



**DHMS PTSA  
General  
Membership  
Meeting**

**October 10, 2023**

# Agenda

- Welcome and Call to Order
- Staff Presentation
- President's Report
- Officer's Reports
- Principal's Report
- Any Other Business



# Welcome and Call to Order

President - Danusha Chandy  
VP Community - Lindsey Englerth  
VP Programs - Alexandra Voigt  
VP Communications - Dena Porter  
Secretary - Jane Wishneff  
Treasurer - Amy Erwin  
Admin - Ellen Smith, Principal of DHMS



# DHMS History

- ❖ Staff Introductions -
  - Sally Donnelly - Reading Specialist
  - Kobie Griffin - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator
- ❖ Exploring our History -  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZHqMGDFIRdSWZspygHZehWa5S0kZdIt2/view?usp=sharing>
- ❖ Honoring the 65th Anniversary - on February 2 & 3 2024



# III. President's Report

- ❖ What does the PTSA Do?
  - Improving Connecting the Phoenix through the weekly Phoenix Post and PTSA Directory;
  - Supporting our amazing teachers and staff through classroom grants, our phenomenal library, and staff appreciation events;
  - Building community (i.e Halloween Costume Contest)
  - Organizing Spirit Wear, School Pictures, and Field Day
  - Celebrating our students by supporting the 8th Grade Promotion; Dances, and much more!
- ❖ Goals for the year
  - Increase student and teacher participation in PTSA events
  - 65th Anniversary of Integration

# Officer Reports - VP Programs

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Phoenix Post for  
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## ❖ Successful Activities this Year:

- **Phoenix Fund** - Thanks to Beth Ferrill for a well run, two-week campaign which raised over \$22K. The kids loved the TA donut competition! This campaign provides our annual PTSA funds.
- **School Pictures** - Pictures are available for families to order. Make up picture day for anyone who missed the original sitting is 10/24. Thanks to chair Krista Ratwani.
- **Spirit Wear** - Chair Amanda Sutton has partnered with squadlocker to offer a wide variety of custom merchandise available throughout the year. Tables with display items will be set up at a couple events this year for kids/parents to see/feel quality etc.
- **6th Grade Welcome Party** - Many 6th grade families came out to enjoy the DJ, ice cream and games at this community building event! Thanks to Nicki Ferramosca for organizing!

## ❖ Upcoming Events

- **Reflections** - Students are encouraged to submit artwork (dance, music, film, writing, photography or visual art) to this national competition. On or prior to 10/23. Thank you to DHMS Reflections chair Jean Choi.
- **Other Future Events:** Science Fair, Teacher Gifts, Teacher Appreciation, 8th grade promotion

# Officer Reports - Treasurer

## ❖ September 2023

- **Total Income = \$22,607**
  - Membership Dues = \$900
  - Phoenix Fund = \$19,985
  - Retail/Restaurants (from last year) = \$807
  - Spirit Wear = \$915
- **Total Expenses = \$1,521**
  - PayPal & Square Fees = \$861
  - Newsletter = \$415
  - Grants (from last year) = \$244

## ❖ Discussion

- ~\$4500 surplus for Phoenix Fund donations!
- Should be spent this year.
- Ideas? Long jump pit? Native plant garden? STEM equipment? Increase conservation project budget? Seating? Theater equipment? Outdoor exercise equipment? Performance for the kids? Field trip? Something for the cafeteria?

# Officer Reports - VP Community

- ❖ Current Initiatives
  - Sneaker Donation - Through next week
- ❖ Upcoming Activities
  - Dine Out - 10/17 Simple Greek between 4-8pm
  - Farm to Table Grant
  - Winter Coat Exchange - Kicks off later this month
  - 65th Anniversary Integration - 2/2024
- ❖ Like to Get Involved?
  - Looking for parent support in the following areas:
    - 65th Anniversary Integration lead (works with Ellen)
    - Grant/Proposal writing for Civil Rights Marker

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# Officer Reports

- ❖ VP Communications
  - Online PTSA Directory to launch this month
  - Opt-in via ParentVUE to be included
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# Principal's Report

- ❖ Announcements & Updates
- ❖ Engagement Opportunities:
  - Phoenix Flyer - typically 2x/month
  - Monthly Parent Meeting/chat
  - Quarterly Newsletter by grade
  - Parent/Teacher Conferences
    - Fall - Arena Style
    - Spring - Student-led
  - Lots of special events!



# New Business/Questions

## ❖ Vote on September Minutes

## Key Dates

- Thursday, October 12th - Gifted Information Session (*Virtual; details below*)
- Tuesday, October 17th - DHMS Dine-out Event at The Simple Greek, 4-8pm
- Thursday, October 19th - Parent/Teacher Conferences (*After school*)
- Friday, October 20th - NO SCHOOL (Parent-Teacher Conferences; *Before Noon*)
- Tuesday, October 24th - School Picture Make-up Day
- Monday, November 6th - End of 1st Quarter



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