



PTA All Parent and Teacher Meeting Agenda

November 2, 2021 7-8pm

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ATTENDEES: ~24

WELCOME

Approval of Agenda - Motion to approve agenda brought forth by Theresa Wilson, seconded by Deena Munroe.

- I. Treasurer's Report - Theresa Wilson
 - A. 990 tax form submitted and received by government
 - B. Activity fees ~\$1300, Dues are doing well
 - C. 85 members to date, ahead of last year.

- II. Original works - Valentine's Day / Mother's day push - school has received materials

- III. Special Events Report
 - A. Upcoming Events
 1. Aiming to do an event per month
 2. Upcoming Events
 3. Nov. 12, 5-7 PM – S'Mores at Water Works Park
 4. S'Mores will be individually wrapped
 5. Dec. 20 – Winter Wonderland themed Kids' Dance, DJ'd by Mr. Burnett
 6. Need 15 parent volunteers to chaperone
 7. Will also need volunteers to provide snacks and drinks
 8. Don't anticipate needing any funds from the PTA

- IV. Adopt a Teacher
 - A. Funds are donated and split among teachers for classroom needs
 - B. Goal of around \$250 per teacher
 - C. With the start-up funds gives teachers ~\$500 for their needs
 - D. E-mail and falcon file message will be out soon

- V. DTS Principal's Report
 - A. Videos introducing new teachers, librarian, and nurse - will be included in the Falcon File
 1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DaSCsUyENBo>
 2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eP38-l9Ue9Y>

B. DMPS Calendar

1. Will sending out versions in e-mail
2. Once the DMPS calendar is done, then DTS calendar will be finalized
 - a) A lot of requests for return of February break, which Mr. Burnett is taking into consideration
 - b) Expect the DTS calendar will look similar to past years
3. Used to need a waiver because we were starting prior to the state fair. Once the first day of school was shifted after the start of the state fair, we were actually given more flexibility in setting the calendar.

C. Volunteering in the school

1. Volunteers and PVCs will be allowed to come back into the building once DMPS School Board approves
2. Need to fill out application to be visit and check in
3. Look for links to volunteering in Falcon File
<https://www.dmschools.org/volunteer/online-volunteer-application/>
4. Looking forward to getting community members back in the building

Questions -

Parent teacher conferences gone? No, still critical for DTS to have student-led conferences, it's core to our school experience. Mr. Burnett assumes the district will keep them.

Field trips? As vaccinations rollout and numbers decrease these opportunities will become available. Not currently allowed by DMPS School Board, but want to reinstate those once they get the go-ahead (e.g., attending shows at the Civic Center, etc.)

Heather Roe provided an update on her efforts to get the City of Des Moines to add more safety features to the intersection in front of DTS

Mostly "no" responses to Heather's requests, however the City engineer said he would order a couple of crosswalk signs with two pedestrians shown – expect the signs to go up in 6+ weeks

At a future PTA meeting, Mr. Burnett will share the City's plans for updating and reworking the intersection in front of DTS

Final numbers for bookfair are TBD, sold over \$600 of book but need to see what proceeds the school gets.

Upcoming All Parent Meetings

January 4th, 2022 7-8pm

March 1st, 2022 7-8pm

May 3rd, 2022 7-8pm

PTA Leadership Board 2021-2022 School Year

President - Amber Johson

Treasurer - Theresa Wilson

Co-Special Events - Emily Argo and Sarah Shaffer

Technology Chair - Torrey Johnson

Vice President - Heather Ann Parker Roe

Co-Secretaries - Mike Stange and Rachel Martin

Co-Parent Volunteer Coordinators - Deena
Munroe and Amy Licht