



# DSMS SIDEWINDER PTO

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## Desert Shadows Middle School - PTO meeting – 8.17.22 – 5:30pm

- Meeting called to order at 5:33pm, 31 participants (13 in-person, 18 Zoom)

### **Presidents Report – Faydra Huntingford:**

- What type of fundraisers do we want to do? Looking for someone to chair.
  - Kendra Scott, dine arounds, low key money raisers.
  - Lou Malnatis reached out to us to donate free coupons.
- Fall dance – typically in October, looking for someone to chair/committee.
  - Lynette S willing to help with dance.
- Pridewinder Bucks – AP Leah Kneable: District is very big on recognizing kids for helping out, showing leadership skills, etc. Teachers/staff recognize students with Pridewinder Bucks (raffle ticket) to be filled out and entered into weekly drawings for prizes. Want to expand to do weekly, monthly and end of semester drawings with better prizes for monthly/end of semester. The school relies on donations for prizes for students to chose from. We asked for parents to be provided defined list for donations. Currently, they typically chose a snack like chips or candy.
  - Mr. Hummert needs help with Pridewinder posters.
- Teacher Wish Lists – We are figuring out a way to make it easier to know what they need/want for their rooms. Ask teachers to do an Amazon Wishlist.
- We are ordering teachers a free shirt.
- Looking for ideas to do more social events for students.

### **Voting Items:**

- Kea Carota (UPC President): Motion to approve a Yes vote for a continuation of the M&O (Maintenance & Operation) Override – Motion Passed
  - Please note: Mr. Hummert and Ms. Knaeble abstained from the vote.

### **Treasurer's Report – Shannon Cucci: Discussed Budget for the year**

- Starting Balance: \$15,270.81
- We are wanting to raise: \$19,000.00 – **Asking parents for one time donation of \$100**
- Amazon Smile, Box Tops, Fry's, Benevity – Should get a little money in from these, need to make sure parents switch to go to DSMS (if still signed up from elementary).
- DSMS T-shirts – PTO to purchase for staff and teachers (~\$1500). We will have samples and take orders at Curriculum Night.
- Principals Choice – Budgeted: \$1000
- Admin Costs – Zoom and Go Daddy subscriptions had to be renewed.

- Hospitality – Used for back-to-school breakfast for staff, will also use for conferences, teacher lounge, etc.
- School Support – Budgeted \$5,000 – Mr Hummert would like to update garden area.
- PBIS = Pridewinder Bucks - \$2,000 Budgeted
- Classroom Supplies – PTO would like to give \$300/new teachers, \$100/existing.
- Charitable Donations – Brenna Davis asked what this line item is: When/if local, title one schools ask for help. Will always be brought up in PTO Meeting to vote.

***Fundraising Report – Discussed in Pres Report***

***Volunteer Opportunity:***

- Need volunteers for Fall Dance and Fundraising.

***Teacher's Report***

***Principal's Report – Mr. Hummert:***

- Excited to be back, so much new this year.
- Getting back to like it was in 2019 – Trip to Washington DC back on, etc. DC trip date is Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Encourage questions and feedback.
- The students/school benefits by the support from our families.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Teacher shortage, hopeful to find a resolution. Posted the position two ways with no applicants. 2 half time positions open: AM – Social Studies, PM – Science. Bower covering for science until the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- DLSI (Dual Language Spanish Immersion) – brought 2 new teachers from Sunrise MS.
- Looking for School Council member for 7<sup>th</sup> grade – 1 meeting/month after school with staff and Mr. Hummert. Reach out to Andrea if interested.

***Assistant Principal – Ms. Knaeble:***

- 3<sup>rd</sup> year at DSM – 20 years in the district.

***UPC Report – Kea Carota - President:***

- UPC is a district wide parent group that advocates for students, educates parents and communities and collaborates with PVUSD and other educational organizations.
- Already had two gifted presentations – can see recordings on Facebook @UPC PVUSD.
- Meetings are one Wed/month at the district office, 9am.
- Hygiene drive going on now, flyer went out Monday.
  - Jewish Foundation donated 179 bags for girls.
  - Amazon wish list available on Facebook for donations.
- Discussed M&O Override – there will be a video to share at Sept meeting.

