



PTA All Parent and Teacher Meeting

September 6, 2022; 7-8 p.m.

Downtown School Library; Online

Attendees: 13 people online; 14 people in-person

- I. Principal's Report – Mr. Burnett
- II. PTA President's Report - Cara Edmondson
 - a. 2022-2023 PTA Board Member introductions.
 - i. Raise vote for approval by Chantelle Broome
 - ii. Approval seconded by Kasie Kolosik
 - iii. Board members accepted for the school year
 - b. Kindergarten Roundup and Meet the teacher night recap
 - i. Feedback from teachers and parents was that it went well and was well attended and is helpful for both students and families. The snow cones also received good feedback.
 - ii. The PTA gave all incoming Kindergarteners a DTS T-shirt.
 - c. After School Club Update
 - i. Started with Pokémon club last year. This year there are multiple sessions; the first one starts 8/12. Students will do one hour of game club and one hour of soccer with coaches provided by Des Moines Soccer Club.
 - ii. Currently 55 out of 60 slots are filled. Will have 15 students to every paid supervisor/adult.
 - iii. Registration is on the PTA website.
- III. Treasurer Report – Theresa Wilson & Aaron McCann
 - a. We're a non-profit.
 - b. Reviewed the PTA dues and the school activity fee.
 - c. We currently have 79 families who have paid PTA membership dues and/or activity fees.
 - d. Currently on budget.
 - e. Bi-yearly Art Auction is a big fundraiser that will help us stay on-budget.
- IV. Special Events – Emily Argo & Sarah Schaffer
 - a. Next Event is the Bonfire at Waterworks Park – September 13.
 - b. Spirit Sale is coming SOON. Online ordering of DTS wear, including buying a T-shirt for a teacher. A portion of the sales goes to the PTA funds. Will stay open for 2 weeks.
- V. Ways to get involved.
 - a. Opportunities during the day – Mr. Burnett
 - i. Check with communications from teachers.
 - ii. Come-in to have lunch with your student. Eat with them; take them on a walk; etc.
 - iii. PVCs (Parent Volunteer Coordinator) - Amy Licht & Michael Dunham-LaGree

1. A PVC is essentially the classroom parent, someone who wants to help the teacher. Roles vary from classroom to classroom based on teacher need. Facilitate communication between teacher and classroom; sometime to also coordinate meals for teachers during Conferences. Help at special event.
2. Appreciate 1-2 parents/ teacher. Need 32 volunteers.
- iv. Auction Committee – Emily Argo & Sarah Schaffer
 1. Historically DTS PTA holds an auction fundraiser every-other-year. And this year is the year. The event is in-person. (The 2020 event was held as an online auction.)
 2. Looking at April 20 or 21. (Thursday or Friday).
 3. Also looking for donations from all around, even if you can't volunteer on the committee.
 4. Please volunteer to help in whatever capacity you can!
- v. New Committee – Cara Edmondson
 1. We are looking for a group of parents to advocate for the school-- for example, upkeep in the front or the playground in the back.
 2. This is a new item. Let us know if you're interested.

OTHER BUSINESS – Questions from Attendees

- VI. What is the best way to communicate with a teacher?
 - a. Principal Burnett suggests starting with email.
 - b. Be sure to connect with School Connects, now called Snap Connects, which is used in Middle School and High School.
 - c. Keep in touch with parents and the DTS community with the Closed DTS Parents Community on Facebook. PTA will also continue to communicate through the Falcon File.

NEXT MEETING - All Parent Meetings are every-other-month. The next meeting is November 15 @ 7p.m.

ADJOURN - 7:57 p.m.

PTA Leadership Board 2022-2023 School Year, as elected at this meeting

President - Cara Edmondson

Vice President - Open Position

Secretary - Bethany Crile

Treasurer - Theresa Wilson & Aaron McCann

Special Events Chair - Emily Argo & Sarah Shaffer

Parent Volunteer Coordinator (PVC) Chairs - Amy Licht & Michael Dunham-LaGree