



Desert Shadows Middle School - PTO Meeting Minutes – 10/22/2024

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm, participants 15 in person + 3 online

1. **Welcome**

2. **Voting Items:** Motion to approve previous meeting minutes - Motion Passed.

3. **President's Report** (Kristina Brown)

The first quarter has been smooth. Thank you. It takes a village and a lot of work from everybody doing their part while we are creating fun memories.

4. **Treasurer's Report** (Gardenia Flores)

Not many changes. We found \$300 in paypal. Dollar donations keep coming. We received over \$800 from vendors at Dine & Donate. During the first quarter we had two Dine & Donate events and two Pop-up vendors per month. They were well received. We are waiting to get a check from the Step It Up fundraising.

5. **Fundraising Report**

○ **Step It Up** (Jolene Kutty)

It has been very smooth and a great addition to our direct giving campaign at the beginning of the school year.

There has been high energy and students love it. On the first day at the golden ticket event, 240 students participated (sending 10 emails/texts to family and friends). Thank you to the parent volunteers. We are currently at 270 students and our goal is to have 300 students participating. The closing day is next week. We encourage everyone to continue participating, there are additional incentives / prizes. The Day of Awesomeness is 11/19. We need volunteers. The Step It Up company has been very accommodating. As of now, we have raised over \$30,400, our goal is \$42,000 since we get 50% back.

- **Passive fundraising-** We have had two Dine & Donate nights and two Pop-Ups at school per month. We have raised over \$800. Each one has given back over \$100 and the best one was Barro's over \$200. There are families reaching out that have business that would like to be considered as vendors. We want to bring the

community together. Save the Date on 12/6 for Kandra Scott night from 5-7 and online as well. Chipotle night is next week 10/20 5-9 on Cactus.

We have a list of these events until December on the PTO website and they will also be posted on facebook.

6. **Communications & Social Media** (Kristin Stauffer)

There is a lot going on so we have had multiple posts. I am available if you want something posted. I will start creating events on facebook. There will be lots of communications coming up for the 50th anniversary. Please make sure to follow us on facebook, like our posts and make a comment. You can also say attending or not attending the events.

7. **Volunteer Report**

Currently we need volunteers for the following:

- 50th Anniversary Committee
- Day of Awesomeness

You can find sign up online on our [PTO website](#) or send an email to sidewindervolunteers@gmail.com.

Thank you to all the volunteers!

8. **Events**

- **50th Anniversary Celebration:** Saturday 11/23 1pm-4pm with theme "Rolling thru the Decades". We need lots of volunteers (adults and students) and Community outreach. We are one month away from the event. Next week, there is another committee meeting. We are currently talking to printers and vendors.
 - The day of the event there will be a roller skating rink, food vendors and 5 booths (one per decade), a tile wall. We would like to create banners and flyers to advertise the event. We will also sell alumni t-shirts that have been donated to PTO.
- **Recap Fall Dance** (Alana Raizer): Thank you to everyone that helped. Many parents signed up and we also had teachers/staff helping. Over 400 students attended the party. Great feedback from food vendors (Chick-Fil-A and Kona Ice) and positive comments about DJ. The raffle prizes were great. To consider whether PTO will cover all the cost for the spring dance or there will be a ticket charge.

9. **Hospitality** (Cindy Sigona and Sarah Levin)

We served lunch for the Professional Development day on October 15. Pizza and salad from Costco with fizzy waters. It was our first hospitality lunch this school year. Teachers

and staff were very appreciative. Next week we will serve two dinners during Conference week (Monday and Tuesday). One is Pasta night and Pot Belly the other night. We are looking to make full circle connections. Spread the word if you know people or have friends in the restaurant business to facilitate this type of breakfasts/lunches. Coming soon: Parents led donation for the Teachers lounge. We are working with Sarah Cole to set up a sign up so that parents can donate items for the teachers lounge. (Snacks and beverages). This would help maintain a stocked lounge for Teacher appreciation week and maybe before the end of winter break.

10. Teachers' Report (Ms. Magnusson - ELL and Computer Science)

Teachers were very appreciative of the lunch served on Professional Development day. We have heard great feedback from students about the fall dance. Thank you to the teachers and staff that showed up. Parent/Teacher conference is next week. Teachers would love to see you. Please come. Remember that the 2nd quarter just started. It is a star over. Check your grades on Infinite Campus.