**Questions:**

- Chantal Hause (PTO VP) – would like us to get a message out to the parents to find out what their professions are so we utilize/promote our school network.
  - Mr. Hummert can help to distribute.

Meet and greet immediately after this meeting at Sicilian Butcher.

Next meeting, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned 6:36pm.

## Sidewinder PTO FY 2022 Budget Report

<b>Funds available at beginning of financial year (06/01/2022)</b>			<b>\$15,270.81</b>
<b>Donations</b>	<b>Budgeted Income</b>	<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>Budget Net</b>
Donations Drive	\$15,000.00	-	\$15,000.00
Teacher Gifts	\$2,000.00	-\$500.00	\$1,500.00
<b>Donations Totals</b>	<b>\$17,000.00</b>	<b>-\$500.00</b>	<b>\$16,500.00</b>
<b>Consumer Incentives</b>	<b>Budgeted Income</b>	<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>Budget Net</b>
Amazon Smile	\$200.00	-	\$200.00
Box Tops for Education	\$100.00	-	\$100.00
Fry's / Kroger	\$1,000.00	-	\$1,000.00
<b>Consumer Incentives Totals</b>	<b>\$1,300.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,300.00</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>Budgeted Income</b>	<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>Budget Net</b>
DSMS T-Shirt Sales	\$1,000.00	-\$3,560.00	-\$2,560.00
Restaurant Nights	\$500.00	-	\$500.00
Dr, Froyo	\$1,200.00	-	\$1,200.00
SkyZone	\$100.00	-	\$100.00
Kendra Scott	\$500.00	-	\$500.00
<b>Fundraising Totals</b>	<b>\$3,300.00</b>	<b>-\$3,560.00</b>	<b>-\$260.00</b>
<b>Principal Discretionary Account</b>	<b>Budgeted Income</b>	<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>Budget Net</b>
Coca Cola Refreshments Rebate	\$200.00	-	\$200.00
School Portraits Rebate	\$500.00	-	\$500.00
Principal's Choice	-	-\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
PE Uniform Rebates	\$300.00	-	\$300.00
<b>Principal Discretionary Account Totals</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>-\$1,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Administrative Costs</b>	<b>Budgeted Income</b>	<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>Budget Net</b>
Accounting Software	-	-\$190.00	-\$190.00
Bank Fees	-	-\$50.00	-\$50.00
Insurance	-	-\$205.00	-\$205.00
Misc Admin	-	-\$100.00	-\$100.00
UPC Membership	-	-\$75.00	-\$75.00
Virtual Meetings (Zoom)	-	-\$150.00	-\$150.00
Website / Email Hosting (GoDaddy)	-	-\$300.00	-\$300.00
<b>Administrative Costs Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-\$1,070.00</b>	<b>-\$1,070.00</b>
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Budgeted Income</b>	<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>Budget Net</b>
Teacher Meals	-	-\$2,750.00	-\$2,750.00
Teacher Lounge Supplies	-	-\$500.00	-\$500.00
<b>Hospitality Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-\$3,250.00</b>	<b>-\$3,250.00</b>
<b>School Support</b>	<b>Budgeted Income</b>	<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>Budget Net</b>
Gifts to School	-	-\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00
<b>School Support Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-\$2,000.00</b>	<b>-\$2,000.00</b>

<b>Student Support</b>	<b>Budgeted Income</b>	<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>Budget Net</b>
PBIS	-	-\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00
Clubs / Competitions / Team Celebrations	-	-\$250.00	-\$250.00
Student Awards / Rewards	-	-\$500.00	-\$500.00
<b>Student Support Totals</b>	-	<b>-\$2,750.00</b>	<b>-\$2,750.00</b>
<b>Teacher Support</b>	<b>Budgeted Income</b>	<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>Budget Net</b>
Classroom Supplies	-	-\$12,000.00	-\$12,000.00
Staff Recognition and Support	-	-\$500.00	-\$500.00
Departmental Honors Award Teachers	-	-\$1,200.00	-\$1,200.00
Departmental Honors Award Students	-	-\$300.00	-\$300.00
<b>Teacher Support Totals</b>	-	<b>-\$14,000.00</b>	<b>-\$14,000.00</b>
<b>Community Support</b>	<b>Budgeted Income</b>	<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>Budget Net</b>
Charitable Donations	-	-\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
<b>Community Support Totals</b>	-	<b>-\$1,000.00</b>	<b>-\$1,000.00</b>
<b>PTO Sponsored Events</b>	<b>Budgeted Income</b>	<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>Budget Net</b>
Fall Dance	\$500.00	-\$500.00	-
Spring Dance	\$500.00	-\$500.00	-
<b>PTO Sponsored Events Totals</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>-\$1,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Pass Through Account</b>	<b>Budgeted Income</b>	<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>Budget Net</b>
Choir Funds	-	-	-
8th Grade Party	-	-	-
<b>Pass Through Account Totals</b>	-	-	-
<b>Grand Totals</b>			
	<b>\$23,600.00</b>	<b>-\$30,130.00</b>	<b>-\$6,530.00</b>
<b>Projected bank balance if on budget</b>			<b>\$8,740.81</b>

