alcohol on 3/9/13. Location TBA.

In-Kind Donations: Carin Loy reported that she and Yvonne Rodriguez plan to start the program next semester with items such as Kleenex, hand sanitizers and paper. They are finalizing drop off, storage and distribution issues.

Climate Committee: Jenny Kobold reported that the Climate Committee continues to engage in thoughtful projects that benefit others. Last month, the committee gave all sophomores a piece of hard candy with an encouraging note attached wishing them luck on their first high school finals. The candy was passed out during Sophomore English classes. Sugar free candy was also available. The Committee received very positive and appreciative responses from sophomores and they plan to repeat the event next year. The Climate Committee meets the second Wednesday at 2:45 p.m. and is open to all high school students, staff, parents and the community. They are also planning to meet one Friday a month at lunch so that those with after school commitments may attend.

New Business: *None*

Meeting was adjourned by President Cathy Farman at 9:15 PM

VOLUNTEER HOURS ON 1/9/2013: 108 HOURS

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Association Meeting—Approve increase to Hospitality budget.
2. Disburse Student Aid Budget Line Item to counseling department
3. Approve Bylaws at February Association Meeting
4. Nomination Committee elected at February Association Meeting

UPCOMING DATES:

PTA Executive Board Meeting	Wednesday, January 23, 2013 7:30PM
PTA Association Meeting	Wednesday, February 6, 2013 7:30-9:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth Tinsley, DSHS PTA Secretary