



## PTA Meeting Agenda

February 10, 2020 5pm-6pm  
DTS Library

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda: Tyler Kamerman moved, Amber Johnson seconded, no objections

### REFLECTIONS

#### I. President Report

- a. Relaunch DTS apparel 9/10 Super Sale – learning/selling experience also new logo was designed
  - i. Ms. Pippitt's class ran the Super Sale
    - 1. The class had good learning outcomes and a good understanding of what it's like to sell products
  - ii. Kids seemed to like the new items
  - iii. Try to make available for incoming students. Order form at Meet-the-Teacher Night?
  - iv. Potentially have a rolling ordering window that is filled at a given time. Quarterly? Every two months?
  - v. Parent desire to have a sale that is ready for the holidays
  - vi. Drop-ship offer potentially in the future – a made on-demand seller

#### II. DTS Principal Report

- a. Falcon File went out today
- b. Sponsors for noon-hour support – yoga instructor(s) are pending
  - i. Abby in contact with Iowa circus arts / hula-hoop as potential activities
  - ii. Desire for more ways to get the kids moving during the winter potentially even longer as spring hits
- c. Garden needs clean-up help – Saturday or Sunday clean-up as the weather starts to warm-up
- d. Reach out with any questions
- e. Academic Calendar question – Starting 2020 – 2021 school year on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the same time as other DMPS schools, longer summer by about two weeks

- i. There was a two-week May break followed by three-weeks at the end of the year and isn't the most productive end to the year
  - ii. Used to need a waiver to start before August 23<sup>rd</sup> but must have a six-week summer exactly
  - iii. Now starting on August 23<sup>rd</sup> but have more flexibility on when we take breaks and end the year
  - iv. Desire from parents to not have the "Summer Slide", a main reason for the preference of starting earlier and ending later.
    - 1. Opportunities for summer learning as a launching point – what learning tools can continue through the summer?
    - Last student-led conference of the year could touch on what can be worked on over the summer?
- f. Question: Any advocacy/legislation opportunities for school schedule/waiver issues?
  - i. Could meet with DMPS Community Legislative Action Team (CLAT)
    - 1. [https://www.dmschools.org/community-legislative-action-team/?utm\\_source=Community+Legislative+Action+Team+Welcome+2019&utm\\_campaign=CLAT+Welcome+2019&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.dmschools.org/community-legislative-action-team/?utm_source=Community+Legislative+Action+Team+Welcome+2019&utm_campaign=CLAT+Welcome+2019&utm_medium=email)
- g. Point of Order: Minutes are not being posted on website
  - i. Will be fixed ASAP

## REPORTS

- I. Treasurer (Abby Darrington & Paulina Erdman)
  - a. Each teacher received \$168 for Adopt-a-Teacher
  - b. Brought in \$3,880 on 9/10 super sale – came away with about \$500 profit
- II. Parent Volunteer Coordinators (Deena Munroe & Amber Johnson)
  - a. Adopt-a-Teacher question– Only collecting money during Teacher Appreciation?
    - i. Adopt-a-teacher does run throughout the year with certain things being provided through the PTA
    - ii. Teacher appreciation – something goes out each day: flower in a vase, DTS tote bags, meals, permanent press prints, prepare meals
    - iii. Recently moved to providing prepared meals rather than having parents sponsor
  - b. Pizza from Gusto next week for teachers

- c. Looking for parents of 4<sup>th</sup> graders to help organize 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation
  - i. Slideshow and graduation ceremony with cookies and punch afterwards
- d. Looking for Meet-the-Teacher Night organizers
- e. Question – How is the DTS PTA funded?
  - i. The auction is the biggest money source; it is held every other year. The next auction will be in 2021.

### III. Special Events (Heather Ann Roe)

- a. Movie night- Feb 28
  - i. License is paid; movie to be selected by students
  - ii. This year there will not be a dinner available for purchase
  - iii. Instead, we will have an intermission with DTS PTA hosted snacks
  - iv. Opportunity to purchase Gusto pizza for delivery prior to movie
- b. Box tops and penny drive
  - i. Physical box top collection going away and moving to an app where your receipt is scanned
  - ii. DTS should be enrolled in the program already
- c. Skate night – April 14<sup>th</sup> 5 – 8 PM – SKATELAND - 5621 Meredith Dr, Des Moines, IA 50310
- d. Next year event dates:
  - i. DTS Family Picnic at Union Park: Sept 24, 2020
    - 1. Carousel has been reserved for this Fall
  - ii. Barnes & Noble: December 12, 2020
    - 1. Will book soon

### OLD BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

- I. Question - How can we better educate on PTA dues, activity fees, and Adopt-a-Teacher?
  - a. At registration there is information on PTA dues and activity fees
  - b. We will continue to think about how to better share the Adopt-a-Teacher program...
- II. CCYC is looking for items and idea for their fundraiser

## BUILDING TOUR

Here at DTS we have an “open door” policy inviting you into the classroom as frequently as you wish. Tonight, we join Mr. Burnett as he leads a behind the scenes building tour showing us the variety of spaces and resources available to DTS as part of our partnership with Central Campus. We will talk lunch, learning, recess and more...

## THANKS!

Join us for upcoming meetings at the DTS Library: March 30 & May 11.