

**DSHS PTA
Meeting Notes**

Date: Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Time: 7:30 pm to 9:12 pm

In Attendance

Cathy Farman, Lea Darrah, Mary Ann Noonan, Sandra Schickele, Catherine Yu Li, Roberta Kuhlman, Gina Daleiden, Sheila Smith, Jason Bundy, Courtenay Tessler, Cathy Sacks, Lesli Chuck, Jill Van Zantan, Linda Zablutry-Hurst, Caitlyn G., Rachel S., Rami R., and Bob Darragh

Call to Order

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

Approval of September Minutes

A motion was made by Lea Darrah to approve the September minutes as amended. The motion passed unopposed.

Student Reports

- Rami R. is the representative of the Sophomore Senate composed of three members each representing a Junior High School.

- Rachel S. notes that the Junior class has begun Junior Prom dance planning, the event will be in early December.

- Caitlyn G. and the other class representatives agreed that there was a lot of participation during Homecoming and associated assemblies and events. Parents got to experience part of Homecoming spirit since Back-to-School night was held the same week. The Senior Ball will again be at the Sacramento Sheraton Grand in early May. October 21st will be the Homecoming Dance after the football game versus Grant. Tickets for the nautically themed event will be available soon. The Class of 2012 has a Facebook page to advertise events\info for the class, for example Graduation gown recycling as discussed at the September meeting.

Presentation re 2012 Parcel Tax Measure: Gina Daleiden

The DJUSD School Board set both measure Q (first passed in 1984) and Measure W (first passed three years ago in response to State Education cuts) to expire in 2012. A Parcel Tax measure will be drafted in December to replace the funds from both of these expiring measures. The Parcel Tax measure will include the option to assess the tax each year up to the amount approved. Mail-in voting will be in February and early March, 2012. A two-thirds majority is required for passage. The results of the vote will be known before March 15th when lay-off notices must be sent to DJUSD employees, if needed.

Measures Q and W provided about \$6.5 million in funds for music, arts, foreign language, reductions in class size, science, libraries, coaching stipends, the Farm-to-School program, counselors among other programs. In total about 80 full-time positions are funded by these measures, as well as non-personal items.

Cathy noted that parent groups are organizing to support the Parcel Tax. One of the goals of these groups is to inform the community of the need for the tax to support the Davis schools. For example, cutting the music program (which has large class sizes (e.g. Orchestra)) would move these students into several other classes increasing their class size.

Administration's Report: Sheila Smith

- No reports of vandalism were received from the community during Homecoming.
- Parent volunteers are needed for the Career\Parent Volunteer Center.
- 500 PSAT tests have been ordered. Students are charged \$24 to cover the cost of the proctors for the exam. DJUSD offered the PSAT to all 9th graders last year in an effort to identify at-risk students earlier, however, now many of these 10th graders are interested in taking the exam again this year. Discussion of offering the test during school time instead of Saturday was mentioned, however, the decrease in class instruction time to offer the test was noted.
- Catalogs for next year will include 9th grade classes including which are U.C. a-g or NCAA approved and will be available earlier. This may enable students and their parents to plan for college more effectively.
- The staff has a goal to finish the Master Schedule earlier.
- DSHS is looking for a local photographer to provide Senior portraits, school ID cards and the same services as the current photographer located in Elk Grove. Additional on-site days for photos was discussed.
- Student ID cards are being required at athletic events. The school is also encouraging greater parent supervision of younger students at the events for their safety.
- The Professional Learning Action Team (PLAT) that fosters professional development for teachers has a goal of sustainable in-house training for teachers.

Teacher Report: Jason Bundy

Jason thanked the PTA for the PIE grant program and the impact the grants have made in his classroom and others.

Counselor's Report: Courtenay Tessler

Courtenay distributed the School Profile for 2011-12. This documents aspects of DSHS community, enrollment, faculty, academic and curriculum information, graduation requirements and various test scores. It is distributed to colleges with letters counselors provide for students.

Audit Report: Cathy Farman

Cathy Farman (DSHS PTA auditor for 2010-2011) presented the report for July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. The report was completed on July 7, 2011. Cathy stated: "I have examined the financial records of the treasurer of Davis Senior High School PTA and find them correct."

