

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/1ZHqMGDFIRdSWZspygHZehWa5S0kZdlt2/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

See the weekly PTSA
Phoenix Post for
More Details & Links

- 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 RightsMarker





Dining for Dollars to Support Dorothy Hamm Middle PTA

Tuesday, October 17 4:00-8:00 pm



Officer Reports

- VP Communications
 - Online PTSA Directory to launch this month
 - Opt-in via ParentVUE to be included

Principal's Report

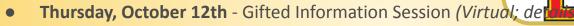
- Announcements & Updates
- Engagement Opportunities:
 - Phoenix Flyer typically 2x/month
 - Monthly Parent Meeting/chat
 - Quarterly Newsletter by grade
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - Fall Arena Style
 - Spring Student-led
 - Lots of special events!



New Business/Questions

Vote on September Minutes

Key Dates



- 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

