



Desert Shadows Middle School - PTO Meeting Minutes – 2/20/2024

Meeting called to order at 5:31pm, participants 6 in person - 5 online

- **President's Report - Chantal Hause**

Welcome. Not much to add, we received great feedback from the visit of guest speaker Corey Greenwood.

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

- **Treasurer's Report - Brenna Davis**

- We received expenses that had been budgeted. We are waiting to get actual income from the Kendra Scott event. Considering a different date for next school year.
- Expense of the guest speaker paid under the line Principal's Choice.
- We are over \$49K for income and our expenses are over \$21K
- Principal asks if the PTO form for expense requests can be updated where categories are aligned to what the current budget lines show. Yes, the form will be updated.

- **Fundraising Report and Volunteer Opportunities- Kristina Brown**

- We have signed up with Step It Up fundraising for next school year.
- Vendors: Nautical Bowls (school gets back 10%) will be at school after dismissal on 3/1, 3/28, 4/21, 4/26, 5/10, 5/23 (early release at 12pm). PTO will be looking for other options for vendors at an upcoming School Vendors Open House.
- Giving Days: Tentative two more nights before the end of school year.
- Spring Dance NEW DATE is Friday April 12th. We need a dance committee and volunteers (please contact Kristina Brown). Principal will ask the Student Council and Clubs if they want to manage food/drinks for the dance. Maybe an option is to have a food truck. Dance theme to be decided, we like the idea of a Semi-formal Dance.
- Sidewinder Spirit Wear. PTO to consider new options/vendors for next year.
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- **Teachers' Report - Ms. Magnusson (ELL and Computer Science)**

- Teachers are full steam ahead for spring testing AASA. They also worked on progress grades last week. Mad dash to the end of the quarter.

- **Principal's Report - Ms Knaeble**

- District visited last week to choose the new paint of the exterior of the school. The color chosen is a light gray that will replace the green paint. Painting will start before the end of the school year and will be completed this summer.
- In addition to Bond funding, the school is adding 5 new security cameras and would like to purchase a sound system for the cafetorium.
- We need a school council representative for next school year (2-year term). Ideally an incoming 7th grader parent. Meetings are once a month.
- Following PTO request, the current items on the school wish list are:
 - Sound system (valued at \$15K) asking if PTO could cover 50%
 - iPads for sound system (2 or 3)
 - PBIS prices for 3rd and 4th quarters. (There are monthly pizza drawings)
 - E-Hall pass (valued at \$3K)
 - New trash cans and more picnic tables for the lunch area. A new canopy will be installed and some picnic tables will be relocated there.
 - For the PE line on the budget, volleyball nets and footballs.
 - New stools to outfit a science classroom.
 - Classroom supplies.

- **UPC Report**

- The next UPC meeting is on 2/21/24 focused on Exceptional School Programming.
- There is a School Vendor Showcase at the end of the month.
- An interim superintendent will start in July, Jason Reynolds and will take over for current Superintendent Troy Bales.
- There are 3 schools closing Vista Verde Middle School, Desert Springs Preparatory and Sunset Canyon Elementary. School boundaries will be redrawn. Principal Knaeble also said that the wait list has been opened to more than 60 students to enroll for next school year.

- **Additional Items discussed**

- PTO Board Open positions, (VP/President Elect, Fundraising and Treasurer). Please contact PTO if interested. Board will transfer these positions at the May meeting. Principal will reach out to feeder schools to contact their PTO and parents to invite incoming 7th grade parents to come to a PTO meeting this spring.
- Other positions also available are Communications and Hospitality.

No additional questions

Meeting adjourned at 6:31pm

Next PTO Meeting: Tuesday March 19th @ 5:30pm