



Desert Shadows Middle School - PTO Meeting Minutes – 02/25/2025

Meeting called to order at 5:31pm, participants 8 in person + 3 online

1. **Welcome** from the PTO president. We are almost at the end of the month of February and almost done with grades, 8 more days until the end of quarter. The PTO meetings are getting smaller in attendance.

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

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

Small report. Rolling into next year, we start now planning for next PTO year. There will be a lot of the same faces. Some board positions for next school year 2025-2026 are open. We are taking nominations at this point. The board needs to vote and approve any incoming board member, possibly in our April meeting. We will continue with the same committee roles. We already have a volunteer for the VP position.

Please reach out to me in the next month if you are interested.

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

- There are two more income checks from Chicken Alley and from 50th anniversary tiles sales. As for expenses, a couple of supplies for teachers. There is going to be a large expense next month for the Spring dance. Teacher Appreciation week is also a large expense amount budgeted later in the spring.
- Our goal as a PTO is not always to carry a large amount of dollars into the next year. Preferably we want to spend the income that we receive during the same year.
- I am here Wednesdays AM and Fridays PM to be able to process expenses and reimbursement quickly.

5. **Fundraising Report**

- Thinking about what we are doing for next year 2025-2026. Step It Up is no longer a fit for DSMS. We are thinking of concentrating on more Direct Give with a little extra work that would bring a larger amount of \$ to the school.
- Passive fundraising has been amazing and Stephanie has been doing a great job with partnerships. Upcoming this week is Bird Call on Shea/Scottsdale Rd all day on Thursday 2/27 with a give back of 25%. Coming up in March we will have

Brewster's Ice Cream and Twisted Sisters. Also we will start having Kona Ice more often on site.

- We are always thinking about vendors based on efficiency and what the percentage of giveback to the school is.

6. **Communications & Social Media**

Please continue loving the posts on facebook and instagram. We are also supporting HS Horizon with some of our social media posts.

7. **Volunteer Report** (Sarah Cole)

We need 6 volunteers to sign up for weekly Pizza delivery to school on Fridays for students' reward. You can find the sign up online on our [PTO website](#) or send an email to sidewindervolunteers@gmail.com.

We will also need volunteers for the spring dance in March, the sign up is coming soon.

There will also be additional needs of volunteers for Teacher Appreciation week in the coming months.

8. **Events**

- Spring Dance (Alana Raizer) is Friday 3/28 from 6pm-8pm. Same type of structure from last year.
 - Dance will be in the Cafeteria with games and a dance area.
 - Students will receive a link to vote on the theme before Spring break.
 - We have secured Dj and Photo Booth. Food vendors are Chick-Fil-A and Kona Ice. NJHS will sell sweets and drinks.
 - Decide if there will be an entry fee for the dance. Suggestion of maybe asking to bring a donated item if we do not charge an entrance fee.

9. **Hospitality**

- Whataburger catered a lunch for teachers. They are now a new business sponsor. We will ask Bird Call to help for the next school lunch.
- There are two more lunches for teachers until the school is out.
- PTO always works really hard during the week of staff / teacher appreciation.

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

- Teachers are really appreciative of the lunches from the Hospitality committee.
- The 3rd quarter is ending soon and now is time to push for grades, parents please keep checking for emails.
- AASA testing is coming. It is important not to be absent these days, get enough sleep and have a good breakfast. First day is 3/24 for 8th grade only.

