



PTA Board Meeting

November 14, 2022, 7 p.m.
Downtown School Library

Attendees: 11 people online; 9 people in-person

- I. Principal Report (Mr. Burnett)
 - a. DTS 2023-2024 School Calendar Update
 - i. Working on a calendar now; will be similar to this year; will send a draft after the rest of DMPS sends out theirs.
 - b. Building improvements
 - i. Painting out front
 - ii. Playground space paint with kudos to Jen Warner-Blankenship
 - c. Questions
- II. Treasurer Report
 - a. Theresa reported on overall PTA funds
 - i. Theresa reported Spirit Wear income, which will be used for playground storage.
 - ii. Expenses this month are mostly for afterschool club. Theresa shared the amount of income and expenses from the Afterschool Club fund.
- III. PVC Chairs
 - a. Have PVCs for most classrooms and will still take volunteers for the classroom. Act as room parents.
 - b. Adopt-A-Teacher is a program that is active all the time. Families make a financial donation to help DTS teachers purchase the supplies for classrooms that teachers might normally pay for on their own.
 - i. This is something a lot of families use for holiday giving to teachers.
 - c. What the PTA does for conferences
 - i. PTA supplies dinner on Wednesday night as well as lots of snacks on Thursday.
- IV. President Report
 - a. After School Club
 - i. 50 in session one to 75 in session two.
 - ii. This is new to DTS, and is possible mostly due to partnerships with organizations with ties to DTS families, like DMSC (Des Moines Soccer Club). Another partnership with The Delt Hand, which is also run by DTS parents; this is a great resource for age-appropriate games.
 - iii. In second semester we want to expand that. Based on parent survey, we are looking for connections with arts or STEM for next sessions.
 - b. Original Works
 - i. Should be sent home this week.

- ii. Students create art, and then families can purchase items with that piece of art on it.
 - iii. The goal is to get the items in had before the winter holiday.
 - iv. DTS parent Tonya Keith helps with this. Thanks, Tonya!
- V. Special Events
 - a. Book Fair is currently set-up in the library. Live Wednesday 3:30-7pm and Thursday 9:30am-7pm.
 - i. Can still sign-up to help, see the Falcon File.
 - ii. Falcon File also has link to the Book Fair.
 - b. Auction Help
 - i. The first live Auction in 4 years will be this year!
 - ii. This is the DTS huge fundraiser, and is the big one that keeps us from having to sell wrapping paper, popcorn, cookie dough, etc.
 - iii. The event is April 20 at Ricochet.
 - iv. Want to highlight DTS families and businesses. Think big and small when it comes to items to ask for and donate.
 - c. Check the calendar, Falcon File and Facebook group for more upcoming events!
 - i. We set dates for Dance on December 20 as well as some winter and spring activities.
- VI. Other Business - Questions from Attendees

NEXT MEETINGS: January 10; March 7; May 2

PTA Leadership Board 2022-2023 School Year, approved at All Parent Meeting on 9/6/2022

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