



Desert Shadows Middle School - PTO Meeting Minutes – 5/13/2025

Meeting called to order at 5:32pm. Participants: 8 In person - 8 Online

1. Voting Items: Motion to approve minutes from April's meeting. Motion passed.
2. President Report (Kristina).
 - Welcome and thank you for coming to our last PTO meeting of the school year. It was a fantastic year because we have an incredible team. Thanks everyone and hope to see you next year.
 - I don't have a report but I will include additional comments throughout the meeting.
3. Treasurer Report (Gardenia)
 - After teacher appreciation week, we broke even. We are still waiting for a few checks to come in from passive fundraising. There is an expense coming out for the 8th grade clap out for the balloon arch. We end the year at over \$22,400 with some expenses pending to be paid. We started the year with \$12,000. We still need to purchase the agendas for next year.
 - We raised \$55,000 in donations and we expensed most of it. Leaving some extra money to roll over into next year in case fundraising is not as successful. In the last two years PTO has increasingly raised more money to provide for buses for field trips and enhanced teachers and staff lunches appreciation and the 50th year celebration.
 - Gardenia, thank you for doing an amazing job as treasurer this year. Exciting news, a new person will join her next year to learn the ropes.
4. Fundraising
 - We are still looking for a Fundraising board position. More effort into direct giving and to raise more dollars. We will put into place what we learned this year. Ask families to support the school. We want to strategize how to have fundraising to reach outside our community.
 - Passive fundraising has been great and we will continue to search for after school vendors and locations for dine and donate. If anyone has ideas, please reach out.

- Our fundraising for 2025-2026 will start the week prior to the first day of school. Our goal is to have up to 40% of families participate. This year it was under 30%.
- Big thank you to anyone that donated.

5. Communication and Social Media Report (Kristin)

- Communication has been great. We are still trying to set up a new email address to get a new facebook page running. It has been more challenging than we thought. We don't have a password for the current facebook account and we need to link the platforms where all is updated directly (Facebook, Instagram, email and website).
- By doing all these things, we will be able to communicate at the same time on different platforms. We want to organize it and make it into one google suite and set it up for a long term consistency.

6. Volunteer Report (Sarah)

- There is a sign up to help with computer returns in the library. There are several days and in short periods of time (May 16-May 21).
- Last week we had a volunteer breakfast to thank everyone that has volunteered this year in any way. We invited about 60 volunteers and 20 attended. We will plan it again for next year and include it in the budget.

7. Hospitality Report (Cindy & Sarah)

- During Teacher Appreciation week we had something every day. Stock the lounge items were completely donated by parents. Room service was well received and we will allow more time to do it next year.
- Teachers are very thankful.
- The hospitality team has rocked it this year. They did an incredible job and used up all the budget allocated. Sarah Levine will continue next year and we are looking for 2 or 3 more people to help her.

8. Teachers Report (Ms Magnusson ELL and Computer Science)

- Teachers are wrapping up testing. We want to thank the PTO for everything. We feel very lucky. Teacher appreciation week was incredible and we really appreciate all you do for us.

9. Principal Report (Ms Bell)

- This year we had the block schedule implementation and the no cell phone rule. The challenge was the schedule and students were able to adapt and get it quickly. (3 minutes between ELA and Math classes and 4 minutes for the others). Implementation of no cell phone has made a big difference on campus fostering relationships. Good feedback from parents.
- We are waiting for some test results, but growth is showing already.

- Recently we had our final band/strings final concert. Ms Clark did an amazing job. The Spring Choir concert was yesterday and we want to give a big thank you to Ms Kahn. We are very fortunate to have these teachers that do so much for our students and for the school.
- Hurricane Harbor field trip for 8th grade has still a handful of seats on the bus.
- The last day of school is a half day with a modified schedule for a clap out for our 8th graders. It will be short and emotional. 7th graders will join to celebrate. If you are going to attend, be on the track at 11:40am. Elementary school next door also has a celebration and parking will be full. Come from the back on Emile Zola and give yourself plenty of time to park. No need to sign in at the front office. Kona Ice outside of school that day at noon.
- We had the meeting for our school council and want to congratulate Leslie Quinn as the new elected parent representative.
- It has been a great year. Thank you!

10. UPC Report (Laura)

- The last meeting of the school year is tomorrow. Closing Bell with new superintendent Reynolds focusing on the highlights of the year. Following there is a training for parents on future positions of leadership at 10:30am at district.
- The Teacher/Staff appreciation ceremony was held at Pinnacle. It was a wonderful celebration.
- I will continue to be the UPC rep next year. Thank you for this year. Please sign up for PAWS: the PTO volunteer work force that supplements Horizon High School.

11. Additional Items to discuss

New PTO schedule for next year is not public yet, still working on it. It is coming soon. We can share the following dates:

- Sidewinders Camp 7/29 (8am Check in -Starts 8:30am)
- Back to school walkthrough 8/1 (5pm-7pm). Teachers are not on campus that night. There will be supply lists for 7th and 8th grade posted since Amazon wish lists are no longer allowed.
- First day of school is Monday 8/4
- Picture Day is Tuesday 8/5. Students will have to show a picture ID to access campus for the next school year.

