



PTA All Parent Meeting

March 7, 2023, 7 p.m.

Downtown School Library + Online

Attendees: 15 people online; 16 people in-person

- I. President Report
 - a. After School Club Sessions 3 + 4
 - i. Session 3. Done for the session. 75 students on roster.
 - ii. Session 4 programming and registration
 1. Opens March 22
 2. Last session of the school year
 3. Partners/activities will be announced with registration
 - b. Playground Storage Unity Assembly
 - i. Reminder: This was a specific ask/need from teachers. Instead of hauling playground equipment down for every recess, items will now be easily accessed on the playground.
 - ii. PTA paid for it with funds raised from Original Works.
 - iii. After Spring Break; Central Campus will assemble for us.
 - iv. Thanks for participating in the Original Works, so we could get this for the teachers and students at DTS.
 - c. Movie Night
 - i. Great turnout. Best attended event.
 - ii. Due to feedback after the event, we won't do it during the 2023-2024 school year. The PTA will fill in the blank with another event.
 - d. Discussion with Middle School Principals
 - i. Merrill and Callanan have talked during the March or May PTA meeting in the past.
 - ii. This year, these schools are hosting transition nights at their schools. More information about those events will come out from the schools soon.
 - iii. All middle schools do have some kind of transition plan for 5th going into 6th school.
 - iv. If you're not a Merrill or Callanan family, reach out to DTS so you can get connected to the school your student will attend in the fall.
- II. Welcome Interim Principal Allen
 - a. Introduction
 - i. Told us a little about her, her family and her background. Including that she's been at DTS for the past 15 years and all the roles she's had here.
 - b. Calendar updates
 - i. make-up days: May 22 and May 30 are now school days.
 - c. All School Sing
 - i. There will be some switch-ups to how this is run, including even more student involvement and presenting.

1. In the past, families and students played “This Little Light of Mine”, so let us know if you can play an instrument, because that tradition is being revived!
 2. All School Sing can also give our students glimpses of what is happening in other schools and the community. In the future, activities at the middle school/high school level might be highlighted to spark interests in the DTS students.
- d. Parent Involvement
- i. Mrs. Allen shared a bunch of ways that families can participate. Open door policy is important to DTS: Classroom visits; lunch with students; joining for recess; Special guest speakers; join a field trip; All School Sing; Volunteering in the classroom on a regular basis; culminating events; and more.
- e. Summer Programming
- i. The details are being worked out. But somethings might be available.
 - ii. This will not be an all day, summer care programming.
- III. Principal search/hiring process – Presented by Greg Grylls, DMPS Director of Schools
- i. Take the Stakeholder Input Survey! Closes this weekend, 3/12.
 - ii. Dana Allen will serve as Interim through the end of the 2022/2023 school year.
 - iii. Greg shared the vision/hiring philosophy and the hiring process that DMPS uses for hiring a principal.
 - iv. The Stakeholder Input Survey is the main way parents can get their input in on the new principal. There will also be parent representatives in the hiring process, but ALL PARENTS and community partners can fill out the Stakeholder Input Survey.
 - v. Official start date will be July 1, if the process goes smoothly with quality candidates. Anticipate announcing the new principal in early April to DTS community (teachers and families), followed by a district announcement.
 - vi. Parent involvement and engagement in the school is the way to keep the school rolling. In addition, tell other families about the school and why we are here.
 - vii. There was a discussion around after school care as a barrier for families who might enroll.
- IV. Treasurer Report
- a. A report of overall PTA funds was provided.
 - b. Update on cost of what DTS families/PTA did to celebrate Mr. Burnett
 1. PTA did a “this little light of mine” video that cost \$300.
 - c. Use of Adopt-A-Teacher Funds
 - i. Teachers are using the money. Thank you for contributing!
 - d. After School Programming Funds
 - i. This is money that supports the After School Program only.
 - e. How the DTS Auction fits into the overall PTA budget
 - i. Every-other year event. Major fundraiser for those 2 years!
 - ii. Keeps a lot of the school support and special events (end of year picnic, back-to-school bonfire, skate night, etc.) operating for those two years.
 - iii. Please participate! Attend, donate, invite others.
- V. PVC Chairs
- a. Gave overview of PVC Program

- b. Conferences in April and PVCs will coordinate snacks and meals for teachers. Keep your eye out for information on that as it gets closer.
- c. Class items for DTS Fundraising Auction - The PVCs and other volunteers will be help each class create an item to live auction at the event. If you want to help your class with this, reach out to your PVC or Amy Licht.
- d. Need Volunteers to help with 5th grade graduation (typically 4th and 5th grade families)
 - i. Contact the Amy Licht to help. Also need help with slide show at the last All School Sing.

VI. Special Events

- a. Auction Help – April 20 at Ricochet, 6 – 8:30 p.m.
 - i. Volunteer sign-up for the night of the event will go out later this month.
 - ii. Need help getting silent and live auction donations from the community. A form letter about DTS is on the PTA website to help with an ask, but please reach out because we have contacted some places already and don't want to double-ask.
 - iii. Have sponsorship levels this year! Contact PTA if your company wants more information on sponsoring.
 - iv. There will also be a donation link for friends/family that want to donate money.
 - v. Everybody can come, except children. This is a kid-free event.
- b. Skate Night – New date is Tuesday, May 23, which is over the break, at Skate South.
- c. End of Year Picnic – June 15 at Greenwood Park

NEXT MEETING: May 2

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