



**Dorothy Hamm**  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

### **DHMS PTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 7pm  
Held in person and via Teams

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#### **DHMS PTSA General Meeting Welcome and Call to Order**

PTSA President Lindsey Englerth welcomed attendees to the meeting and noted that the meeting is being recorded. The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

#### **Membership Vote**

A motion was made to approve the October 2025 PTSA meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous consent.

#### **Principal's Report**

Principal Ellen Smith highlighted school news:

- First quarter grades are out; offered suggestions on how to support students.
- Phoenix Flex – targeted lessons to further support students; not optional, but structured plans.
- Food donation reminders – please continue to send pasta and will offer additional ways to support the community.

#### **Guest Speaker**

Parenting author Mary Wilcox Smith led a discussion titled, “How to Raise a Middle Schooler Without Losing Your Mind – or the Connection.” She offered practical ways to handle the heated moments while staying calm, clear, and connected. A recording of her presentation is available on the PTSA website.

#### **SCA Update**

Peyton Stipp provided an update from the SCA:

- Spirit Week was a success and there was great student participation
- First dance of the year was held last Friday for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders; the event was well attended and she thanked members for their support of the event
- SCA will be planning upcoming teacher appreciation events
- SCA will attend a leadership conference in December

#### **Events Update**

PTSA President Lindsey Englerth discussed upcoming events including:

- Friday, November 21st - Reflections Submissions Due
- November 26-30 – Thanksgiving break
- December 10 – Early release day
- December 22-January 5 – Winter break
- Noted just announced School Board changes – March 13 is now a no school date and there will be conferences; April 22 is now a full instructional day

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:56pm.