# Sidewinder PTO FY 2022

## Treasurer's Report

06/01/2022 - 05/31/2023

<b>Donations</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Net Budget</b>	<b>More/-Less</b>
Donations Drive	\$13,426.42	-	\$13,426.42	\$15,000.00	-\$1,573.58
Teacher Gifts	-	-	-	\$1,500.00	-\$1,500.00
<b>Donations Totals</b>	<b>\$13,426.42</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$13,426.42</b>	<b>\$16,500.00</b>	<b>-\$3,073.58</b>
<b>Consumer Incentives</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Net Budget</b>	<b>More/-Less</b>
Amazon Smile	-	-	-	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Box Tops for Education	-	-	-	\$100.00	-\$100.00
Fry's / Kroger	\$240.65	-	\$240.65	\$1,000.00	-\$759.35
<b>Consumer Incentives Totals</b>	<b>\$240.65</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$240.65</b>	<b>\$1,300.00</b>	<b>-\$1,059.35</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Net Budget</b>	<b>More/-Less</b>
DSMS T-Shirt Sales	\$947.00	\$264.73	\$682.27	-\$2,560.00	\$3,242.27
Restaurant Nights	\$247.52	-	\$247.52	\$500.00	-\$252.48
Dr, Froyo	\$200.00	-	\$200.00	\$1,200.00	-\$1,000.00
SkyZone	-	-	-	\$100.00	-\$100.00
Kendra Scott	-	-	-	\$500.00	-\$500.00
<b>Fundraising Totals</b>	<b>\$1,394.52</b>	<b>-\$264.73</b>	<b>\$1,129.79</b>	<b>-\$260.00</b>	<b>\$1,389.79</b>
<b>Principal Discretionary Account</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Net Budget</b>	<b>More/-Less</b>
Coca Cola Refreshments Rebate	\$21.42	-	\$21.42	\$200.00	-\$178.58
School Portraits Rebate	-	-	-	\$500.00	-\$500.00
Principal's Choice	-	-	-	-\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
PE Uniform Rebates	-	-	-	\$300.00	-\$300.00
<b>Principal Discretionary Account Totals</b>	<b>\$21.42</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$21.42</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$21.42</b>
<b>Administrative Costs</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Net Budget</b>	<b>More/-Less</b>
Accounting Software	-	\$185.86	-\$185.86	-\$190.00	\$4.14
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-\$50.00	\$50.00
Insurance	-	-	-	-\$205.00	\$205.00
Misc Admin	-	-	-	-\$100.00	\$100.00
UPC Membership	-	-	-	-\$75.00	\$75.00
Virtual Meetings (Zoom)	-	\$149.90	-\$149.90	-\$150.00	\$0.10
Website / Email Hosting (GoDaddy)	-	\$240.96	-\$240.96	-\$300.00	\$59.04
<b>Administrative Costs Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-\$576.72</b>	<b>-\$576.72</b>	<b>-\$1,070.00</b>	<b>\$493.28</b>
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Net Budget</b>	<b>More/-Less</b>
Teacher Meals	-	\$763.24	-\$763.24	-\$2,750.00	\$1,986.76
Teacher Lounge Supplies	-	-	-	-\$500.00	\$500.00
<b>Hospitality Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-\$763.24</b>	<b>-\$763.24</b>	<b>-\$3,250.00</b>	<b>\$2,486.76</b>
<b>School Support</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Net Budget</b>	<b>More/-Less</b>
Gifts to School	-	-	-	-\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