11. Principal's Report (Ms Knaeble)

- Next week is conference week. What is different from elementary school is that when you are here, you sign in the sheet to meet the teacher that you want to talk to. Time is 5-7 minutes. 7th grade and electives are in the gym, 8th grade in the cafeteria.
- We will be doing a relocation drill on campus. It is similar to an emergency lock down drill. It is practice for students and staff. The goal is to create situational awareness and give the opportunity to talk about it. I will be sending a separate email with information. We have had 2 lock down drills already in the 1st quarter.
- On 11/14 if you have new incoming students, there is a 6th grade open house.
- We are looking for parent volunteers every Friday morning to go to Costco and pick up a pizza that is the PBIS prize for students. Parents will be reimbursed.
- We have a presentation tonight after the PTO meeting about Drug Prevention with Stephanie Siete. She will also do a presentation to students this Thursday. There is a way for parents to opt out, please email the school counselors.

12. UPC Report (Laura Hill & Kea Carota)

Election Year, please register to vote. The school board has 3 seats on the ballot this year and the UPC has done a candidate survey for the seats on the ballot. When considering a candidate, please keep in mind the limitation on the funding for our schools. See what the candidates say and what the funding source is coming from and if it has any limitations.

There is also a youtube channel where you can watch the UPC sessions recorded afterwards.

13. Additional Items discussed

None

Questions:

None

Meeting adjourned at 6:28pm

Next PTO Meeting Monday November 18 at 5:30pm

Sidewinder PTO FY 2024
Income and Expense Compared to Annual Budget
06/01/2024 - 05/31/2025

Starting balance as of 06/01/2024							\$12,749.79
Donations Campaigns	Actual Income	Budgeted Income	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Net	Budget Net	More/-Less
Direct Giving	\$28,939.12	\$23,500.00	-	-	\$28,939.12	\$23,500.00	\$5,439.12
Step It UP	-	\$20,000.00	-\$46.89	-	-\$46.89	\$20,000.00	-\$20,046.89
Donations Campaigns Totals	\$28,939.12	\$43,500.00	-\$46.89	-	\$28,892.23	\$43,500.00	-\$14,607.77
Sponsorship Campaign	Actual Income	Budgeted Income	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Net	Budget Net	More/-Less
Sponsorship	\$2,173.74	\$5,000.00	-	-	\$2,173.74	\$5,000.00	-\$2,826.26
Sponsorship Campaign Totals	\$2,173.74	\$5,000.00	-	-	\$2,173.74	\$5,000.00	-\$2,826.26
Consumer Incentives	Actual Income	Budgeted Income	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Net	Budget Net	More/-Less
Box Tops for Education	-	\$100.00	-	-	-	\$100.00	-\$100.00
Fry's / Kroger	\$253.39	\$200.00	-	-	\$253.39	\$200.00	\$53.39
Consumer Incentives Totals	\$253.39	\$300.00	-	-	\$253.39	\$300.00	-\$46.61
Fundraising	Actual Income	Budgeted Income	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Net	Budget Net	More/-Less
DSMS T-Shirt Sales	-	\$1,000.00	-	-	-	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Restaurant Nights	\$455.84	\$1,000.00	-	-	\$455.84	\$1,000.00	-\$544.16
Vendors	\$390.71	\$1,000.00	-	-	\$390.71	\$1,000.00	-\$609.29
Kendra Scott	-	\$300.00	-	-	-	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Fundraising Totals	\$846.55	\$3,300.00	-	-	\$846.55	\$3,300.00	-\$2,453.45
Principal Discretionary Account	Actual Income	Budgeted Income	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Net	Budget Net	More/-Less
Coca Cola Refreshments Rebate	\$59.27	\$150.00	-	-	\$59.27	\$150.00	-\$90.73
School Portraits Rebate	\$828.81	\$1,050.00	-	-	\$828.81	\$1,050.00	-\$221.19
Principal's Choice	-	-	-\$1,409.88	-\$10,500.00	-\$1,409.88	-\$10,500.00	\$9,090.12
PTO Teacher Award Donation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Principal Discretionary Account Totals	\$888.08	\$1,200.00	-\$1,409.88	-\$10,500.00	-\$521.80	-\$9,300.00	\$8,778.20
Administrative Costs	Actual Income	Budgeted Income	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Net	Budget Net	More/-Less
Accounting Software	-	-	-\$207.02	-\$225.00	-\$207.02	-\$225.00	\$17.98
Bank Fees	-	-	-\$31.45	-\$50.00	-\$31.45	-\$50.00	\$18.55
Insurance	-	-	-\$95.00	-\$300.00	-\$95.00	-\$300.00	\$205.00
Misc Admin	-	-	-\$391.30	-\$100.00	-\$391.30	-\$100.00	-\$291.30
UPC Membership	-	-	-\$75.00	-\$75.00	-\$75.00	-\$75.00	-
Virtual Meetings (Zoom)	-	-	-\$159.90	-\$150.00	-\$159.90	-\$150.00	-\$9.90
Website / Email Hosting (GoDaddy)	-	-	-\$451.84	-\$300.00	-\$451.84	-\$300.00	-\$151.84
Earned Interest	\$37.84	-	-	-	\$37.84	-	\$37.84

