

**DES PTO General Meeting
November 10, 2020 at 9:15am via Zoom
Recorded by Leanne Howell**

Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Viotti | <input type="checkbox"/> Stacy High | <input type="checkbox"/> Aimee Puryear |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carie Alley | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Brown | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marley Slutz |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nabiha Huda | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tina Thorn | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leigh Daigle |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Holly Kulp | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hayley White | <input type="checkbox"/> Tiffany Hatcher Smith |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christina Hester | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashley Webb | <input type="checkbox"/> Annabella Brandon |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leanne Howell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Strain | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Gates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christina Arnold | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamie McGill | <input type="checkbox"/> Jessica Woody |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Ueleke | <input type="checkbox"/> Jamie Bialowitz | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heather Fisher |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Carter | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Brown | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joye Phipps |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carrie Mayrhofer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katie Laird | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robin Snipes |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jana Savage | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenna Cox | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Martens |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bethany Slocum | <input type="checkbox"/> Kristen Waddell | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Gee | |

Meeting called to order at 9:16am by Karen Viotti.

October Meeting minutes were approved.

Joy Williams, GMS PTO

- They exist to serve the GMSD PTO's, and to treat the district office.
- Fortunate to have Nabiha Huda and Elizabeth Gates serving as well.
- Not able to have Lunch/Dinner to Learn this year.
- Putting together a networking directory that will go out soon.
- STAR Awards from Spring 2020 will be recognized at December 15th meeting.
- Council offers an essay contest, with high school, middle school, and elementary school winners awarded. Grade level winners will receive certificates as well. Theme: What does diversity mean to you?
- DES 2020 STAR Recipients: Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Guntharp, Ms. Rho.

Brandi Fitchpatrick, DES Guidance

- Powerpoint presentation on Bullying
- GMSD policy can be found on GMSD website.
- Bullying components: repetitive in nature, intent to harm, balance and power.
- Roles of "Target/Victim," "Bystander," "Upstander," and "Defender" are described and discussed regularly with all students.
- GMSD role is to make sure all students feel safe physically and psychologically.
- OLEWUS Program is K-12.
- Above the Line Program is K-12.

- Mrs. Adkinson and Mrs. Fitchpatrick promote social and emotional learning in classrooms.
- OLEWUS focuses on changing school norms over the long term and is the most researched program of its kind. Expectations are show kindness always, be an upstander, kids are educated on reporting and how that looks.
- Above the Line encourages positive social skills through education, encouraging upstanders, social emotional learning, kindness/empathy.
- Email Mrs. Fitchpatrick with any questions.

Joye Phipps, DES Assistant Principal

- Veterans Day Parade tomorrow. 40 veterans are signed up, and others are welcome to join. Parade at 10 am, and kids will be masked and distanced. Will be live streamed.
- Attendance-communication is key. Email or a note if sick. If distance learning is needed, contact your child's teacher directly. A completed assignment should be submitted daily to count at attendance for that day.
- Survey Results for Semester 2-will be receiving info from the district on that soon. Priorities will remain as safety, emotional wellbeing and academics.
- No paper report cards. Skyward>portfolio>attachments. Interims next week.
- Thursday at 3 Terrific Kid will be streamed
- Next Thursday Night is virtual literacy night.
- Shout out to PTO for support and for modifying traditional DES events. (Sock Hop, Crazy Chemist) Thank you!!
- Email with any questions.

Karen Viotti, PTO President

- TY to all for your support! Michelle Midha for Crazy Chemist, Paula Bailey and teachers for Sock Hop, Marley and Nabiha for Teacher Appreciation Breakfast after fall break.
- Coffee Pods can be donated for teacher lounge.
- TY to Leigh D. for work on class/grade tshirts.
- Paint a Piece Spirit Night info coming home next week.
- Ryan Strain TY for serving on school board, and for serving as legislative chair. Once Ryan is officially on the school board, he will step down as legislative chair. Email Karen or Ryan with suggestions for filling his position.
- Days of Gratitude-#Dolphinlifegratitude has been used by the teachers but PTO is hopping in!
- Ann Gee-Room parent meeting on November 19th. Let her know if you need to be on the agenda.
- PTO Presidents Meeting recently with Mr. Manuel:
 - Road to Recovery and "Maintaining Excellence"
 - Launched the tech center online this week to assist learning.
 - Let's Talk App for questions
 - 5 year strategic plan
- Yearbook and 5th grade ad deadlines are approaching

Carie Alley, VP Events

- Book Fair coming up (Amy will discuss)
- Daddy Daughter Date Night Dec. 5th between 2 and 5 pm. Sign up Genius coming to reserve your time to receive goodie bag/scavenger hunt and to get photo made. Photos will be posted for download. Email pic of completed scavenger hunt to be entered to win a prize. Volunteers needed for the event.
- Mother/Son Event-January 31st still in planning and the date is subject to change.

Leanne Howell, Secretary-please put name in the chat for attendance.

Christina Hester, Treasurer

- Shared October financials. 2558.66 Expenses, 334.57 earnings leaves balance of 63,084.55
- Email with questions.

Amy Carter, Book Fair chair

- Book fair will be all virtual
- 30% of sales go to library in cash.
- Extensives selection!
- 2 zoom calls during Book Fair week with beloved authors/illustrators!
- Goal is \$12,000.
- Email with questions.

Carie Mayrhofer, Communications

- Please remember to get submissions in by Thursday at noon. Include the text you want for posts please.

Jennifer Brown, Dolphinfest Chair

- Set for March 6-unlikely to have in person.
- Proposing a Read a Thon during Read Across America Week (March 2)
- \$25,000 is goal for Dolphinfest. Online calculator for Read a Thon projects \$60,000 earnings.
- Company has a prize store or we could do our own. Reading oriented prizes, or could use coupons.
- 2 week period
- 75% of donations go to school if using reward store.
- May still incorporate silent auction
- Email with questions

Motion by Jennifer Brown to replace Dolphinfest with Read a Thon for the 2020/2021 school year. Nabihah Huda seconds. Official vote will come later after more info is gathered.

Ryan Strain, Legislative Chair

- Recently these DES teachers were granted tenure: Katherine Brown, Mrs. Guynes, Mrs. Goodrich, Ms. Sweda.
- Per Education Commissioner and Governor Lee, testing will likely occur this spring but cannot negatively impact teachers.
- November 17th Board of Education meeting

Marley Slutz, Teacher Appreciation-Sign up Genius for gift cards for teachers/staff for November teachers treats.

Leigh Daigle, T-shirt Chair-shirts ordered and should start printing this week. Volunteers needed for bagging and distribution.

No Old/New Business.

Next Meeting set for December 1, 9:15 am via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned by KV at 10:17am.