School Support	Income	Expenses	Year to Date	Net Budget	More/-Less
School Support Totals	-	-	-	-\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Student Support	Income	Expenses	Year to Date	Net Budget	More/-Less
PBIS	-	-	-	-\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Clubs / Competitions / Team Celebrations	-	-	-	-\$250.00	\$250.00
Student Awards / Rewards	-	-	-	-\$500.00	\$500.00
Student Support Totals	-	-	-	-\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00
Teacher Support	Income	Expenses	Year to Date	Net Budget	More/-Less
Classroom Supplies	-	\$407.92	-\$407.92	-\$12,000.00	\$11,592.08
Staff Recognition and Support	-	\$86.98	-\$86.98	-\$500.00	\$413.02
Departmental Honors Award Teachers	-	-	-	-\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Departmental Honors Award Students	-	-	-	-\$300.00	\$300.00
Teacher Support Totals	-	-\$494.90	-\$494.90	-\$14,000.00	\$13,505.10
Community Support	Income	Expenses	Year to Date	Net Budget	More/-Less
Charitable Donations	-	-	-	-\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Community Support Totals	-	-	-	-\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
PTO Sponsored Events	Income	Expenses	Year to Date	Net Budget	More/-Less
Fall Dance	-	\$250.00	-\$250.00	-	-\$250.00
Spring Dance	-	-	-	-	-
PTO Sponsored Events Totals	-	-\$250.00	-\$250.00	-	-\$250.00
Pass Through Account	Income	Expenses	Year to Date	Net Budget	More/-Less
Choir Funds	\$5,089.87	\$436.06	\$4,653.81	-	\$4,653.81
8th Grade Party	-	-	-	-	-
Pass Through Account Totals	\$5,089.87	-\$436.06	\$4,653.81	-	\$4,653.81
Grand Totals	\$20,172.88	-\$2,785.65	\$17,387.23	-\$6,530.00	\$23,917.23

Bank Account Balances	06/01/2022	05/31/2023	Last reconciled	Summary for the Period	
Midfirst Bank	\$15,270.81	\$32,658.04	06/30/2022	Starting Total	\$15,270.81
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$15,270.81</b>	<b>\$32,658.04</b>		Income	\$20,172.88
<i>Review Reconciled Bank Statement Reports along with this Treasurer's Report to ensure its accuracy.</i>				Expenses	-\$2,785.65
				Ending Total	\$32,658.04

Submitted by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Desert Shadows Middle School - PTO Meeting – 9.15.22

- Meeting called to order at 5:32pm, 11 participants (9 in-person, 2 Zoom)

### Presidents Report – Faydra Huntingford:

- PTO continuing to accept donations for fundraising drive, currently at \$15k and goal is \$20k.
- Give back programs - Be sure to change or update your Fry's and Amazon Smile Donations, easy way for the school to raise money.
- DSMS Spirit wear store is back up and running, visit it on the Sidewinders website: [myhuddleupstore.com/dsms/shop/home](http://myhuddleupstore.com/dsms/shop/home). Contact Chantal Hause (602-501-0540) for any questions or concerns with the process, do not contact Huddle Up directly.
- We are so grateful for parent contributions to DSMS and we would love to promote/support you! Let us know what you do! Currently working on a plan to collect this information so we can support our parent's business's.
- Conference Week, end of October: does anyone have a restaurant or know someone that would like to donate or contribute to a teacher's dinner (90 staff members)? There are 2 conference nights (Mon and Tues), if we can rally to get them food, we can do both nights. Otherwise, we are striving for at least one.
- Those who ordered shirts at Curriculum Night, they are IN! We will figure out how to get them to you. The PTO sponsored teacher/staff embroidered shirts are here and look fantastic! Big THANK YOU to Chantal.
- Ms. Knaeble wanted to thank the PTO – items for Pridewinder prizes are being purchased on Amazon. Make sure to check Amazon list that was sent Monday for general things school needs.

### Voting Items:

- School Council Parent Rep: Bios were read for Autumn Mattos and Nicole Hammond and silent vote was taken. **Nicole Hammond** was voted in as a new School Council Parent Rep.