11. Principal's Report (Ms Knaeble)

- Thank you to PTO for making it seem so easy and fun this year.
- Exciting things are happening, new paint in the interior of our buildings with the new green color. Also the school is getting a new A/C from the bond money.
Thank you to those who voted yes for the bond. The school has also a brand new marquee, we are still in the process of training and learning to use it.
- Girls basketball is going on right now. After spring break is wrestling.
- 7th grade students should start saving a 2-liter soda empty bottle for the rocket launch in science class.
- PBIS is going well, students love it. We are looking to revisit the PBIS rubric for updates on expectations for 2025-2026.
- Field trips: we are running into a buses' crisis. We are down to 38 school bus drivers district wide, the ideal number is 110. It is really difficult to offer field trips with district buses being canceled the day before a field trip. District cannot guarantee school buses to transport all students. It is important to budget for charter buses for field trips. Suggestion of adding this line in the future budget. For this year, PTO is funding the buses for 7th and 8th end of the year field trips. Permission slips going out soon. Pre-made lunches included, field trips arrive early and stay later to maximize the trip.
 - 7th grade Castle and Coasters 5/1 9am-2pm
 - 8th grade - Hurricane harbour 5/22 11am-5pm
- Our master schedule for next year will be done in March. We have two applicants for the opening jobs. Our positions are pretty much full. Most likely there will not be French offered since there is a low demand and specially rolling into High School options.
- State testing
 - The first day is 3/25 with 8th grade science, if not finished that day students can finish part 3 of the test on 3/26.
 - ELA 4/3 for students with A, C, E blocks and on 4/4 for students with B, D, F blocks.
 - Reading and Math testing (one day each) on 4/8 & 4/9If anyone wants to drop off candy donations for testing dates, please bring mints.
- Planners: we have a quote for about 800 planners for 2025-2026. PTO will pay for them.
- There is a small waiting list of students for next year. A few programs are closed already.
- One more thing, teachers are no longer allowed to have an Amazon wishlist in their email signature lines and class newsletters. DonorsChoose is PVSchools approved non-monetary online opportunity to request materials, equipment, and items for the classroom. All Donors Choose Campaigns should be approved by the site administrator before they are posted on Donors Choose. Parent

Teacher Organizations are separate entities. If they choose to have Amazon Wish Lists, principals should approve what is being included. To consider if DSMS PTO will have a wishlist to help get donations of materials that teachers need for next school year. Suggestion of creating a new PTO committee member as Wishlist Coordinator for 2025-2026.

12. UPC Report

- Teacher / Staff appreciation award is ongoing until 3/7. They get a pin and a letter of recognition. The ceremony is in May.
- The general meeting for last week was about What to look for in your students' relationships and friendships. It should be on the youtube channel.
- Next month's meeting subject is to be decided.

13. Additional Items discussed

Nothing to discuss.

Questions: Can we have an 8th grade celebration exit this year such as a clap out?. Principal's response is that she is happy to support it.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm

Next PTO Meeting Monday March 24 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
	Actual Income	Budgeted Income	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Net	Budget Net	More/- Less
Donations Campaigns							
Direct Giving	\$26,989.44	\$23,500.00	-	-	\$26,989.44	\$23,500.00	\$3,489.44
Step It UP	\$22,609.17	\$20,000.00	-\$3,349.18	-	\$19,259.99	\$20,000.00	-\$740.01
Donations Campaigns Totals	\$49,598.61	\$43,500.00	-\$3,349.18	-	\$46,249.43	\$43,500.00	\$2,749.43
Sponsorship Campaign							
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							
Box Tops for Education	\$174.30	\$100.00	-	-	\$174.30	\$100.00	\$74.30
Fry's / Kroger	\$393.25	\$200.00	-	-	\$393.25	\$200.00	\$193.25
Consumer Incentives Totals	\$567.55	\$300.00	-	-	\$567.55	\$300.00	\$267.55
Fundraising							
DSMS T-Shirt Sales	-	\$1,000.00	-	-	-	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Restaurant Nights	\$1,165.33	\$1,000.00	-	-	\$1,165.33	\$1,000.00	\$165.33
Vendors	\$780.80	\$1,000.00	-	-	\$780.80	\$1,000.00	-\$219.20
Kendra Scott	\$368.93	\$300.00	-	-	\$368.93	\$300.00	\$68.93
Fundraising Totals	\$2,315.06	\$3,300.00	-	-	\$2,315.06	\$3,300.00	-\$984.94
Principal Discretionary Account							
Coca Cola Refreshments Rebate	\$82.66	\$150.00	-	-	\$82.66	\$150.00	-\$67.34
School Portraits Rebate	\$828.81	\$1,050.00	-	-	\$828.81	\$1,050.00	-\$221.19
Principal's Choice	-	-	-\$2,459.88	-\$10,500.00	-\$2,459.88	-\$10,500.00	\$8,040.12
PTO Teacher Award Donation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Principal Discretionary Account Totals	\$911.47	\$1,200.00	-\$2,459.88	-\$10,500.00	-\$1,548.41	-\$9,300.00	\$7,751.59
Administrative Costs							
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	-	-	-\$472.34	-\$100.00	-\$472.34	-\$100.00	-\$372.34
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	\$113.13	-	-	-	\$113.13	-	\$113.13

