

DSHS PTA Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Time: 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

In Attendance

Lea Darrah, Kathy Magrino, Julie Clayton, Susan Lovenburg, Pam Mari, Madeline Brattesani, Jane Schafer-Kramer, Courtney J., Stacey Black, Debbie Austin, Nora Shimoda, Eve Dunaway, Carol Curinga, Stacey Desideri, Cathy Farman, Winfred Roberson, Jenny Kobold, Kathy Magrino, Sandra Schickele, Spencer B., Patricia Y., Dorian Signori.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 by President Lea Darrah. Introductions were made all around.

Approval of February Minutes

Madeline Brattesani requested that Steve Smyth's name be spelled correctly. Kathy Magrino made a motion to approve the February minutes with the noted change. Madeline Brattesani seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Change to Agenda

The Dollar a Day campaign kicks off on the 15th.

Executive Board Slate

Kathy Magrino presented the full election slate for the PTA Executive Board. It is as follows:

- President: Lea Darrah
- Executive Vice President: Carolee Gregg
- First Vice President: Debbie Austin
- Second Vice President: Eve Dunaway
- Financial Secretary: Jennifer Raven
- Treasurer: Sandra Schickele
- Secretary: Bob Darragh
- Auditor: Cathy Farman
- Membership: Dorian Signori

Jane Schafer-Kramer will post the election slate on the website. Lea Darrah opened the floor for nominations. There were no other nominations and she stated that nominations will be accepted until the election.

Scholarship Presentation

Julie Clayton introduced herself. She is head of the Scholarship and Financial Aid office at DHS. Formerly the "Career Center", the name was changed to reflect the priorities of the office, which are as follows:

- Fall: The Scholarship and Financial Aid office helps students with college visits and invites college representatives to visit DHS;
- Winter: The emphasis is on guiding students and parents through the financial aid maze, and making sure FAFSA and Cal Grant applications are in by the deadlines;
- Spring: This is peak scholarship season and Ms. Clayton creates the Scholarship Bulletin, (for Davis/local scholarships), and helps students apply for any scholarships available. All scholarships, both global and local, are listed in Naviance, as well. Davinci students may apply for all of the local scholarships except the ones from DHS PTA;
- Senior Awards Night: All seniors who have received awards and scholarships will be recognized June 1st at the Senior Award Night.

Ms. Clayton reported that the Scholarship and Financial office also has information on jobs, internships, and study abroad opportunities. The office is open Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9:30 to 4:00, and Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 3:00. It is always open during lunch.

District Dollars Presentation

Susan Lovenburg presented a comprehensive Power Point presentation entitled, "District Dollars." District Dollars is an online community engagement tool to explain the budget crisis and let viewers provide feedback. The project is a collaboration of community volunteers and the Davis School District. The program is multi-layered but easily navigable, and contains links to gather further information for the user. The website is districtdollars.org, and the web address will be out on the listserv. It will stay active until June. Additional websites and addresses are: budget@djsud.k12.ca and pmari@djsud.k12.ca.

Student Reports

Patricia Y., senior class president, reported that the senior class is planning the Senior Ball. The theme will be, "The Roaring Twenties", and will be held May 1. They are in the process of establishing the budget and booking the DJ. Spencer B., junior class president, mentioned that the Youth in Government program is approaching; the applications for participation were due yesterday. There were between 20-30 applications in total. Applications for next years'

Student Government positions are out now, as well. Courtney J., sophomore class president, announced that the Mr. Blue Devil contest will be held April 2 and the Car Show will be held May 9. Spencer B. said the Mr. Blue Devil contest is quite fun. Each participant must be nominated by another student and only junior and senior boys can be nominated. The contest includes a talent and questions and answer component. Teachers are the judges and winner is by popular vote. The car show consists of students bring their cars and parking in the quad. There will be winners in such categories as "best engine", and the Marines will bring a Hummer. Dos Coyotes and Jamba Juice will be there.

Teacher's Report

There was no teacher report.

Vice Principal's Report

Stacey Desideri reported that the feedback on Parent Connect has been great. Progress Reports will be turned on March 10th. If a teacher uses the Zangle Grade Book, then parents will also be able to see their student's assignments. The WASC process begins Sunday. The visiting committee will meet and talk with basically the entire staff of the high school for the next 2.5 days. Afterward, they will give their recommendations. Stacey wanted to acknowledge teacher Eric Bastin for having done a tremendous amount of work publishing the study the staff has created. Lastly, report cards have gone out.

Principal's Report

Principal Roberson thanked the PTA for the grants. The walls in the interior of the administration building have been painted, and the newly purchased bulletin boards, (PTA funded), will be hung. The WASC process has been the focus of the staff and the administration. Principal Roberson invited everyone to the WASC meeting on Sunday, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The other main focus of the administration has been on improving student attendance. Last year at this time we were at 97% attendance. We are at 95% today. We are losing approximately \$1,300.00 per day; over 180 days, that adds up to \$257,000.00 in loss revenue. Principal Roberson wants parents to be aware that if a student comes to one class, the school will receive the ADA, and he wants parents to stay connected through Parent Connect.

