

DSHS PTA MEETING NOTES

Date: Wednesday November 4, 2009

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

In Attendance

Lea Darrah, Sandra Schickele, Winfred Roberson, Debbie Austin, Stacey Black, Jane Schafer Kramer, Madeline Brattesani, Gloria Whalen, Spencer B., Courtney J., Nora Shimoda, Dan Lumford, Ping Jiang, Vinita Domier, Mike McDermott, Eve Dunaway, Angeline Lam, Edward Wong, Joyce Boulanger, Karen Steidler, Al Ghaffari, Stacy Desideri, Cathy Farman, Dorian Signori

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Lea Darrah. Due to the brevity of the meeting, introductions were not made.

First Order of Business

President Lea Darrah introduced the idea of the PTA sponsoring a flu clinic at DHS. The concept is approved by the National PTA, and Principal Roberson has also approved it. The clinic would be run by Flu Busters, and would administer the seasonal flu vaccine. Parents would make an appointment, pay online at a cost of \$25.00 to \$30.00, and have a 15 minute window to keep their appointment. DHS students would need to be accompanied by an adult. This event could be held in early December.

Approval of October Minutes

A small change to the treasurer's report was required; remove the word "not" as the PTA **will be** charged a \$3.00 fee from the bank. Debbie Austin moved to approve the minutes with the change to the treasurer's report. Sandra Schickele seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Principal's Report

Principal Roberson reported that October was a fun month for the students. Homecoming was a huge success; between 1,600 to 2,000 people attended. The athletics department made over \$10,000.00. There were complaints from neighbors that the stadium's new sound system was too loud, and that has been adjusted to a lower level. On November 9, the crew will begin working on the new track.

The Academic Center is thriving. Both high and low achieving students are being served. Jane Schafer-Kramer asked about the climate committee. Principal Roberson indicated that Tom McHale is heading the committee.

Regarding caps and gowns, blue has been chosen as the gown color. For any questions about caps and gowns, parents need to contact Terry Ferlow.

Presentation from the Blue and White Foundation

Mike McDermott from the Blue and White Foundation gave a quick update on the new field. The foundation is approaching \$900,000.00 in donations, with over 1,500 individual donors. The new stadium has the potential of raising over \$200,000.00 per year. Currently, they

are focusing on selling bricks and pavers; bricks are currently \$100.00 and pavers are \$300.00. After November 15th, the prices of each will go up. Madeline Brattesani suggested that the PTA buy a paver. Discussion followed and it was suggested that the idea of the PTA purchasing a paver be discussed further at the December meeting.

Mike McDermott also requested that the PTA consider having a PTA board member on the board of the Blue and White Foundation in order to foster a closer relationship between the two entities.

Student Reports

Sophomore class president Courtney J. reported that the classes are finishing up homecoming loose ends, such as writing thank you notes. Spencer B., junior class president, said that between 300 and 400 people were at the homecoming dance. The junior class is getting ready for the Junior Prom on December 12th. It was agreed that he and Jane Schafer-Kramer will work together to get the prom contract on the website. He will email Jane the contract.

Counselor's Report

It was reported that the Naviance program is up and running. The 11th and 12th classes are both on, though approximately 100 kids do not have their codes. Sophomores will be on in the spring. Naviance has been shown to the district, and Da Vinci is also looking into the program. President Lea Darrah reminded everyone that it would be better if the district paid for Naviance next year.

There will be an athletic fundraiser, Drive One for Education, on Friday, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., in the staff parking lot.

Treasurer's Report

Sandra Schickele reported that the newsletter was a large expense this month: \$737.60. Sandra inquired whether the PTA wanted to increase the newsletter budget since it is already over budget. It was decided that \$118.80 of the newsletter cost will be removed from the newsletter budget and put into administrative costs, since the \$118.80 was for the back-to-school leaflet.

The following bills were presented for payment:

Davis Joint Unified School District:	\$737.60	Newsletter
Dorian Signori:	\$ 16.58	Copying costs

Sandra made a motion to have the bills paid. Jane Schafer-Kramer seconded it. The motion passed unopposed.

Because this meeting was followed by the Parent Ed night, it adjourned early at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dorian Signori.