

DSHS PTA MEETING NOTES

Date: Wednesday June 3, 2009

Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Jane Schafer Kramer, Susan Nicoll, Catherine Pereira, Mathew Cawley, Kathy Magrino, Stacey Black, Elizabeth Tinsley, Joan Anton, Will Wallace, Courtenay Tessler, Brett S., Sandra S., Courtney J., Eve Dunaway, Marti Fledderman, Spencer B., Kate Bowen, Madeline Brattesani, Cathy Farman, Leslie Brumer, Lea Darrah, Riley S., Jessica W., Dorian Signori.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Kathy Magrino. Introductions were made all around. The DHS counselors were thanked for being PTA members.

Naviance Discussion and Vote: Courtenay Tessler

Prior to this meeting, the DHS counselors had compared the Choices program with Naviance and had decided to go with Naviance. Courtney Tessler described the Naviance program to the new PTA members, and why the counseling department had chosen it. As described before, Naviance operates online as well as at the school; parents can access the program; and, students will be able to create a resume, track college applications, prepare for the S.A.T., and helps a student chose a career. Naviance is also more streamlined. In the past, Choices was funded by outside sources. The Naviance program costs \$2,180.00 for 2009; it will go up \$800.00 next year. The counseling department is asking the PTA to fund the purchase of Naviance for the 2009/2010 school year.

A motion was made by Jane Schafer Kramer to fund the purchase of Naviance for the counseling department for one year. Madeline Brattesani seconded the motion. The motion carried unopposed.

Treasurer's Report

Stacy Black reported that as of May 31, 2009, there was approximately \$3,200.00 available for Grants to School. This money will be used to pay for Naviance. Formerly, \$1,200.00 had been approved for a field trip for the English Department, but the grant was withdrawn; consequently, there is more money left in the budget. Three \$500.00 Senior Awards were awarded.

Stacy requested a motion to formally approve the following two grants, (which have already been spent):

\$200.00 for Kevin Williams for a social studies related concert;

\$140.00 to Wayne Raymond for the National Science League tests.

Additionally, Stacey reported that there is \$500.00 left over in the hospitality budget. The PTA Board would like to present a gift of ink for a printer the teachers use between classes to all the teachers at large. Finally, the money left in the Student

Aid budget will be spent in June for caps and gowns for students who are not able to afford them.

Elizabeth Tinsley made a motion to approve the final outputs in the budget. Cathy Farman seconded. Motion carried unopposed.

Student Reports

Senior Class President, Riley S., reported that the Senior Ball went well. The class will put approximately \$10,000.00 toward a new digital marquee to replace the old one in front of the school. Friday is "Grad Night", and they are starting a new tradition. The senior class has created a flag representing each school year back to the 1960's. During the graduation ceremony, a representative from each class will hold one of the flags.

Sophomore Class President, Spencer B., introduced the new incoming sophomore class president. He will be the new junior class president, and Patricia Y., who was not present, will be the new incoming senior class president. Spencer noted that the Teacher Appreciation Carwash in on Friday. The subject of the location of next year's Senior Ball was brought up. Spencer stated that they did research other on the UC Davis campus but found that Freeborn holds only 500 people, without dance space, and that ARC holds only 240. Since approximately 650 people attended this year's Senior Ball, student government has committed to having the ball at the Sheraton Hotel in Sacramento again.

Davis Schools Foundation

Kate Bowen presented on behalf of the Davis Schools Foundation. The district has given a 30 day window to raise funds, and pledges have to be made by June 15. The Davis Schools Foundation is also asking for payroll deductions. Ms. Bowen reported that there will be more students in the classrooms; up to 35 students from the current 32 level. The "Schoolapoolza" fundraiser has netted \$21,000.00 in donations so far, but the business percentages have not been counted yet.

Caps and Gowns Recycling

Joan Anton, coordinator of the senior caps and gowns recycling effort, is expanding awareness of the program and implementing some changes in order to increase the recycling effort. There will be collection bins at Grad Night at Emerson, and a bin in the school office and teacher's lounge. She will also be putting out a bin on grad night at the stadium exit. Joan is having a notice of the recycling program placed in the Davis Enterprise, and she is also Facebook: (DHSGown Mom.) Joan is requesting that the PTA offer our help via the list serve to redistribute the caps and gowns to those students in need.

Approval of Minutes: April and May

Jane Shafer Kramer made a motion to pass the April Minutes with changes. Stacey Black seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unopposed. Madeline Brattesani moved to approve the May minutes with changes. Lea Darrah seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unopposed.

Principal's Report

Mike Cawley reported that the Senior Awards Ceremony went very well. There were many awards given out. The school had a problem with vandalism last night, with painted handprints all over the quad area. This same vandalism occurred last year

on the same date. Graduation is Friday and will be held at Aggie Stadium. On Monday morning at 8:00 a.m., there will be the ground-breaking for the new DHS Stadium.

Vice-Principal's Report

The vice principal was absent and no report was given.

Thank You Gift for Kathy Magrino

On behalf of the PTA and Board, Elizabeth Tinsley presented Kathy Magrino with the Golden Oak Award Lifetime of Service plaque as a thank you for all of her hard work and effort as DHS PTA president for the last two years.

New/Old Board Turnover

Lea Darrah was introduced as the new PTA President, beginning July 1. Formalities were discussed: The bank accounts need to be signed and the post office changed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dorian Signori