### Treasurer's Report (Faydra in Shannon's absence):

- Reviewed current budget to show what the year would look like if we raise \$15,000 in donation drive.
- Starting balance: \$15,270.81
- Projected balance at year end (if on budget): \$8,740.81

### Fundraising Report – Kristina Brown:

- Kendra Scott – Nov 8<sup>th</sup>
- Goal is to have 4 events.
- Birdcall – 10/11 – All day event, will give back 35% to school, must mention DSMS.



**Volunteer Opportunity:**

- Victoria Ryan – Sign up genius will be sent out early Oct for parent volunteers for the fall dance.

**Teacher's Report:****Principal's Report – Mr. Hummert:**

- School year in full swing, still missing 2 classes of Science and continually working on it.
- Working on marketing for next year.
- New website – we will see it come to life again in the coming weeks.
- Special Olympics / Over the Edge Challenge: Goal of raising \$3K, have raised \$1K Have until Nov to meet goal. PTO to help with social media to place link on next communication.

**UPC Report – Kea Carota - President:**

- Had first meeting of the year, heard from Superintendent – video on UPC YouTube channel.
- Next meeting Wed 9/21, 9am @ district office and at 10am, parent presentation on Supporting Diverse Learners.
- 9/27, 6:30pm: Overview of Special Education Services and 504 Plans.
- 9/28: UPC Governing Board Forum in the evening.
- At last meeting, we voted YES to M&O continuation.
  - Fact sheets in front lobby.
  - Spread the word on how important this is.
  - UPC will host event to support YES vote, can find on FB, Insta and TikTok.
  - Questions on M&O, reach out to Kea.
- UPC still doing hygiene drive, need is always there.

**Additional items:**

- Fall Dance: Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30-8:30 – If you donate to Special Olympics, you will get a ticket for prize drawings at the end of the night. In need of donations for the prizes (ex: headphones, gift cards, xbox games, etc).
  - Almost 300 kids voted on the theme and Halloween theme was chosen.
  - Masks ok for dance.
  - Will get with Mr. Hummert on dress code.
  - Posters will start being created EOM.
  - Chick-fil-A and Dr. Froyo will be sold, along with soda/candy/chips, etc to be sold by Student Council and Natl' Jr. Honor Society.

**Next PTO Meeting: October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm**



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## Desert Shadows Middle School - PTO Meeting - 10.20.22

- Meeting called to order at 5:34pm, 7 participants

### Presidents Report – Faydra Huntingford:

- School Dance this Friday, we hope all your kids come! Thank you to Kristina Brown for all of her hard work on the dance.
- Conference week – PTO will be selling spirit wear both nights. Sidewinder family donating pizza for teachers from their restaurant, Crust. Several families reached out to donate money words teacher meals.
- 11/30 – Drug prevention parent presentation 6-7pm in cafeteria. PTO needs to figure out how to budget.
- Teacher's holiday gifts (~70 staff members)– submit any ideas for gifts, need to finalize at next meeting since no Dec PTO meeting. Ideas:
  - Gift card drive (we did this last year)
  - Coffee cart / food truck
- Still in need of prizes for Sidewinder Bucks, thank you to those who have donated! Really good Amazon wish list posted on Facebook and PTO website (sidewinderpto.com/donate), please take a look and donate what you can.

### Voting Items:

- No voting items.

### Treasurer's Report – Shannon Cucci:

- We are at approximately 75% of our donation drive goal (\$15,383.90).
- School Portraits Rebate - \$1,039.21
- Line item "Gifts to School" for \$2,000 – could be used towards updating garden area.
- Classroom Supplies - \$100 for existing and \$300 for new teaches – we have not gotten many requests, Mr H to remind teachers this is available.
- Trying to carry over \$7,000-\$8,000 for next year, we can vote on how to spend if we raise more than budgeted.

### Fundraising Report:

- Birdcall – we are getting 35% donated back for 10/11 event (\$320.87). The event wasn't communicate as well as we would have liked so we would like to see about making this a recurring event, every Tuesday that there is a ½ day, 11am-close. Will get with Birdcall and confirm.
- Kendra Scott booked for 12/2, mark your calendars to stop by and purchase some jewelry (@ Scottsdale Quarter).
- Looking at Yogurtini and Sky Zone
- Dr Froyo, another business owned by parents, thank you! This has been very popular!

**Volunteer Opportunity:**

- We need volunteers to help develop area between A & E building, now that it is cooling off.
- Possibly a “work day” for the students.