Counselor's Report

Carol Curinga reported that the high school program planning for incoming 9th grades will be on Wednesday, March 17. Naviance will be explained and the students will be given passwords and pins. As of this week, all sophomores have gone through the Naviance training. Most of the juniors have been trained. The counseling department would like seniors to record in Naviance which colleges they were accepted at as well as colleges where they were rejected.

March 25th is the College and Career Tech Night for juniors and their parents, and Open House is on April 29th.

Treasurer's Report

Sandra Schickele reported that a lot of money has been spent for grants. All the checks have been written except for the following:

Jane Schafer Kramer, \$47.52, Newsletter/Stamps;
DJUSD, \$112.39, February Newsletter;
DJUSD, \$447.85, October Newsletter (\$38.32); Directory (\$409.53);
DJUSD, \$91.99, December Newsletter.

Sandra motioned to approve the last four payments (listed above). The motion was seconded by Madeline Brattesani. The motion passed unopposed.

Partners in Education Grant Update

Debbie Austin reported that an additional round of grant requests went out after the last PTA meeting. The PTA Board saw the additional six requests at the Board meeting on February 24th. Discussion regarding the new grant requests followed. Lea Darrah mentioned that PTA is researching a source for less expensive LCD bulbs. Kathy Magrino recommended that the PTA fund up to \$800.00 for the LCD requested by Pamela Marineau rather than \$500.00, as that figure seemed low. Principal Roberson said he had reservations about the United Streaming request. The PTA Board had decided at their meeting that the PTA will not fund field trips or school clubs.

Kathy Magrino recommended that we approve the following items:

- (1) LCD Bulb;
- Weight lifting software and printer;
- AP Japanese Language Teaching Materials;
- FAX machine for administration;
- 3 hole punch.

The total for the five items: \$3,044.00

Stacey Black motioned to approve these five items. Kathy Magrino seconded the motion. Lea Darrah amended the motion to include an additional 10% for shipping and taxes. The motion passed unopposed.

For the remaining grant money, the PTA requested that Principal Roberson write a grant for teacher development.

2009-2010 DHS PTA Partners In Education Grant Awards

Title of Proposal	Applicant	Department	Request	\$
Bulletin Boards	Sheila Smith	Administration	Bulletin Boards for front office hallways	\$ 1,800.00
ELL Enrichment	Karen Street	English	Time for Kids	\$ 130.00
Microscope Repair/Replacement	Linda Husmann	Science	Microscope repair & replacement	\$ 1,115.00
Friendship Day	Friendship Day	School Climate	Funding for Friendship Day	\$ 1,000.00
LCD Projector English/Debate	Pamela Martineau	English	LCD projector and bulbs	\$ 800.00
HUB Video Editing Software	Kelly Wilkerson	English	Adobe Premier Elements x 9	\$ 760.00
Projector Ceiling Mount rm L10	Scott Mahon	English	Ceiling mount for digital projector in room L10	\$ 345.00
Videos for Speech & Debate	Pamela Martineau	English	National Forensic League DVD's	\$ 198.00
Digital Voice Recorders	Amelia Diaz	Foreign Language	Voice recorders for AP students	\$ 584.00
AP French Language Workshop	James Curley	Foreign Language	Registration fee to attend AP French workshop	\$ 100.00
Blue Devil Spirit Awards	Tom McHale	Administration	Snacks and awards	\$ 500.00
Nat'l Science League Entry Fees	Wayne Raymond	Science	National Science League Competition entry fees	\$ 140.00
			TOTAL	\$ 7,472.00

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Title of Proposal	Applicant	Department	Request	\$
LCD Projector Bulb	James Curley	Foreign Lang	LCD Bulb replacement	\$ 350.00
AP Japanese Teaching Materials	Naoko McHale	Foreign Lang	Specifically for AP Japanese	\$ 105.00
Weight Lifting Software & Printer	Leigh Whitmire	PE	Computerized weight lifting program and printer	\$ 1,500.00
Fax Machine	Admin Offices	Teri Furlow??	New fax machine for admin offices	\$ 1,000.00
3 Hole Punch	Jason Bundy	Faculty	Electric 3 hole punch for staff copy room	\$ 89.00
			TOTAL	\$ 3,044.00

Committee Reports

Eve Dunaway Reported that the next Parent Ed Night, "Community College and Beyond", will be on April 14th. Don Palm and a panel will present a Power Point, which will also be on the PTA website.

Announcements

Lea Darrah shared a thank you note to the PTA from the counseling department for our first luncheon of the year. The teachers have been very appreciative of the luncheons. Lea also thanked Jane Shafer Kramer and Gloria Whalen for modernizing our donation form on the website.

There will be a Blue and White fun Run fundraiser on Sunday. On March 15th, the Davis Schools Foundation campaign will kick-off, and will run until May 1. DSF would like a liaison from the PTA with their organization.

The PTA will be in Sacramento this year, from April 29th through May 2nd. DHS is getting a delegation to attend. You don't have to be a PTA officer to attend; just a member.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Dorian Signori