

DSHS PTA MEETING NOTES

Date: Wednesday December 2, 2009

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

In Attendance

Lea Darrah, Sandra Schickele, Winfred Roberson, Stacey Black, Jane Schafer Kramer, Spencer B., Courtney J., Clayton J., Patricia Y., Kate Bowen, Eve Dunaway, Tom McHale, Jeanne Pettigrew, Brenda Mohr, Dorian Signori

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President Lea Darrah. Jeanne Pettigrew, the DHS Home Economics teacher, was introduced. Her home economics classes, upon request from Lea Darrah, had prepared several plates of delicious cookies for the PTA meeting.

Approval of November Minutes

Due to the lack of a quorum, the November minutes could not be approved. Approval will be tabled until the January, 2010, meeting.

Counselor's Report

Courtney Tessler was absent.

Principal's Report

Principal Roberson reported that his administration is focusing on student intervention, with the emphasis on making sure that all students who need help are receiving it. Many of the students who have poor attendance also struggle with poor grades. Stacy Desideri is in the process of putting a report together regarding these findings. He wants to set up processes to evaluate these interventions to ensure that they are effective. The Academic Center is the main vehicle used for intervention. There is no hard data yet, but Principal Roberson is determined to close the achievement gap.

Vice Principal's Report

Tom McHale reported that the Academic Center continues to serve students well. The center has an excellent tutorial assistance for drop-ins.

The next meeting of the Climate Committee will be on December 16th at 2:45 p.m. in the library. They will focus on:

- Achievement gap issues;
- Increasing campus activities, especially during the lunch hour;
- Establishing a relationship with a school in Bangladesh. He also wants specific DHS school groups to reach out to other groups, i.e., achievement groups will reach out to the Race and Social Justice classes and Student Government will reach out to the Davis city government.
- Vice Principal McHale asked PTA to find a representative for the climate committee to replace Jenny Kobold.

Action: Find Climate Committee replacement for Jenny Kobold.

Vice Principal McHale has reported that, currently, to help promote school spirit, all staff and faculty are being encouraged to nominate students for a Blue Devil Spirit Award. They will be acknowledging five students each week. The students will receive a snack and a gift certificate from a local business.

Stacey Desideri has been selected as a new vice principal. She is working with the Davis Schools Foundation.

Student Reports

Patricia Y., senior class president, reported that the senior class is planning for the Black Light Bash which will be held on January 29, 2010. The proceeds will go to the senior class basketball homecoming costs.

Junior class president, Spencer B., advised PTA that Thursday and Friday of this week are the last two days to buy Junior Prom tickets. Ticket prices are \$35.00 with an ASB card. About 350 tickets have already been sold; the goal is to sell all 600 tickets. Kate Bowen thanked PTA for their support. The prom contract is now online. Ms. Bowen suggested that, in the future, the administration have a point person to handle the prom undertakings and responsibilities.

Courtney J., sophomore class president, stated that sophomores had nothing to report. They are looking forward to the junior prom.

Other Student Business

Clay J., representing student government, was present to request help from the PTA for a breakfast that student government was planning to hold for the entire staff. At this point, they are lacking money for food and local businesses have been unwilling to donate. Jane Schafer Kramer indicated that PTA could talk to our hospitality coordinator, Carla Almeida, about food donations, and she requested Clay to send her the donation sign-up sheet electronically so she could post it on the list serve.

Action: Jane Schafer Kramer will place the donation sign-up sheet on the list serve.

PIE Grant Committee Recommendations and Vote for Approval

Due the lack of a quorum, several of the grants could not be approved; however, the board can approve up to \$1,000.00 between membership meetings. The following grants were approved, totaling \$1,000.00:

- National Science League Competition Fee: \$140.00
- Adobe Premier Elements for the DHS newspaper The Hub: \$760.00
- AP French Language Workshop: \$100.00.

Stacey Black moved to approve these grants. Jane Schafer Kramer seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Flu Vaccine Clinic Update

President Lea Darrah reported that, so far, we have one volunteer with medical service. We need more medical volunteers. All the junior highs will be advertising the clinic on their list serves. Flu Busters would prefer that we sign up as many people in advance as possible, so they will know how many vaccines to bring. Seniors with Medicare Part B can receive the shot for free. The Davis Enterprise will also advertise the clinic.

Treasurer's Report

Sandra Schickele reported that there has not been a great deal of activity. There are only two checks to approve, and a motion is not required because the items are already budgeted.

The Partners in Education funds, (P.I.E.), have currently exceeded our budget by \$788.25. Stacy Black passed out Scrip cards.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dorian Signori.