**Teacher’s Report: N/A****Principal’s Report – Mr. Hummert:**

- DC trip was fantastic!
- School’s Letter Grade will be announced around 11/1, this is an entire team effort and we are expecting an “A” rating!
- Dance is a big event for the students, they very much enjoy it.
- Site Council – voting group – last month they discussed the classroom’s locked doors which was previously put in place for safety reasons. They put it to a vote and it was a mixed vote so they will allow each teacher to make their own decision as to lock or unlock their classroom door.
- Staffing – school nurse is stepping away from nursing so we will need subs but have a promising interview tomorrow.

**UPC Report – Melissa Fink:**

- The monthly UPC meeting was yesterday, had reps from the different PTO’s to get ideas to share, you can find this on UPC website.
- Reminder to vote YES on M&O continuation.

WE HAVE A GREAT COMMUNITY, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**Questions/Comments:**

- Kudos to school counselors for their hard work.

***Next PTO Meeting: November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm***



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## Desert Shadows Middle School - PTO Meeting – 11.16.22

- Meeting called to order at 5:33pm
- Introductions of Board, Administrative Representative, Parents in attendance

### Presidents Report – Faydra Huntingford:

- Erin/Christina – Garden Refurbish project - both not in attendance. Chantal mentioned that Brenna Davis was instrumental in developing and maintaining the Sandpiper Elementary School garden. She would be a great resource and wants to be involved.
- To parents: Amazon wish list reminder.
- Second Wind Sports is a DSMS family and will gift back a nice portion of sales to our school.
- Teacher gift card drive: Collect gift cards - \$25.00 each to give to our hard working, deserving Teachers and staff.
- Don't forget to take advantage of the 4x Fuel points at Fry's Marketplace.
- Teacher holiday breakfast: Food trucks were suggested. Due to time restraints, it was determined that a catered breakfast was more efficient. PTO/Parents will decorate the Teacher's Lounge (theme is Whoville). In addition to the breakfast, PTO/Parents will provide a hot beverage bar including hot cocoa, Keurig Coffee pods, flavored creamers, Teas and condiments. Should anyone wish to donate to the beverage bar, please contact PTO.

### Voting Items:

- Motion to spend \$2,000 on teacher big ticket items: Motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Sidewinder Bucks budget line still has \$1,500. Goal is \$1000 per semester.

### Fundraising Report:

- December fundraiser/Happy Hour – Kendra Scott at the Scottsdale Quarter –In-store event: Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5-7pm
  - Virtual dates: December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - DSMS is recipient of the sales acknowledged by using DSMS by name
- Bird Call – date to be determined

### Volunteer Opportunity:

### Teacher's Report:

### Principal's Report – Mr. Hummert: Notes from Mr. Hummert via Mrs. Bell

- DSMS has a full-time Nurse, great news!
- Festival finished with 3 championships won!
- Drama/Theater – Fall theater production was a success.

- 6th Grade open house was successful. DSMS has a ½ open enrollment rate. Hundreds of potential students attended the open house with parents. DSMS is the only A rated Paradise Valley Middle School.
- Mr. Hummert continues gifting staff with \$5.00 gift cards, which comes from his Discretionary Principal Fund. The teachers are very appreciative.

**UPC Report – Kea Carota - President:**

- No report. The UPC meeting was conducted at the same time as this PTO meeting. UPC minutes will be distributed.

Questions:

Have a great holiday season!

Meeting adjourned at 6:14pm

***Next PTO Meeting: January 11<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm***



# DSMS SIDEWINDER PTO

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## Desert Shadows Middle School - PTO Meeting Minutes – 1.11.2023