Administrative Costs	Actual Income	Budgeted Income	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Net	Budget Net	More/- Less
Administrative Costs Totals	\$37.84	-	-\$1,411.51	-\$1,200.00	-\$1,373.67	-\$1,200.00	-\$173.67
Hospitality	Actual Income	Budgeted Income	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Net	Budget Net	More/- Less
Teacher Meals	-	-	-\$737.25	-\$6,000.00	-\$737.25	-\$6,000.00	\$5,262.75
Teacher Lounge Supplies	-	-	-\$72.19	-\$550.00	-\$72.19	-\$550.00	\$477.81
Staff Meeting Breakfast	-	-	-\$520.40	-\$1,500.00	-\$520.40	-\$1,500.00	\$979.60
Hospitality Totals	-	-	-\$1,329.84	-\$8,050.00	-\$1,329.84	-\$8,050.00	\$6,720.16
School Support	Actual Income	Budgeted Income	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Net	Budget Net	More/- Less
Gifts to School	-	-	-	-\$2,000.00	-	-\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
School Support Totals	-	-	-	-\$2,000.00	-	-\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Student Support	Actual Income	Budgeted Income	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Net	Budget Net	More/- Less
PBIS	-	-	-\$47.68	-\$1,000.00	-\$47.68	-\$1,000.00	\$952.32
Clubs / Competitions / Team Celebrations	-	-	-	-\$300.00	-	-\$300.00	\$300.00
Student Awards / Rewards	-	-	-\$79.33	-\$1,400.00	-\$79.33	-\$1,400.00	\$1,320.67
Departmental Honors Award Students	-	-	-	-\$300.00	-	-\$300.00	\$300.00
Student Support Totals	-	-	-\$127.01	-\$3,000.00	-\$127.01	-\$3,000.00	\$2,872.99
Teacher Support	Actual Income	Budgeted Income	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Net	Budget Net	More/- Less
Classroom Supplies	-	-	-\$1,488.57	-\$7,000.00	-\$1,488.57	-\$7,000.00	\$5,511.43
Staff Recognition and Support	-	-	-	-\$500.00	-	-\$500.00	\$500.00
Departmental Honors Award Teachers	-	-	-	-\$1,400.00	-	-\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
Teacher Gifts	-	-	-\$40.73	-\$6,000.00	-\$40.73	-\$6,000.00	\$5,959.27
Teacher Support Totals	-	-	-\$1,529.30	-\$14,900.00	-\$1,529.30	-\$14,900.00	\$13,370.70
Community Support	Actual Income	Budgeted Income	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Net	Budget Net	More/- Less
Charitable Donations	-	-	-	-\$650.00	-	-\$650.00	\$650.00
Community Support Totals	-	-	-	-\$650.00	-	-\$650.00	\$650.00
PTO Sponsored Events	Actual Income	Budgeted Income	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Net	Budget Net	More/- Less
Fall Dance	-	\$2,500.00	-	-\$2,500.00	-	-	-
Spring Dance	-	\$3,000.00	-	-\$2,500.00	-	\$500.00	-\$500.00
DSMS 50TH Birthday	-	-	-	-\$7,000.00	-	-\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
PTO Sponsored Events Totals	-	\$5,500.00	-	-\$12,000.00	-	-\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
Ear Marked Account	Actual Income	Budgeted Income	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Net	Budget Net	More/- Less
Choir Funds	\$4,512.00	-	-\$1,167.37	-	\$3,344.63	-	\$3,344.63
8th Grade Party	-	-	-	-\$6,500.00	-	-\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
Ear Marked Account Totals	\$4,512.00	-	-\$1,167.37	-\$6,500.00	\$3,344.63	-\$6,500.00	\$9,844.63

Grand Totals

	\$37,650.72	\$58,800.00	-\$7,021.80	-\$58,800.00	\$30,628.92	- \$30,628.92
Increase in funds						\$30,628.92
Funds available as of 05/31/2025						\$43,378.71