	Actual Income	Budgeted Income	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Net	Budget Net	More/- Less
Administrative Costs							
Administrative Costs Totals	\$113.13	-	-\$1,492.55	-\$1,200.00	-\$1,379.42	-\$1,200.00	-\$179.42
Hospitality							
Teacher Meals	-	-	-\$2,351.24	-\$6,000.00	-\$2,351.24	-\$6,000.00	\$3,648.76
Teacher Lounge Supplies	-	-	-\$248.88	-\$550.00	-\$248.88	-\$550.00	\$301.12
Staff Meeting Breakfast	-	-	-\$612.36	-\$1,500.00	-\$612.36	-\$1,500.00	\$887.64
Hospitality Totals	-	-	-\$3,212.48	-\$8,050.00	-\$3,212.48	-\$8,050.00	\$4,837.52
School Support							
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							
PBIS	-	-	-\$447.48	-\$1,000.00	-\$447.48	-\$1,000.00	\$552.52
Clubs / Competitions / Team Celebrations	\$510.43	-	-\$586.07	-\$300.00	-\$75.64	-\$300.00	\$224.36
Student Awards / Rewards	-	-	-\$111.88	-\$1,400.00	-\$111.88	-\$1,400.00	\$1,288.12
Departmental Honors Award Students	-	-	-\$75.00	-\$300.00	-\$75.00	-\$300.00	\$225.00
Student Support Totals	\$510.43	-	-\$1,220.43	-\$3,000.00	-\$710.00	-\$3,000.00	\$2,290.00
Teacher Support							
Classroom Supplies	-	-	-\$4,196.77	-\$7,000.00	-\$4,196.77	-\$7,000.00	\$2,803.23
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	-	-	-\$7,353.94	-\$14,900.00	-\$7,353.94	-\$14,900.00	\$7,546.06
Community Support							
Charitable Donations	-	-	-\$206.95	-\$650.00	-\$206.95	-\$650.00	\$443.05
Community Support Totals	-	-	-\$206.95	-\$650.00	-\$206.95	-\$650.00	\$443.05
PTO Sponsored Events							
Fall Dance	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	-\$2,146.82	-\$2,500.00	\$353.18	-	\$353.18
Spring Dance	-	\$3,000.00	-	-\$2,500.00	-	\$500.00	-\$500.00
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	-\$8,724.41	-\$12,000.00	-\$3,732.10	-\$6,500.00	\$2,767.90
Ear Marked Account							
Choir Funds	\$4,640.00	-	-\$3,510.80	-	\$1,129.20	-	\$1,129.20
8th Grade Party	-	-	-	-\$6,500.00	-	-\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
Petty Cash	\$1,000.00	-	-\$1,300.00	-	-\$300.00	-	-\$300.00
Ear Marked Account Totals	\$5,640.00	-	-\$4,810.80	-\$6,500.00	\$829.20	-\$6,500.00	\$7,329.20

Grand Totals

	\$66,822.30	\$58,800.00	-\$32,830.62	-\$58,800.00	\$33,991.68	- \$33,991.68
Increase in funds						\$33,991.68
Funds available as of 05/31/2025						\$46,741.47