



Dorothy Hamm Middle School
*DHMS PTSA Membership Meeting Minutes *DRAFT**
Tuesday, May 4th, 2021 7:00pm (Video Conference)

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Debbie welcomed all attendees to the DHMS PTSA Meeting.

II. PTSA Business

- The DHMS PTSA voted via a live poll during the March 16th meeting and also by electronic ballot after the meeting to approve:
 - The appointment of the DHMS PTSA Nominating Committee members
 - The March 16th DHMS PTSA Meeting Minutes

III. President's Report (*Debbie Pearson*)

- Thank you to all families and PTSA leads who helped to make Teacher Appreciation Week so EPIC for our teachers and staff!
- The PTSA ordered 100 vinyl stadium cushions for outdoor lunch/recess, which will hopefully arrive soon.
- DHMS School Pictures for hybrid students are Wednesday, 5/5 and Thursday, 5/6.
- Parents can donate grocery gift cards or funds for families in need through May 31st.
- The next PTSA Meeting is Tuesday, June 8th at 7pm when the PTSA membership will vote to approve the Executive Committee and proposed DHMS PTSA Budget for 2021-22.

- Susan Newton from the DHMS PTSA Nominating Committee presented the slate of PTSA Executive Committee Officers for 2021-22:
 - President - Kristen Shattuck
 - VP Programs - Christa Mansur
 - VP Community - Danusha Chandu
 - VP Communications - Adena Porter
 - Secretary - Angela Huskey
 - Treasurer - Kami Ragsdale
- Thank you to Madelon Brennan, Julie Madison, and Susan Newton for serving as the DHMS PTSA Nominating Committee members.

IV. Officer Reports

- *VP Programs (Angela Huskey)*
 - 'EPIC WELLNESS WEEK' is underway as part of Teacher Appreciation Week with events, treats, and giveaways for the DHMS teachers and staff all week long.
 - 8th Grade Promotion will be Thursday, June 17th. Interested parent volunteers can contact Debbie or Angela to help with yard signs, setting up a photo spot, and cookies/gifts for students.
- *VP Community (Heidi Gibson)*
 - The DHMS Treasure/Scavenger Hunt was held the last two weekends. 11 teams (13 total students) participated, and the PTSA will award small prizes to all participants.
- *Treasurer (Kami Ragsdale)*
 - Debbie shared the highlights of the latest monthly budget report for 2020-21, including library author visits and income raised from family donations and PTSA memberships.
 - Debbie presented the proposed DHMS PTSA Budget for 2021-22, including some of the updates made and a fundraising goal of \$30K for next year.



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V. Principal's Report (*Ellen Smith, DHMS Principal*)

- Ellen thanked the PTSA for all of our Teacher Appreciation Week efforts and many positive notes she has received about teachers and staff.
- The DHMS Yearbook has gone to print, and it looks great. Ellen reminded parents to purchase the 2020-21 DHMS Yearbook.
- Ghost Boys author, Jewell Parker Rhodes, will be visiting DHMS on Monday, May 10th. All DHMS students are encouraged to sign up to attend.
- The first DHMS Community Circle was held on Monday, May 3rd with 10 students in attendance. Students have been advocating for a gender neutral restroom, and Ellen is working together with them on how to set it up.
- SOL testing begins this Monday, May 10th for virtual students. Ellen will send out more details in her Friday email message.
- 8th Grade Promotion will be a virtual ceremony on Thursday, June 17th followed by a drive-through celebration.
- DHMS has about an 89% return rate for next year's in-person learners, with about 30 students opting to remain virtual. Ellen shared that masks will likely be around for awhile, even with the vaccine becoming available for 12-15 year olds.
- Outside lunch and recess has been moved to the back plaza so that student groups can socialize together, with reminders to stay social distanced and use hand sanitizer.
- It has been great to see students interact both in-person and virtually, and stay engaged in day to day learning.
- The 8th grade students did very well on their geography assessments and essays.

VI. Upcoming Dates

- Mon, May 3 to Fri, May 7 Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week
- Wed, May 5 Student Picture Day, Tues/Wed Hybrid/In-Person Students
- Thurs, May 6 Student Picture Day Thurs/Fri Hybrid/In-Person Students
- Mon, May 10 SOL Testing Begins
- Mon, May 10 Author Visit - Jewell Parker Rhodes (1:30 pm)
- Mon, May 31 NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY
- Mon, May 31 Last Day for Help Our Phoenix Family - Grocery Card Drive
- Tues, June 8 DHMS PTSA General Membership Meeting (7:00 pm)
- Thurs, June 17 8th Grade Promotion
- Fri, June 18 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL/EARLY RELEASE

The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.