



Davis Senior High School PTA | 315 W 14th Street, Davis, CA 95616 | dshspta.org

General Association Meeting Minutes **Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 7 p.m. – DSHS Library**

Attendees: Natalia Baltazar, Sarah Watterson, Gretchen Schroeder, Janet Brown, Eric Roe, Michelle Shinstock, Bryce Geigle, Gloria Parnell, Abby Koenig, Madhvi Kapur, Caitlin McCalla, Jenifer Perkins, Kiby Fuchslin, Jenna Makus, Heema Govindjee-Merchant, Paula Rivera, Sara Fry, Lawrence Dixon, Teri Arnold, Kristin Swanstrom, Vayla Bhinder, Jennifer Aguilar, Roxanne Deutsch, Lea Darrah, Leslie Blevins.

- I. **Call to Order** – 7:05 p.m.
Welcome and Introductions
- II. Minutes approval for May 1, 2024 General Association Meeting
Motion made by Michelle Shinstock, 2nd by Natalia Baltazar; all approved.
- III. **Introduction / Special Guests**
 - Presentation by for Area 2 DJUSD School Board Trustee – Lea Darrah
 - Presentation about DSHS Site Council – Heema Govindjee-Merchant. They need one more volunteer. Meet on the 2nd Thursday of every other month.
 - Homecoming Dance – Kristin Swanstrom (Teacher)
Unprecedented interest in the dance. Last year they had some bad press. This year is increased capacity, tickets 300 per class. Tickets will be on sale online and in person. Start with senior tickets at online store 8:30pm, at 6am online store will close then it will be in person Tuesday morning at 8am. Tuesday night junior tickets junior in person 8am wedn morning. Must have established account via a computer to purchase at online store. Blue Devils student store
- IV. **Teacher's Report** – Kiby Fuchslin, Math Teacher – No turnover in the math dept this year, want to make math a community. Math lab – Tues/Thurs 2:30-4:30 Room 127. always staffed by someone from dept. All teachers have office hours for extra help. Math is in new classrooms STEM building and Science building now. Two math teachers testing Minga. Teachers are super grateful for all the coffee, treats, lunches etc.
- V. **Principal's Report** – Dr. Bryce Geigle – Thank you for PTA & FFA for BBQ for teachers. Great Blue Devil Day. Sophomores got Blue Devil Connect this year. Seniors did Paint the Quad. Lots of new things the beginning of the year
 - Aquatic center is in process of getting built and changed foot traffic. STEM building has about 500 students at any given time.

- MINGA – everyone is learning, digital id's, hall passes, and class sessions. Teachers are Chromebook-based in classroom. No cell phone needed. Anyone that doesn't have a phone can get a printed ID card.
- Upcoming event-Next Wednesday in first Safety day, you will get text notifications. Thursday is Back to School Night. Then Homecoming Week – Friday Sept. 20 ribbon cutting for STEM 10am Aquatic center groundbreaking, parade 12n, DHS is also 100 years old. Possibly centennial float. Evening will be the football game with a lot of memorabilia in entrance. Then the dance.

VI. President's Report – Eric Roe

- A. Thank you to DSHS admin staff and PTA officers for a successful Blue Devil Day, New Student Orientation was successful, First Week of School. Thanks to hospitality for teacher lunch coordinated with FFA. Thank you, Dr. Geigle, for all his hard work and being present.
- B. Promoting PTA membership & direct donation campaign
- C. PTA support for Back to School Night – Thursday, September 12

*Blue & White Foundation – talking about coming back as Blue Devil Alumni Assoc.

*Possible Blue Devil Athletic Wall of Fame – Display in the new gym facing the football field.

VII. Student's Report – LJ Dixon

Thank you for everyone at meeting supporting. Please reach out to LJ if we need him for something. Ld74332@djusdstudents.com First football game coming up on Friday coordinating music, sponsors etc. Rally 18th Spirit week, dance 21st. Door decorating is the entire week based on dance theme. Working on final details for dance. HOCO World Tour.

VIII. Officers' Reports

- A. *Jennifer Perkins – PIE Grant coordinator*
Teachers please review the application and give feedback. Trying to make it as easy as possible. Due by Oct. 1. Applications will be reviewed and voted at Nov. 6 meeting and funded by November 12.
- B. *Janet Brown – PTA Treasurer*
Budget Approval
Vote on the 2024-25 budget ((see attached) Have a \$10,000 reserve. Concern was brought up about PTA Awards and changing the budget to move the money to Student support. Need 175 people to join the PTA to meet our current budget goal. Motion to approve the budget and revisit it at the February General Association meeting to discuss line item: Abby Koenig, Caitlin McCalla - all approved
- C. *Gretchen Schroeder – PTA Auditor*
Audit Approval
Executive Board adopted the Financial audit from January 1 – June 30 – Motion

to approve: Jenna Makus and 2nd by Abby Koenig all approved. Motion to approve: Jenna Makus and Caitlin McCalla 2nd; all approved.

- D. *Sara Watterson – Membership Chair; Abby Koenig – Financial Secretary*
Membership / Direct Donation Campaign Update
35 people have signed up so far. Would like checks more than Venmo because we pay fees for Venmo. Slide will be up at BTSN and flyers distributed. 1000 flyers with school map on back.
- E. *Abby Koenig, DPU Representative*
Davis Parent University update – Ned Johnson Oct. 30, 7 p.m.
- F. *Gloria Purnell, Hospitality Co-Lead*
Shared hospitality plan for the year.
- BTS BBQ
 - National Custodian Day
 - Winter Cookie Boxes
 - Department Grazing Trays
 - Teacher Appreciation Day
 - End of School Celebration
 - Staff Room Snacks
 - Partnership with LinkCrew, Sunshine Committee, Counseling Dept.

XI. **Grad Night** – Harmony & Jennifer Roach, Grad Night Committee

Planned for June 13, 2025 from 9 p.m.-5 a.m. 800+ students from all the high schools. 100% financed \$50,000 and volunteer-supported by donations. Need to get info out early and they need more people on committee and sub-committees and then recruit volunteers. Please help communicate through PTA listserv and web site.

IX. **New Business**

Items for discussion at the next PTA meeting.

XI. **Adjourned** – 9:07 p.m.

Next General Association meeting is on November 6, 7 p.m. in the DSHS Library.