



Desert Shadows Middle School - PTO Meeting Minutes – 10/19/2023

Meeting called to order at 5:42pm, participants (9 in-person, 3 Zoom)

1. President's Report - Chantal Hause

We launched our second fundraising campaign. PTO also wants to give another Spiritwear push during conference week. You can always shop Sidewinder Spiritwear online. Click [HERE](#) to place your order.

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

3. Treasurer's Report - Brenna Davis

- There have been additions to the donations, up to \$16,793. Other than that, not much has changed.

4. Fundraising Report - Kristina Brown

- Step it Up Fundraiser (October 16th - 30th). This way of fundraising creates layers of raising money for the school reaching out of our network. Almost 300 students have created a portal and sent 10+ emails and shared on social media. We have raised almost 27K so far. Prizes will be delivered to students at the end of October.

"Day of Awesomeness" celebration is on November 14th, (Early release). We need a few volunteers from 8am to 11am on the DSMS field. Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

- Fall Dance (Friday October 20th) 6pm-8pm. It has been decided that dinner is included with the cost of the ticket. (Pizza, chips, water). Choir Club will be selling popsicles and ice cream sandwiches. There will be a photo booth, DJ, game stations, and raffle tickets for Apple AirPods, Gift cards for Lululemon and Game Stop, Black Rock and SkyZone Jump passes.

We still need a few volunteers for the dance. Click [HERE](#) to volunteer.

- Upcoming Giving Days

October 25th - Nautical Bowls in front of the school at 12pm (Early release)

October 26th - Leo's Ice Cream in front of the school at 12pm (Early release)

On both days October 25th and 26th, Bird Call 11am-close.

5. Volunteer and Support Opportunities

- "We love our school family clean up day" will be Saturday 11/18 7am-12pm. Students and their families can volunteer. PE equipment donations to school will be accepted.

- Support Sweetwater Community School Conference meal for 28 teachers on 10/23. Not a lot of contributions on the sign up so far. Another email to be sent out to families with a reminder to contribute. Click [HERE](#) to sign up.
- Cozies for a cause donations ending this week. Maybe next year we could have it closer to Thanksgiving. Ask a club if they would like to maybe run it.

6. Teachers' Report

Ms Kate (via zoom) said that everything is going well. Thank you PTO for all you do.

From Ms Magnusson (ELL and Computer Science); we are wrapping up the quarter and posting grades. Looking forward to conference week to talk to parents about their students' progress.

How will you do the class competition from Step It up fundraising? We will bring to the classrooms with the highest donations the "unofficial mascot" Alien inflatable.

Ms Glinka wanted to share that over 90% of assignments in her class were turned in on time this quarter.

7. Principal's Report - Ms Knaeble

- Great things are happening this week. Step It Up assembly, choir students went to Broadway Under the Stars at HHS, Ceremony of this year's NJHS inductees, meetings with parents and volunteers for upcoming trips to 8th grade to Washington DC in November and Choir to California in spring. Very exciting, the Board just approved two more trips this year for NJHS to San Diego and Band to Disney. Also international trips are in the works for some school clubs.
- Conferences are next week, Monday and Tuesday October 23rd and 24th from 4pm-7pm. 7th grade and Electives in the Gym and 8th grade and SPED in the Cafeteria. Some math teachers are sending sign-ups earlier. There will be some teachers only available for one of the two nights. They will send a communication to parents.
- The School Council meeting this week will discuss a possible change of school schedule for next year increasing time for math. More information to come in the next two weeks.
- Two asks for PTO
 - 1) If there can be dollar support with cameras in school if no bond money comes through.
 - 2) If PTO can help with a shaded area for outdoor seating for lunch.
- Ms Bell also wanted to share that Softball Girls is undefeated 2 years in a row. 7th there was an appeal but Sidewinders came on top. Softball Boys are still waiting to know more tomorrow. There is a Pep Assembly on October 26th, softball and basketball teams, Sidewinder singers, Instruments NJHS will be acknowledged.

8. UPC Report

- Meeting on Special Education on October 18th
- UPC is looking for volunteers for District Committees. Below is a link to the general interest form UPC has for committees as well as the interest form that is specific to a current committee. Currently, the K-12 Supplemental Resources Committee has a spot available! [Committee Interest Form](#)
- Project Search is collecting Business Clothes for Title I High School students that will work at Mayo Clinic.
- Ballots for the upcoming Bond Election can be dropped off at the District office.
- Fingerprinting for volunteers can now be done at any time at the District office.
- VIP Volunteer available to professionals that can tutor specially at title 1 schools for math and reading.

9. Additional Items discussed

- No updates on Garden at this time.

Questions?

Next PTO Meeting: Monday November 20th @ 5:30pm (ZOOM ONLY)