- Meeting called to order at 5:34pm, 1 virtual, 9 in person

### Presidents Report - Faydra Huntingford:

- Next Conference Week- Jan 23-25th
  - PTO will provide a meal for the staff on 1/24 from 3-4pm. We are looking for student families that can donate the meal or provide a discount. Kristina to ask Bird Call. Please reach out if you are able to donate or know someone that would consider.
- Board Members for school year 2023/24 – we will need nominations in February and will vote on new board in March. If you know anyone that would like to be involved, please contact the PTO. Look for PTO email sent by Mr. Hummert with info.
  - Kristina Brown offered to continue heading fundraising, Chantal Hause (PTO VP) will be nominated for the President position. More spots to fill by the end of the school year.
- Teacher Appreciation week May 8th-12<sup>th</sup> – looking for ideas for donations (examples: dinner, gift cards, etc). We have some \$25 gift cards left over from Christmas, will need more gift cards donations for everyone to get one, along with other ideas. Mrs. Erwin said in a previous school year, there was a bucket that teachers put their names in and there were random drawings for little gifts and teachers enjoyed that. Lotto tickets were suggested as a fun gift.
- 8th Grade Year End Party- Volunteers/ Ideas – Per Mr. Hummert, they typically do a special lunch with fun activities during the school day. He will have staff help with ideas/suggestions.
- 2024 is 50th Anniversary for DSMS – we need to start thinking about celebration ideas.

### Voting Items:

- Motion to approve moving \$1000 from teacher supplies into teacher meals category of budget – Chantal Hause motioned, Kristina Brown seconded – motion unanimously approved.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Provided budget, no questions from participants.

### Fundraising Report - Kristina Brown:

- December Kendra Scott fundraiser was a success...we raised \$650!! Due to this success, we will be having another fundraiser and happy hour on 2/10, details to come.
- Looking into a Sky Zone and KTR fundraiser, date TBD.
- Bird call will be in March.

### Volunteer Opportunity:

- We are looking for committee members for the Spring Dance (date TBD), Molly Fitzsimmons will help. There were lots of great takeaways from the fall dance that will improve the process for the spring dance.
- Brenna Davis has offered to help with the future garden area.

**Teacher's Report - Mrs. Julie Erwin:**

- Mrs. Glinka – class is working on “No risk, no reward reading/writing project”.
- Honors English – students will be working on dialectical journals, this is a brand new part of the curriculum.

**Principal's Report - Mr. Hummert:**

- On the 1/10 half day, teachers began the first step of the Run-Hide-Fight, Active Shooter Preparedness Training. This will help teachers to think on their feet and use their best judgement in a crisis situation. The next steps will be to communicating to the families and lastly, practicing with students and teaching them about situational awareness and how to keep them safe.
- DSMS staff is preparing for next school year, on 1/12 there will be approximately 250 kids touring the school.
- Mr. Hummert and a school counsellor will be visiting the elementary schools.
- Sidewinder camp will be July 27<sup>th</sup>.

**UPC Report - Kea Carota:**

- Meeting next Wed, 1/18 at the district office or via Zoom. One of the parents is a committee member of D.E.R.T (District Emergency Response Team), and will providing an update on the program. There will also be a presentation on the mental healthcare resources available at the school and within the school system. Kristina Brown mentioned a convenient and affordable resource, [www.betterhelp.com](http://www.betterhelp.com).

***Next PTO Meeting: February 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm***

Meeting adjourned at 6:39pm.



# DSMS SIDEWINDER PTO

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## **Desert Shadows Middle School - PTO Agenda – 2.16.2023** **Meeting called to order at 5:36pm 6 people in attendance.**

### **Presidents Report - Faydra Huntingford:**

- Looking for nominations for 2023/2024 PTO Board Members  
Self Nominations President: Chantel Hause  
Vice President: Shannon Cucci  
Treasurer: Brenna Davis  
Secretary: Molly Fitzsimmons  
Communications Director: still in need  
Fundraising Director: Kristina Brown
- Update on garden area – No work has begun yet. Mrs. Knaeble will send out a google form asking teachers how they want to use the space or do we make it more usable for students. Also need to set up a garden committee with Science Dept teachers, Brenna Davis, Molly Fitzsimmons, and Erin Winkelman.
- Teacher dinner during conference week was a success- Birdcall donated sandwiches for staff. Salad & desserts were provided by Fabulous Foods. Well under budget for this dinner which will allow us to plan another teacher meal during teacher appreciation week in May.
- Next teacher dinner will be in May for appreciation week May 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Will plan for a dinner and gift cards for all teachers.
- DSMS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is in 2024- need to start thinking and budgeting for events/ special give back gift to the school

