



Desert Shadows Middle School - PTO Meeting Minutes – 4/16/2024

Meeting called to order at 5:31pm, participants 10 in person - 0 online

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

A few more weeks until the end of the school year. Congratulations to the organizing team of the Spring Dance. We have received great feedback.

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

- **Treasurer's Report - Shannon Cucci**

- Donations stayed the same.
- Fundraising totals are close to what it was budgeted.
- \$900 left in the principal's discretionary account.
- Teachers' deadline to submit expenses receipts was April 5th.
- PTO will cover the expense of charter a bus for the 8th grade celebration. Students will pay for their tickets and their food.
- PTO to decide how much money it will be carried over. We need to anticipate expenses coming in at a later date in the summer.

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

- Vendors: Nautical Bowls upcoming dates April 26, May 10th and May 23rd (early release and last day of school at 11:45am).

Looking into having a Smoothie day to invite families to go to their location. To be decided.

- Spring Dance Recap
 - We had 220 students, less than last year. It covered most of the expenses, \$200 short. To consider for next year a different month (March or May) and maybe pre-sale tickets before the dance to get more students to come to the dance. The cafeteria was a good location and the eating area in the outside corridor for food. Need to create separation between tables to avoid students jumping over them. Smooth check in

and good feedback about the DJ. Also, consider a second food option for students with food allergy.

- Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. May 6-10. There will be an email sent to parents asking them to help.
- Spirit wear: in the process of changing it for next year.. More simplified and self-sufficient. Adding a 50th birthday wear with logo and also a design for teachers t-shirt or polo shirt and sweaters.

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

- We are in testing time, so It has been the focus. The semester is coming to an end. Feedback from testing, 100% students took AZ Science and 99% took the ELA. Also this year students took testing seriously and studied and got prepared for it.
- Progress grades were turned in on Monday and will be posted at the end of the week.

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

- Human Growth day is on May 5th, DLSI AAPPL testing is on 5/9 and the last installment payment for the DC trip (2024-2025) is on 5/10.
- PTO will cover the expense of 2 Ipads to support the new sound system.
- On testing days week we experimented with lunch combining 7th and 8th grades together. It was smooth.
- Busy setting up for testing, working on scheduling. Open enrollment is up. Close to 800 students enrolled. Over 400 students enrolled in 7th grade and 35 files to get processed.
- There are open positions to work at DSMS, support personnel, resource , social studies. School is getting another part time counselor.

- **UPC Report**

- Next meeting is next week, the topic will be managing transitions.
- There is a student job fair on 4/17 at Shadow Mountain for high school students.
- Executive Board elections are on 4/24. The bylaws are posted on the UPC website.

- **Additional Items discussed**

- Purchased the new sound system for school and will be installed next week. Thank you to the PTO from the Governing Board for the purchase.
- Ipads need to be purchased. PTO put it into vote and the motion was approved to purchase.
- PTO Board Open positions to be elected in May's PTO meeting
 - VP / President Elect (ideally a 7th grade parent for a 2 year term)
 - Treasurer
 - Fundraising (It could be a co-team possibly)
- PTO Non Board Open positions
 - Communications
 - Hospitality (Especially for Teacher & Staff Appreciation)
 - Special Events team
- 7th Science Lab and 8th grade EOY celebration
- 50th birthday
- Calendar for PTO meeting scheduling for next year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38pm

Next PTO Meetings: Tuesday May 14th at 5:30pm