



Dorothy Hamm
MIDDLE SCHOOL

DHMS PTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 7pm
Held remotely via Teams

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 7:02pm.

Membership Vote

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

Treasurer Update

PTSA Treasurer Jay Gunasekera provided an update on the PTSA operating budget.

Principal's Report and Meeting Feature

Principal Ellen Smith highlighted school news:

- Thanked the community for patience during recent snow and ice challenges
- Tomorrow is DHMS History Day and students will learn more through Encore Stage presentation; noted that additional history information is on school website
- Course information sessions are February 19
- Student-led conferences are March 12 and 13
- Highlighted student performances, including Model UN, student musical, and upcoming Wrinkle in Time show
- DHMS Cultural Heritage Night to occur late March

Ms. Smith presented the DHMS School Summary Report from the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) noting that overall school performance is rated "on track." She detailed the VDOE accreditation process as well as areas of strength and areas for growth. She noted that chronic absenteeism is one area the DHMS team is especially concerned about. Ms. Gabby Bomberg offered additional information about the impact of missed instruction (absences) on student learning.

The VDOE website offers additional resources to explain accreditation and the DHMS report can be found at this page: <https://schoolquality.virginia.gov/schools/dorothy-hamm-middle>

Events Update

Ms. Englerth noted upcoming events and reminded attendees that dates are included in Monday emails. She reminded the group about the two calendar changes from a School Board meeting:

- March 13 is a no school date and there will be conferences; April 22 is now a full instructional day

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45pm.