Thank you for a wonderful year and have a great summer.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24pm

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	\$27,299.44	\$23,500.00	-	-	\$27,299.44	\$23,500.00	\$3,799.44
Step It UP	\$22,609.17	\$20,000.00	-\$3,349.18	-	\$19,259.99	\$20,000.00	-\$740.01
Donations Campaigns Totals	\$49,908.61	\$43,500.00	-\$3,349.18	-	\$46,559.43	\$43,500.00	\$3,059.43
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	\$274.30	\$100.00	-	-	\$274.30	\$100.00	\$174.30
Fry's / Kroger	\$535.05	\$200.00	-	-	\$535.05	\$200.00	\$335.05
Consumer Incentives Totals	\$809.35	\$300.00	-	-	\$809.35	\$300.00	\$509.35
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	\$1,358.07	\$1,000.00	-	-	\$1,358.07	\$1,000.00	\$358.07
Vendors	\$1,278.26	\$1,000.00	-	-	\$1,278.26	\$1,000.00	\$278.26
Kendra Scott	\$368.93	\$300.00	-	-	\$368.93	\$300.00	\$68.93
Fundraising Totals	\$3,005.26	\$3,300.00	-	-	\$3,005.26	\$3,300.00	-\$294.74
Principal Discretionary Account	Actual Income	Budgeted Income	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Net	Budget Net	More/- Less
Coca Cola Refreshments Rebate	\$117.73	\$150.00	-	-	\$117.73	\$150.00	-\$32.27
School Portraits Rebate	\$828.81	\$1,050.00	-	-	\$828.81	\$1,050.00	-\$221.19
Principal's Choice	-	-	-\$4,464.51	-\$10,500.00	-\$4,464.51	-\$10,500.00	\$6,035.49
PTO Teacher Award Donation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Principal Discretionary Account Totals	\$946.54	\$1,200.00	-\$4,464.51	-\$10,500.00	-\$3,517.97	-\$9,300.00	\$5,782.03
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	-	-	-\$474.50	-\$100.00	-\$474.50	-\$100.00	-\$374.50
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	\$179.01	-	-	-	\$179.01	-	\$179.01
Administrative Costs Totals	\$179.01	-	-\$1,494.71	-\$1,200.00	-\$1,315.70	-\$1,200.00	-\$115.70
Hospitality	Actual Income	Budgeted Income	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Net	Budget Net	More/- Less
Teacher Meals	-	-	-\$6,511.42	-\$6,000.00	-\$6,511.42	-\$6,000.00	-\$511.42
Teacher Lounge Supplies	-	-	-\$248.88	-\$550.00	-\$248.88	-\$550.00	\$301.12
Staff Meeting Breakfast	-	-	-\$1,326.31	-\$1,500.00	-\$1,326.31	-\$1,500.00	\$173.69

Hospitality	Actual Income	Budgeted Income	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Net	Budget Net	More/- Less
Hospitality Totals	-	-	-\$8,086.61	-\$8,050.00	-\$8,086.61	-\$8,050.00	-\$36.61
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	-	-	-\$749.91	-\$1,000.00	-\$749.91	-\$1,000.00	\$250.09
Clubs / Competitions / Team Celebrations	\$1,386.47	-	-\$1,532.06	-\$300.00	-\$145.59	-\$300.00	\$154.41
Student Awards / Rewards	-	-	-\$374.21	-\$1,400.00	-\$374.21	-\$1,400.00	\$1,025.79
Departmental Honors Award Students	-	-	-\$75.00	-\$300.00	-\$75.00	-\$300.00	\$225.00
Student Support Totals	\$1,386.47	-	-\$2,731.18	-\$3,000.00	-\$1,344.71	-\$3,000.00	\$1,655.29
Teacher Support	Actual Income	Budgeted Income	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Net	Budget Net	More/- Less
Classroom Supplies	-	-	-\$6,557.45	-\$7,000.00	-\$6,557.45	-\$7,000.00	\$442.55
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	-	-	-\$3,157.17	-\$6,000.00	-\$3,157.17	-\$6,000.00	\$2,842.83
Teacher Support Totals	-	-	-\$9,714.62	-\$14,900.00	-\$9,714.62	-\$14,900.00	\$5,185.38
Community Support	Actual Income	Budgeted Income	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Net	Budget Net	More/- Less
Charitable Donations	-	-	-\$331.98	-\$650.00	-\$331.98	-\$650.00	\$318.02
Community Support Totals	-	-	-\$331.98	-\$650.00	-\$331.98	-\$650.00	\$318.02
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	-\$2,146.82	-\$2,500.00	\$353.18	-	\$353.18
Spring Dance	-	\$3,000.00	-\$2,066.32	-\$2,500.00	-\$2,066.32	\$500.00	-\$2,566.32
DSMS 50TH Birthday	\$2,492.31	-	-\$6,577.59	-\$7,000.00	-\$4,085.28	-\$7,000.00	\$2,914.72
PTO Sponsored Events Totals	\$4,992.31	\$5,500.00	-\$10,790.73	-\$12,000.00	-\$5,798.42	-\$6,500.00	\$701.58
Ear Marked Account	Actual Income	Budgeted Income	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Net	Budget Net	More/- Less
Choir Funds	\$5,023.00	-	-\$4,749.88	-	\$273.12	-	\$273.12
8th Grade Party	-	-	-	-\$6,500.00	-	-\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
Petty Cash	\$1,200.00	-	-\$1,500.00	-	-\$300.00	-	-\$300.00
Ear Marked Account Totals	\$6,223.00	-	-\$6,249.88	-\$6,500.00	-\$26.88	-\$6,500.00	\$6,473.12
Grand Totals	\$69,624.29	\$58,800.00	-\$47,213.40	-\$58,800.00	\$22,410.89	-	\$22,410.89
Increase in funds							\$22,410.89
Funds available as of 05/31/2025							\$35,160.68