

**DSHS PTA**  
**Meeting Notes (as amended 10/5/2011)**

Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Time: 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

**In Attendance**

Cathy Farman, Lea Darrah, Stacey Black, Sandra Schickele, Catherine Yu Li, Roberta Kuhlman, Liz Grassi, Jacqui Moore, Widgen Neagley, Courtenay Tessler, Cathy Sacks, Joan Anton, Nancy Peterson, John Yoder, June Cox, Jill Van Zantan, Noelle Buer, Chanie Lolla, Ning Wan, Julie Schoenaug, Laure Lee, Judy Fletcher, Jason Lin, and, Bob Darragh

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Cathy Farman. The PTA Board, DSHS staff and parents introduced themselves.

**Parliamentarian and Committee Chair Appointments**

President Farman announced the appointments of the Parliamentarian (Colleen Kreidler) and several PTA Committee Chairs. These appointments are recorded in an attachment to these Minutes.

**Guest Announcements**

- Nancy Peterson (President of the Davis High School Blue and White Foundation) noted that the Foundation has begun a Student Activity Grant Program to enhance the experience of current DSHS students. Application deadlines are 11/1/2011 and 3/1/2012. Information on upcoming, activities and donations opportunities are available at [www.DHSBLUE&WHITE.ORG](http://www.DHSBLUE&WHITE.ORG).
- Joan Anton recycles DSHS graduation robes and caps from year to year. Currently, she has about 80 gowns and 40 caps in her inventory. The cap and gown are available each year on a first-come first-served basis. She requests that the cap and gown are returned and estimates that the recycling saves DHS parents about \$4000 last year. Courtenay added that for graduation both a cap and a gown are required and that her supply (used for students eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch or other programs) is down to about 5 caps and gowns.

**Treasurer's Report: Catherine Yu Li**

- Catherine presented the proposed balanced PTA budget for fiscal year 2011-2012. Income and expenditures are both about \$33,000. Widgen made a motion to approve the proposed budget that passed unanimously. The budget as approved is attached.
- Catherine presented the Treasurer's Report dated September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This report is attached.
- Catherine also presented the following ten checks for payment and they are attached. The payments total \$1360.39. Lea moved to accept both the Treasurer's report approve the payments listed. The motion carried.

**Principal's Report: Jacqui Moore**

Jacqui discussed several topics including:

- Ongoing efforts with the "Pursuing Victory with Honor" concept that encourages students not to use racial or other slurs at athletic events and to have them be aware that there will be repercussions for improper behavior or language. The goal is encourage students to be Athlete

Scholars.

- A parent volunteer coordinator is needed for the Career\Parent Volunteer Center that is being set-up in a portable classroom.
- There are about 30 to 35 additional student enrollees at DSHS. Jacqui is interviewing for a 0.8 Math teacher and a 0.4 Social Science (APUSH) teacher. New hires will help reduce the number of students on the wait-list (see Counselor's report).
- The Professional Learning Action Team (PLAT) that fosters professional development for teachers had a successful first meeting.
- DSHS has been re-keyed so that there is a master key to open all doors.
- DSHS was vandalized before the start of school. Locker numbers were spray painted and signs were removed from classroom doors. The District responded (per policy) and janitors cleaned up the vandalism in 24 hours with a total cost estimated between \$20,000 and \$30,000. A significant part of the cost is upgrading the classroom signs to be ADA compatible, as required. Two students have been identified and the DJUSD is pursuing the matter. Jacqui reminds parents that students performing pranks\vandalism associated with Homecoming and Back-to-School night will be cited. Additional education of students and parents of the repercussions and damage caused by pranks will be distributed on the ListServs, papers and at assemblies. Unfortunately, restorative justice, that is, requiring the youths who vandalized the school to participate in the clean-up was not feasible due to District policy of removing vandalism in the first 24 hours.
- Copper wire valued at about \$8000 was stolen from the stadium
- Alcohol is prevalent at DSHS dances and athletic events. It is illegal to provide youths with alcohol, tobacco or drugs. Please see DavisParentsDo presentation by Cathy Sachs below for more information.

### **Counselor's Report: Ms. Tessler**

- Courtenay reported that over 1000 students submitted course change requests after the Master Schedule had been finished. These changes had a large impact on class size and schedules. There are currently about 100 students on the wait-list. An on-line submission form for course changes was suggested as one way to cut down on e-mails and phone calls concerning this matter.
- Naviance training of sophomores and new students has begun. Counselors are meeting with small groups of sophomores to introduce themselves and welcome these students to DSHS.
- She reminds athletes and parents that participation on a sports team does not guarantee a free 7<sup>th</sup> period.
- The counselors are working with parents and retired teachers to improve the web site (and FAQs) to increase communication and reduce the number of e-mails and class wait-list concerns.
- College information training and presentations are starting with several meetings scheduled this month. Early decision letters are being prepared for students, as well as, requests from professional schools for High School graduation documentation for past graduates.

### **Teacher Report: Ms. Neagley**

Ms. Neagley reported that the teachers are excited to return to school and are working hard with the principal and the large class sizes to find ways to best serve\teach the students. She notes that without the support of education bond measures in Davis that class sizes would be even larger.

### **PIE Grant Forms (Lea Darrah)**

Lea reported that the approved budget for PIE grants to DSHS teachers is \$20,000. However, the program has already collected \$23,521 so far this year. Several improvements for the grant program this year are: an earlier application due date (9/23) so that some funds may be distributed at the October 5<sup>th</sup> PTA general meeting; coordination of technology (e.g. computer and other items) requests with the Site Technology Plan by Jacqui; request matching fund info if applicable; and Department Chair review (but not approval) for grants greater than \$750 to facilitate collaborative use of resources in each department.

The PIE grant program last year funded Naviance (about \$3000 per year), dissection supplies, sewing machine repair, and Blue Devil Spirit awards among many other grants with the goal to meet pressing and unfunded needs of DSHS students. The applications are reviewed by the PTA Executive Board, Jacqui Moore (and Department Chairs if greater than \$750) and then presented to the PTA General Membership for approval at the October, November and other meetings, as needed.

### **Approval of May Minutes**

A motion was made by Widgen Neagley to approve the May minutes as submitted. The motion passed unopposed.

### **Committee Report: Robert Kuhlman (Parent Education)**

- Parent Education speakers have confirmed for:
  - November 9th by Sally Springer: College Admissions.
  - January 25th Don Palm: Community College Options.
- Other Parent Education topics discussed with the Executive Board include "Teens and Social Media" (the Davis Police Department has a presentation on this topic), and "Stress and Teens." The DSHS will cooperate with other PTAs and PTOs this year to bring speakers of district-wide interest to Davis

### **Cathy Sacks (Davis Parents Do)**

DavisParentsDo is part of a district-wide PTA\PTO effort to educate parents and guardians about the realities of alcohol and drug use by Davis youth. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year that parents may sign a pledge to host only alcohol-free, tobacco-free and drug-free parties for teens. This year over 650 DSHS parents have signed the pledge. To sign the pledge or for more information please go to their website: [DavisParentsDo.org](http://DavisParentsDo.org).

### **Other Business**

Cathy passed around thank you notes from one student who received a PTA scholarship and from Ms. Hussmann's Anatomy class for the classroom funds provided by PTA.

The number of volunteer hours from July 1 to September 7, 2011 was 127 hours.

The October PTA meeting will be of Wednesday the 5th at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Darragh, Secretary