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MIDDLE SCHOOL

## **DHMS PTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 7pm  
Held in person and via Zoom

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### **DHMS PTSA General Meeting Welcome and Call to Order**

PTSA President Lindsey Englerth and Principal Ellen Smith welcomed attendees to the first PTSA meeting of the school year. In person attendees introduced themselves and all attendees were notified that the meeting was being recorded.

### **Programs Update**

Alex Voigt provided updates on recent and upcoming activities, including:

- Thanked volunteers for organizing teacher and staff welcome back breakfast
- Thanked volunteer for leading 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Welcome event
- Provided update on Phoenix Fundraiser, which exceeded goal
- Thanked Membership and Spirit Wear chairs for recent efforts
- Noted upcoming Reflections, Science Fair, and Teacher/Staff gifts efforts
- Noted need for two volunteers to support 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion events

### **Principal's Report**

Principal Smith highlighted activities and news:

- Parent-Teacher Conferences - Thursday evening and Friday morning this week and conducted arena-style; noted that Spring Conferences are student-led.
- Strategic planning for the next five years is currently underway, which includes a review of the school's mission, vision, and core values as well as a comprehensive look at the student experience.
- Spring assessment overview and described needs and related action plan, which covers six goals across reading, math, social emotional learning, workforce, partnerships, and inclusion.
- Hispanic Heritage Month celebration on 10/15/24 at 6pm and all are invited to attend.
- School-year calendar includes training for teachers in alignment with the Virginia Literacy Act and will bring value to students.

### **Guest Speaker – DHMS ITC**

Joel Gildea provided details on technology at DHMS. His presentation offered insight into Canvas, ParentVue, and ParentSquare. He noted that if a student loses their iPad, they should report it quickly so the technology team can try to find it. He further noted that for broken iPads, students should tell their TA.

### **Green Team Update**

Heather Shin provided an update on the Green Team's sneaker fundraiser which occurs in October and April. This year's fundraiser includes a Save the Seas or Save the Trees competition, to further encourage student participation. Heather encouraged the community to reach out to her if they have new ideas for the Green Team.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Amy Erwin provided the treasurer's report. She explained a budget revision that would include carry over income of \$11,653 and moved that PTSA vote to accept the revision. The motion was seconded and approved.

### **Membership Questions**

It was discussed that for Halloween, students are welcome to dress up, but costumes should not include masks or weapons.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10pm.