



DHMS PTSA General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 6.25 pm
Dorothy Hamm Middle School Auditorium

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I. Welcome and Introductions

- Khal Monaro (DHMS PTSA President) opened the meeting at 6.30 pm.
- There were many attendees in the DHMS auditorium, as the meeting preceded the DHMS Back-to-School night.

II. Board Introductions

- Khal noted that there is information about the DHMS PTSA on the [website](#) and asked people to subscribe to the Phoenix Post newsletter that comes out every Monday.
- Khal introduced the 2022-23 members of the PTSA Board:
 - Khaleen Monaro, President
 - Adena Porter, Vice President for Communications
 - Christa Mansur, Vice President for Programs
 - Danusha Chandy, Vice President for Community
 - Ellen Smith, DHMS Principal
 - Angela Huskey, Secretary
 - Amy Erwin, Treasurer
- In addition, there are many additional parent volunteers who are fulfilling roles as committee chairs, and the list of those committees and their chairs is also on the [website](#).

III. Audit Report Presentation

- Amy Erwin presented a summary of the audit report. The Audit Committee met on August 31 for an audit report presentation given by Kami Ragsdale (outgoing Treasurer). The presentation went through the 2021-22 financial information and transactions. The Committee members reviewed the presented information and signed off on the report. That report is also available on the DHMS PTSA [website](#).
- Khal indicated that the general membership would vote at the end of the meeting on whether to approve the audit report. Because only members of the PTSA can vote, Khal encouraged attendees to sign up during the meeting to become members in order to participate in the vote.

IV. Calendar and Major Events

- Khal noted that the DHMS PTSA Phoenix Post newsletter comes out every Monday with information about upcoming events and other important information.
- DHMS PSTA meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. Those meetings will be held in a hybrid format—in person with an option to participate online.
- Upcoming events include



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- September 23—school pictures
 - After the September 13 meeting, this date was changed to October 12.
- October/November—Reflections
- October 14—PTSA candy drive
 - This is the first PTSA fundraiser of the year. The class that sells most candy will get a pizza party, so buy your Halloween candy from your students.
- October 24-28—One DHMS/Phoenix Fund Donation Drive
 - This is the PTSA's major annual fundraising event.
- October 31—Halloween costume competition and candy drive awards
- December—holiday card drive (fundraiser)
- February—DHMS commemoration
 - The students will create something creative commemorating Dorothy Hamm. There will be a competition with awards.
- March—picking up on the March madness theme, there will be an intramural competition at DHMS.
- April—Dress for the future Day
- May—Students will take a field trip to visit a local memorial monument.
- June—8th grade promotion and field trip and other grade-level End-of-year celebrations

V. Engagement Priorities

- One priority of the DHMS PTSA this year is to increase student participation and engagement with the PTSA. The PTSA will involve the student council and get student input on what things are important to them.
 - Student membership for the PTSA is \$5 (parent membership is \$10).
- Another priority is improving membership. So, the PTSA is holding hybrid meetings consistently on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.
- The PTSA is encouraging corporate donations. Any small business owners looking for tax deductions or any parents whose employers may do charitable contribution matching are encouraged to donate. All donations are tax-deductible.
- The PTSA would like to replace the gym shot clock, which doesn't work.
- The PTSA would like to organize a field trip in May to a local memorial monument.

VI. Reflections

- Jean Choi and Rashmi Sadana are the co-chairs for the Reflections Contest this year. This year the theme is "Show Your Voice". Entries are due in early October.
- More details can be found in the weekly DHMS PTSA Phoenix Post.



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VII. Amazon Smile

- Khal encouraged everyone to support DHMS PTSA by signing up with Amazon Smile—a percentage of every Amazon transaction gets donated to the DHMS PTSA.

VIII. Open Committee Positions

- The PTSA has a few openings for committee positions:
 - Spring nominating committee
 - Community outreach
 - Organizing speakers for parent education events
 - Recess and library volunteers
 - In order to provide outdoor recess options for students, we need to have enough volunteers to be able to maintain coverage, in the event that someone can't make it.
 - It was suggested to put out a sign-up genius a month in advance to let people sign up. The PTSA will send out a sign-up genius.
 - Anyone who signs up will need to fill out the APS volunteer forms, and there will be training for anyone who volunteers.
- There was a question about whether the crossing guards were volunteer positions or organized by the school. The answer is that they are APS staff, except the official crossing guard on the intersection of Military and Vacation.

IX. Voting

- The general membership voted to approve the minutes from the general membership meeting on June 14.
- The general membership voted to approve the audit report.

X. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 6.56 pm.
- Hope to see you next month on October 11!