

DA VINCI BOOSTER CLUB MEETING
SEPT. 4, 2012 7:00 PM TO 8:30 PM

NOTE: 5 - 6pm Tonight ECHO Walk

Welcome and Introductions

1. Approve May 2012 Minutes

Trish moved to approve. Pat Poyner seconded it.

2. Principal's Report (Mr. Boonchuoy)

General Announcements. There were many exciting events over the summer. The new common core subject standards for language arts and math focus on deeper learning, critical thinking and problem solving. These emphasize the core goals and strengths of Da Vinci's problem based learning approach and as part of the preparation for implementation of these standards Da Vinci will be administering the College and Work Readiness Assessment to seniors and 9th grade students this year. Also, in light of these changes DJUSD supported DaVinci faculty in providing a two day professional development seminar for teachers in the district. Great things also happened for the school staff this summer. They held a retreat for DV staff focusing on the future changes for the school. The Buck institute sent a film crew to record the retreat as an exemplary model of staff development. Also Mr. Milsap, Ms. Munoz, and Ms. Fowler received the Best in the Network Award from the New Tech Network for their junior year project in which students interview veterans- "America at War." Da Vinci continues to be a model New Tech school and is expecting many important visitors this year to see the program. The visits are energizing and help make the program stronger by forcing us to live up to our bragging rights.

a. DV Jr. High Announcements and Q&A

Junior High Announcements: DaVinci Junior High has moved to the B pod of the Emerson/DaVinci Campus. Classes are full with an average of 33 students. The only DaVinci class with a waiting list is 8th grade; all others desiring a place were accepted. The tech upgrade for the junior high cost \$16,000, which was largely financed by the district with funds, they received from us as rent because of our charter school

b. High School Announcements: Class at DaVinci high school average 32 students compared to an average of 37 at Davis High School. The tech upgrade at the high school included a new server, firewall and access points as well as 70 new computers. Cost of \$24,000 financed largely by the district in same manner as junior high and partially by Boosters. The technology at DaVinci needs significant further upgrading. Many computers will go off warrantee this year and the school will not be able to keep many of them functioning. At this point about 30% of students at the high school are bringing home computers to school which helps. We need to encourage this.

If budgets do not pass in November, tech needs will be a challenge.

- c. Budget: District wide and statewide school finances are in serious jeopardy. If the Statewide Proposition 30 fails to pass DaVinci will lose \$440 per student or more than \$250,000 for this school year. There will also be significant impact Measure E fails. Plans are being made for this contingency which include possible 5.5% pay cuts district wide or furlough days. This will be determined after the election. Currently there is a freeze on all nonessential spending.
- d. Dress code was discussed.
- e. Professional Development for staff will be around critical thinking.
- f. Tomorrow is first late start day (Sept. 5).

May ask Boosters for help.

Have some Green Team requests.

3. Vice Principals' Reports

a. Ms. Reeves: DV Junior High

New teachers at DVJHS. Ms. Reeves talked about each new staff member.

In B wing at Emerson not in the portables anymore.

Ms. Reeves is also an instructional coach at Emerson along with the administrative duties.

Magazine and cookie dough sales are on. DVJHS opted out but will do a community service fundraiser (possibly with VFW, Project Linus) to contribute to ASB fund.

Sept 22 will be a workshop event for parents: health and wealthbeing of a junior high student, transcripts, college readiness, internet and social media safety, resources for parents.-joint endeavor with other Junior Highs.

Beautification project at DaVinci.

Booster meetings will alternate one at DVHS and then DVJHS.

Back to School Night on Sept 13

b. Mr. Bell: DV High

All staff stayed at DVHS.

Staff will be asking Boosters for Grants to cover materials and activities.

Leadership students will present their vision for the year next meeting.

DVTV news and information began this week.

GRAD NIGHT 2013 STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Grad Night 2013 Celebration is an all-night, alcohol-free & drug free party for graduating seniors. This year's event will take place on June 7th. <http://www.davisgradnight.org>.

It is time to organize the Class of 2013 Grad Night Steering Committee. The Steering Committee plans and organizes Grad Night. Chairs are needed for all Steering Committees: Chair/Co-Chair, Activities, Decorating, Food, Fund Raising, Volunteer Coordinators, Ticket Sales, Database Manager, Publicity, Web Master, etc.). There will be an informational meeting on the roles and responsibilities of Steering Committee Members on Thursday, September 6 at 7:00 pm at a place to be determined. If you are interested in volunteering for a Steering Committee position or attending the next meeting, please e-mail info@davisgradnight.org.

Junior parents are encouraged to help!!!

Seniors will be rewriting the Constitution.

Environmental Sciences is going well.

Senior information night this Thursday, 6:30.

Back to School Night next Wednesday from 6-8.

Chili Cook Off Oct 27!

Close Up trip - notification will go out at the end of the month.

4. Treasurer's Report and 2012-2013 Budget Discussion/Approval (Trish Price)

Trish presented last year's budget and this year's budget actual to date. Balance = \$35,750 in bank now.

Join SCRIP - it makes money for the Boosters!! Ideas for SCRIP. Davis Dollars will give DV 5%.

4. Parent Reports:

- a. Senior Trip Fundraising costs \$35000. Need to set up a plan for fundraising - 3 day trip to Southern California (there will be a plan 2 in case of budget issues that will be cheaper). Plans are in the works to support the skills of students here. Goal is to have all students participate in one fundraiser this year. Fundraiser will be on Oct 6 from 4-8 - details to follow. Auction items.
- b. Hospitality Report (Jan Wolf)

This is Jan's last year. Staff is treated to lunch every other Wednesday. So you will hear from Jan on sign up genius. Winter Feast is coming - there will be a sign up genius.
- c. Green Committee (Bill Heinicke & Jill Van Zanten)

Help to make students and staff resourceful. Meet on Sept 18. Anyone can join and contribute their efforts.
- d. Need for additional chairs - please contact India!
 - i. DV Jr. High - List Serve, Scrip, Hospitality, Staff Lunch, Volunteer Coordinator, Winter Feast Coordinator, Panels
 - ii. DV High -Volunteer Coordinator, Membership Coordinator, Inaugural Ball

5. Fundraising

- a. Fall wine tasting/auction - need to set date and get volunteers - it will be put on the calendar and details will come out shortly.

6. Coming Events/Calendar

- a. Senior Information Night 6:30 - 8:30 Thursday, Sept 6
- b. Back-to-School Night and Senior Trip Fundraiser BBQ - Wednesday, Sept 12 6-8
- c. Close Up Trip - information will come out by the end of the month or beginning of October
- d. Parent Ed Rep will attend the district parent ed meetings. Sponsors Parent University. This year Parent University will bring Madeline Levine Teach Your Children Well Trish will send out a survey to find out what parents are interested in hearing.
- e. Davis Parents Do is a commitment to have alcohol, tobacco and drug free homes for students. Pledge form can be found on line. If you go on line, your name will be listed on the website.

7. Next Meeting

- a. October 2

8. Adjourn- India