**Voting Items:** Next Meeting in March will vote on Executive Board positions

**Treasurer's Report – Shannon Cucci:** No significant changes to budget from last month.

### **Fundraising Report - Kristina Brown:**

- Kendra Scott Valentines event raised approx. \$300
- Color Blast Spring Dance – Friday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm – Make sure students wear a white t-shirt or hoodie that can get color blasted, will presale tickets during lunch 3 days prior to dance.
- Sky Zone – Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 3:30-8pm
- Birdcall – Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 11am-10pm

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Will promote the dance volunteers Sign Up Genius need approximately 15 parents to help that night

**Teacher Report:** Julie Erwin



Mrs. Erwin provided updates on Festival sports 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls were 3<sup>rd</sup> in District volleyball, 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls were 1<sup>st</sup> in volleyball, 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys were 1<sup>st</sup> in football. Update on what units were being covered by various departments.

**Principal's Report - Mr. Hummert/ Mrs. Knaeble**

Leah Knaeble (Asst Principal) – Discuss student agendas for the 23/24 school year. Agendas cost \$2.68 each and can be sold for \$10 each for 23/24 school year. They need to be ordered in March/ April to have them available for start of school year. Easy way to fundraise for PTO. Lock Down Drill last week went really well. Google forms were sent out afterwards and 45 teachers and 700 students gave feedback on what went well and what could be done differently. Discussed 8<sup>th</sup> grade party. Teachers, in the past, have planned the 8<sup>th</sup> grade party. PTO acted as a pass thru for funds as needed. Mrs. Knaeble will send out google doc to 8<sup>th</sup> graders to see what type of party they want to have, on campus, off campus, water park, skating rink. PBIS donations have slowed, still needing snacks and treats to last thru end of year to give to Pridewinders bucks winners

**UPC Report - Kea Carota:** UPC Presentation on school funding out on UPC YouTube channel.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation nominations are now open. Closes on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please have your child nominate and send a note to their teachers who have made a difference.

Next UPC meeting is March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Not My Kid presentation on marijuana use on April 19<sup>th</sup>

UPC positions in the past were volunteer positions. Last year it was voted on to make the positions elected positions.

Kea would like to return to the UPC positions as being nominated. Will vote at next months meeting to change bylaws back to UPC positions being nominated as opposed to elected.

**Questions:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm

**Next PTO Meeting: March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:30pm**



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## Desert Shadows Middle School- PTO meeting-April 13, 2023

Meeting called to order at 5:32

### Presidents Report

Update on garden area: Met with Coach Hartzel and Garden team to discuss options and next steps. Potential dirt day for cleaning area on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Will ask District for plant list approved/not approved. Ask district about water access to garden.

Need gates installed, will ask District. Will plan for planters, wall benches, seating areas.

Teacher Appreciation Week May 1-5<sup>th</sup> Will plan for a dinner and gift cards for all teachers. We currently have 25- 25\$ gift cards will need to purchase more. Also need to line up breakfast/ lunch/ coffee bar. We have had offers from Portillos, Einsteins Bagels, and Lou Malnattis. Still communicating with them to get the best deal. We have 42 teachers and 28 support staff.

DSMS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is in fall of 2024- need to start thinking and budgeting for events/ special give back gift to the school Phase one will be upgrade to garden area

Still needing an alternate for the UPC position

Suggestion to not renew Zoom subscription for next school year. Will save approx. \$150.

### Treasurer's Report

Shannon Cucci- MidFirst Bank Acct \$21,314.11 balance

Suggested carry over for school year 23/24 \$7000

22/23 Balance \$12,485.72

Carry over money for 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration/school gift

Teacher Appreciation week gift cards & meals

Highlights 22/23 school year

\$8549 into classroom support- this includes agendas for all students for next school year 23/24

\$5554.23 Teacher gifts

\$3239.61 Teacher meals

Choir Pass thru Acct

Income \$6644.55

Expenses \$4816.16

Balance \$1828.39

### Fundraising Report

Sky Zone- no funds earned only had 11 kids

Birdcall- raised \$250

Volunteer Opportunity- possible dirt day May 6th, kids can get community service hours. Special Olympics at Shadow Mountain HS needs volunteers on Sat April 15th  
Principal's Report. Mr Hummert has decided to take a leave of absence  
UPC Report Kea Carota- Will be getting UPC letters to teachers during teacher appreciation week. UPC parent group leader workshop coming up. Not My Kid will do talk about vaping & cannabis on April 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Questions  
Meeting adjourned at 6:47