

DSHS PTA MEETING NOTES

Date: Wednesday October 7, 2009

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

In Attendance

Lea Darrah, Sandra Schickele, Winfred Roberson, Debbie Austin, Stacey Black, Jane Schafer Kramer, Madeline Brattesani, Gloria Whalen, Tom McHale, Laura Rodman, Kathy Magrino, Spencer B., Courtney J., Patricia Y., Nora Shimoda, Catherine Pereira, Dorian Signori

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Lea Darrah. Introductions were made all around.

Announcements

Lea Darrah made a few quick announcements.

- Parents, especially parents of sophomores, are encouraged to sign up for the PTA listserve and the Daily Bulletin.
- The PSAT Registration Update: Priority will be given to juniors, Tues. through Thurs., October 6,7, & 8. Sophomores may register for any available tests on October 9. The test date is October 17.
- The Homecoming committee is looking for convertibles for the parade on Friday, October 23.
- The CSU and UC applications are out.
- The PTA newsletter is posted on the dhspta.org website and will no longer be mailed. Jane Schafer-Kramer indicated that students can't post on the listserve. The student needs to contact Eric Morgan, the student activity coordinator, who will then contact the PTA and the PTA will send out a request.

Action: Jane Schafer-Kramer asked Principal Roberson if the PTA could place their web address on the DHS marquee. He will look into it.

Approval of September Minutes and October Agenda Vote

Kathy Magrino motioned to approve the September minutes. Stacey Black seconded the motion. The motion carried unopposed. Madeline Brattesani moved to approve the October agenda. Debbie Austin seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

Student Reports

Junior class president Spencer B. reported that the Homecoming theme is "A Haunted Homecoming." Homecoming is on October 23rd. The junior class has obtained a trailer and a building area for their float. Floating building will take place from the 19th to the 23rd. On October 27th, they will hold a Junior Prom parent meeting.

The sophomore class, as reported by President Courtney J., as obtained a truck, a driver, a trailer, and a flatbed. They will be using the FFA barn to build their float. Their theme is Frankenstein.

Senior class President, Patricia Y., reported that they will use the Bunfil house for the building of their float. The Bunfils are also donating the truck, driver, flatbed, and wood. Davis Ace gave the senior class a donation of \$200.00 and Hibberts is giving all of the classes 10% of their supplies. The senior class theme is Dracula. Patricia also reported that there will be a homecoming dance following the football game, from 9:30 to midnight. Students need to sign a dance contract in advance and tickets cost \$5.00.

Jane Schafer-Kramer stated that the student government needs to increase advertisement that the Junior Prom is open to all students from all of the high schools. The Prom will be held on December 12 in the MPR. She also wanted to let everyone know that DHS students have their own call-in radio talk show on Wednesday from 5-7. The radio station is 95.7 – Kdirt.

Principal's Report

Principal Roberson thanked the PTA for the paper drive. The school received 95 reams of paper. He is focused on keeping the lines of communication with students and parents open. He had banners hung around the school to increase school spirit. Principal Roberson also reported the following:

- DHS has new bike racks coming that will hold up to 400 bikes.
- He attended the first Rotary meeting for the first Student of the Month awards.
- The attendance auto dialer is not working. Is being switched over to new technology, and once that is in place, Principal Roberson is afraid that parents may receive old attendance calls. In order to prevent parents from getting upset, he would like the PTA to inform parents of the situation via the listserve.

Action: Madeline Brattesani will put the information on the listserve.

- The district is working with Zengel. The parent component is scheduled to start the second semester. Since Parent Connect is gone, parents cannot currently check on their student's grades or attendance.
- Progress reports are in the process of being printed. Lea Darrah suggested that a half sheet of paper could be attached to the progress reports explaining that Parent Connect is down, and include things parents can do, such as emailing their student's teachers, etc., in order to obtain information about their student's grades and attendance.
- Susan Hawkins, the district nurse, spoke to the school staff today. She recommends that they all have flu shots. Principal Roberson wants parents to know that their student will be allowed to make up work and tests if they are out with the flu.
- The Academic Center attendance is growing. Tomorrow, he will receive hard data regarding attendance. The center is open during lunch and after school.

Counselor's Report

Counselor Pereira reported the counseling office has been very busy. Letters of Recommendation are going out. DHS has 20 National Merit Scholars, 2 National Achievement Scholars, and 37 Commended Scholars. There has been a larger turnout for the PSAT than expected. Naviance is up and running and is currently being introduced to the junior class. They will be able to purchase their PSAT and also practice for the SAT. By next month, parents will be able to get on the parent connection. The last day to drop a class without penalty is October 30th. This also applies to 9th graders taking classes at DHS.

Lea Darrah wanted to know who was in charge of updating the DHS website, and requested that a link be posted so parents could obtain updated sports information and such. Principal Roberson said the website needed updating in general, and he would let Evan Anderson know.

Treasurer's Report

Sandra Schickele reported that the Parents in Education donations have increased substantially. Lea indicated that she would like to see it higher than \$20,000.00, as we may not have the same fundraisers as last year. Sandra Schickele indicated that she needs a method of notifying committee chairs to submit their expenses and get paid in a timely manner. Lea Darrah would like a standardized method.

Action: Create a standardized form to notify committee chairs to submit their expenses for payment to Treasurer Schickele.

Sandra Schickele also reported that the PTA will be charged \$3.00 a month when checks are processed. Stacy Black moved that we increase the budget for bank fees to \$50.00. Jane Schafer-Kramer seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

The budget was discussed in detail. Sandra Schickele indicated that if we stick to the budget as is, we will have a substantial amount of money left over. It was suggested that we increase grants from \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00, or, have the administration write a grant for something the school needs.

Sandra Schickele requested authorization for the following checks:

- Davis Joint Unified School District: \$30.00;
- Parent Education, Sandra Schickele: \$14.47; and
- Administrative (Newsletter): \$47.50.

Madeline Brattesani moved to authorize the expenses for payment. Kathy Magrino seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Teacher's Report

There was no teacher's report. The Administration needs to get a teacher adjunct to the PTA.

Committee Reports – Parent Ed Night

On October 8, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., there will be a parent ed event on "Prevention and Treatment of Adolescent Addiction."

Academic Center Support - Vote

The PTA would prefer to financially support tutors at the Academic Center and stop funding the lunch time math and science tutoring program. There is \$1,500.00 budgeted for tutoring. Following discussion, a motion was made by Madeline Brattesani to increase the tutoring budget from \$1,500.00 to \$3,000.00, and move the line item from lunch tutoring to the Academic Center, and to review the Academic Center's needs in February. Kathy Magrino seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dorian Signori.