

DES PTO General Meeting
February 9, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aimee Puryear |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carie Alley | <input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Brown | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marley Slutz |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nabiha Huda | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Ashley Webb | <input type="checkbox"/> Annabella Brandon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leanne Howell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Scoggin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Gates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christina Arnold | <input type="checkbox"/> Jamie McGill | <input type="checkbox"/> Jessica Woody |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Ueleke | <input type="checkbox"/> Jamie Bialowitz | <input type="checkbox"/> Heather Fisher |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Carter | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Brown | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joye Phipps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carrie Mayrhofer | <input type="checkbox"/> Katie Laird | <input type="checkbox"/> Robin Snipes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jana Savage | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenna Cox | <input 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 by Karen Viotti at 9:15am.

January meeting minutes were approved.

Ms. Phipps, Assistant Principal:

- TY for participation in PTO sponsored Mother/Son Spy Night.
- TY for continued participation in Kids Heart Challenge! Currently DES leads the country in money raised-\$47,000 and counting! Sliming our principal and neon jump party rewards will happen this Friday.
- Brian Curry from the GMSD School Board will be at DES for a visit this Friday.
- 100th Day celebration for Kindergarteners, and 101st Day celebration for First Graders was last week.
- Currently still in the bidding process for the DES outdoor classroom. Micheal Shelton and Aaron Law from the District have been wonderful in this project. Construction is weather dependent, and could possibly be done by May, but for sure by the fall.
- Please continue diligence in Covid procedures, and monitor and report symptoms.
- Make up pictures will be Thursday.
- No traditional class pictures-may be composite like? Teachers are working creatively on this!
- Virtual Snapshots is the DES teacher recruiting event and will be happening later this month. Please encourage any teachers you know who might be interested to participate. Will be virtual this year, and Space Jam themed.
- DES is welcoming a new student counselor-Kit Stallings. More information will be coming in the PTO newsletter introducing her.

- Inclement Weather-GMSD has ONE remaining snow day. Snow Day work packets will be sent home with students home to be used in the event that more days at home are warranted by inclement weather.

Karen Viotti, PTO President:

- TY!! To Debbie Brown and Carie Alley on a job well done for our Mother/Son Event! TY for volunteers who helped.
- TY to Jana Savage for loving our DES community well through her community cares position.
- TY to Marley Slutz for loving on our staff well, and providing lunch to staff last week.
- Marcos Spirit on February 24th.
- Yearbook purchases due by February 26th. Check you purchase history in My School Bucks to make sure you have purchased.
- Reminder to record your name in the chat for attendance.

Holly Kulp, VP Operations:

- Would like to propose a motion to vote to move \$14,047.48 from our PTO appropriations funds to be used toward the purchase of Lu Smart board projector for the DES gymnasium. Video was shown to introduce Lu boards. Money will be combined with Title One funds for the purchase. Nabihah seconds the motion to vote. Voting poll is conducted, and 17/17 vote to approve this motion.
- STAR Award Nominations for DES: Paige Boyce (teacher), Michelle Midha (parent), Nurse Madhi (staff)! All are amazing, and more bio info will be given in an upcoming DES newsletter.
- Legacy Award Nominee: Nabihah Huda (parent) who is an outstanding parent volunteer!
- Please congratulate nominees when you see them-they are AMAZING!!

Carie Alley, VP Events:

- TY to Debbie Brown for an outstanding Mother/Son Event!

Karen Viotti, President:

- Sharing January financials for Christina Hester, Treasurer.
- Beginning balance of \$62,712.81, no deposits, Expenses \$2918.25, Ending balance \$59,794.56.
- Email CH with any questions regarding your budget.
- Outstanding invoices or reimbursements need to be submitted in hard copy of your submission.

Bethany Slocum, Fine Arts Night:

- No traditional or virtual Fine Arts Night.
- Stay tuned for info regarding how the PTO may support our DES Fine Arts Programs.

Karen Viotti, President:

- Read A Thon will hopefully still happen, but a new vendor is being sought out.

- Will likely occur after Spring Break, more info will be coming.

Ryan Scoggins, Legislative:

- GMSD Board Meeting- School calendar for 2021/2022 was approved at last meeting. See website.
- Board reviewed a Legislative agenda for 21/22 including funding, testing moratorium because of covid, employee background checks, virtual learning, and teacher funding, and local discretion on these matters. Lots of communication between the Board and the state regarding these issues. Please refer back to Ryan's email for more information about this.
- Gaging interested in a Junior ROTC program at HHS. Significant cost would be involved.
- Special Legislative Session for Education started on January 19th. More info coming. Focuses on funding, literacy, accountability for districts, learning loss and teacher pay.
- State was granted 100 Million dollars for Reading 360 program. District may receive some money for that. More info coming.
- Teachers should have vaccine access before the end of March
- Alderman Uleke was present at the last meeting.
- City committed 5 Million dollars towards HMS expansion.
- Next Board meeting tonight with a work session at 5, and meeting at 6:30.

Debbie Brown, Mother/Son Event:

- Spy Date brought great feedback for all involved!
- TY to Carie Alley and Nabiha Huda for immense help!
- Lots of help for handing out packets: Jenna Cox, Jennifer Brown, Ann Gee, Christina Hester, Nabiha, Carie, Carrie M, Jamie McGill, Karen Viotti, Ms. Sue helped will all the copies!

Aimee Puryear, Teacher Appreciation:

- This Thursday for teacher conferences, meals from Coletta's will be provided for teachers. No donations needed, as budget allows PTO to cover it.

Jenna Cox, Nominations Chair:

- TY for responding with intent for PTO Board next year. Continue to respond if you have not. Please nominate new faces! More info coming after nominations meeting.
- Link posted to form for nominations.

No Old Business/ No Old Business.

Next Meeting is Tuesday March 9 at 6:15pm.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:44 am.