Lea made a motion to accept the audit report. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Catherine Yu Li

- Catherine presented the Treasurer's Report dated October 5th, 2011. Currently, there is an increase in income of 12% over last year.
- Catherine also presented the following six checks for payment. The payments total \$428.95. The six checks are:

Georg Rosenblum	Hospitality	\$90.00
Lori-Schilling-Davis	Hospitality	\$15.07
Lesli Chuck	Hospitality	\$38.30
Cheri Herman	Newsletter (postage)	\$40.61
Cathy Farman	Administrative (copies)	\$16.66
Cathy Farman	Newsletter (mailing)	\$228.31

Sandra moved to accept both the Treasurer's report approve the payments listed. The motion passed unanimously.

- In other business, Lea noted that PTA does not support DSHS clubs, thus SCRIP is used by various clubs to support their activities.
- Sophomore Directories: Lea and Cathy followed up on discussions at the September Association and Executive Board meetings: Cathy noted that in the 10th grade there are 583 students, of these 125 are "low income", and about 274 students have purchased directories. If PTA provides the 125 students with a directory then about 400 students and their families will have the directory. Based on past experience more families may have access to a directory from an older sibling at DSHS and the remaining families (less than 200) may have either the means or connections to get directory information when they want or need it. By providing directories to the families of the 125 students the PTA will provide this important contact information to those in most need.

Also, the 274 that purchased a directory represents about \$1370 in income to PTA that is used for PTA expenses (e.g. newsletter, administrative costs, hospitality, convention, etc). Since the PTA uses all PIE donations for the teacher grant program, the PTA has very limited sources of income. With the PTA national dues taking an additional \$0.50 this year, sales such as the directory helped to buffer this increased cost. Since PTA has committed to doing no further active fundraising, we need to protect the remaining PTA income sources.

Additionally, if PTA gives all incoming sophomore families a directory each year, likely overall directory sales will decrease in subsequent year's further reducing PTAs limited income. If PTA plans to expend a \$1.00+ per student for the directory, PTA also gives up about \$5 in profit per directory. Lea recommends that this warrants further discussion and especially needs to be factored in with an increase in dues PTA plans to propose to incorporate into the bylaws. If the need to give all students a directory becomes the most compelling factor, then Lea suggests PTA attempt to find a sponsors to offset the cost and lost income before making this an action item for next year.

It is for these reasons that Lea made a motion that PTA provide a complimentary directory to the 125 identified low income students in the sophomore class. The motion passed unanimously.

PIE Grant Forms (Lea Darrah)

Lea summarized the PIE program to date: 9/23 was the application due date for the first round so that grants could be reviewed at the 9/30 Executive Board meeting and voted on at the October 5th PTA general meeting. Lea presented the following 11 grant proposals for funding in the first round. They are:

Requestor	Amount	Description
Trisha Butler (Mathematics)	\$700.00	Airfare for two teachers to attend Educational Course for professional development
Ingrid Salim (Science)	\$107.75	10 dry erase boards for class work
Courtenay Tessler (Counseling)	\$2,755.20	Naviance program
Pete Haws (Social Studies)	\$195.00	New York Times "Upfront" magazine
Kevin Williams (School Climate)	\$750.00	Friendship Day funding
Tom McHale (DSHS Admin)	\$500.00	Blue Devil Spirit Awards
Wayne Raymond (Science)	\$140.00	National Science League Tests
Linda Husmann, Erica Clark, Eric Bastin (Science)	\$1,512.42	Dissection supplies
Stacy Desideri (Library/DSHS Staff)	\$4,000.00	5 LCD projectors for library fleet and 2 replacement bulbs
Jeanne Pettigrew (ROP food service class & Café Diablo)	\$750.00	commercial kitchen equipment
Ann Moriarty (Science/ROP)	\$1,750.00	Environmental Science Lab Equipment
	\$13,160.37	TOTAL

After discussion, Lea made a motion to approve these grant applications for a total of \$13,160.37. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

- Cathy noted that DJUSD does not have a Technology Plan perhaps due to the large cost (estimated by the DJUSD at over \$1.5 million). However, the laptops provided to teachers several years ago need replacement. The DJUSD is looking at lease options as part of a sustainable plan for this aspect of technology. DSHS has \$30,000 to as seed money for technology on campus. Early indications are that these funds may be used for additional projectors in the classroom.
- Low parent attendance at Back-to-School night is thought to have occurred due to the early start time of 6 p.m. The traditional start time of 7 p.m. is recommended for future events.
- The number of volunteer hours from September 8, 2011 to October 5, 2011 was 116 hours.

The November PTA meeting will be on Wednesday the 2nd at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Darragh, Secretary