

**Delran Middle and High School PTA**  
Executive Board Meeting  
February 7, 2023  
Delran High School Media Center & Zoom

1. Rebecca Whitmeyer called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.
2. Attendance was taken. The following **24** people attended:

Rebecca Whitmeyer  
Jenn Hamlet  
Nicole Wambold  
Dan Finkle  
Rebecca Naugle  
Leslie Sweet

Tara Porreca  
Kim O'Connor  
Michelle Sondeen  
Mike McHale  
Cathy Briggs

Jackie Cook  
Jen Pifani  
Rishaee Fiorini  
Michelle Reissman  
Lisa Marraffino

**On Zoom:**

Kim Bolton  
Dawne Belfon  
Jenn Berkoff

Peggy Shweikert-Kavalkovich  
Andrea Dunlap  
Tami

Jill Rocco  
Missy Taffler

3. **President's Report** - Rebecca Whitmeyer
  - a. Welcome
4. **Treasurer's Report** - Jackie Cook
  - a. Beginning Balance as of 1/1/23 is \$56,434.73. Total Deposits \$1,169.43, Total Withdrawals \$1,234.59, Interest \$0.00. Ending Balance as of 1/31/23 is \$56,369.57
2. **Vice President's Report** - Jenn Hamlet - None
3. **Corresponding Secretary's Report** - Rishaee Fiorini
  - a. Thank you card for classroom supplies from the DMS DEA
5. **Recording Secretary's Report** - Tara Porreca
  - a. Please sign the Sign Up sheet. If your name is not listed on the zoom, please use the Chat option at the top of the screen to let us know your name.
  - b. The minutes from our January 2023 meeting are posted on our website. There being no changes or corrections, the minutes stand as presented.
6. **Principals' Reports**
  - a. **Delran Middle School** - Mr. McHale
    - i. DMS is bringing back the Faculty Student Basketball game. \$10 for students to play and receive a tee shirt. \$5 for spectators.
    - ii. Yearbook sale is on now - order by 3/15. Links are in Community Update.
    - iii. Tomorrow is the 8th grade high school course selection.

- iv. Principal List party is this week. Winning Bear Classroom from Animal Shelter Drive is also on Friday.
- v. Senator Troy Singleton is coming in soon - very good speaker for the kids.
- vi. 2/15 is the DMS Science Fair. Thank you to the PTA for sponsoring the prizes.
- vii. Next week is the Valentine's Day Dance 7:30-9:00. \$5 to attend. Please be prompt with pick up. Dress code is not formal.
- viii. 2/22 is Virtual Author's Visit for 7th grade.
- ix. Spring sports begin soon - be sure to sign up and complete all paperwork by 3/1. Volleyball is being added later this spring. Kids can do both tennis and volleyball.
- x. 3/1 is picture day.

**b. Delran High School - Mr. Finkle**

- i. Tomorrow at 6:00 is AP/CAP Night. Also at 6:00 is a special education meeting for incoming 8th grade parents. 7:00 is the 8th grade parent scheduling meeting.
- ii. Thursday is the scheduling meeting for grades 9-11.
- iii. Attendance has become an issue recently. More than 12 unexcused absences is a loss of course credit. Between 12 and 18 absences, credit can be earned back. However, after 18 absences, credit is lost and cannot be earned back.
- iv. Next Thursday 7:00 is the Senior Trip Parent Meeting. This year we are leaving on a Sunday afternoon instead of very early Monday morning.
- v. No school Monday 2/20. Science Fair is on Tuesday 2/21. Millbridge students are walking over to see the science fair and ask students questions.
- vi. Spring musical Chicago is the last week of February and first week of March. Check out the teaser Tiktok.
- vii. Course waivers are due 2/28. All recommendations can be seen in Parent Portal. Students must sit for a test to waive into a higher level course.
- viii. 3/1 is the Senior Trip Assembly for students. We leave on 3/5 about 2:15 and arrive back around 1 am Friday night/Saturday morning.
- ix. 3/13 is the NJGPA graduation testing for 11th graders. This testing data is public so our students need to take it seriously.
- x. Spring sports registration open. Looking to add Girls Volleyball for next fall.
- xi. Freshmen/Sophomore Formal is 4/1 and Prom is 6/2.

**7. Committee Reports**

- a. Membership/Jen Pifani & Peggy Schweikert-Kavalkovich - Still steady at 154 memberships.
- b. Reflections/Kim O'Connor - We had 15 county winners who moved onto the State level. We will hear state results at the end of March.

- c. Graduation Signs/Jenn Etsell & Paula Nunes - Cost is \$25. Forms are in the back of the room and you can also purchase them online. Please be careful to order the correct sign and with spelling. We are looking to set up a table to sell at the Senior Parent Trip Meeting on 2/16. There is a potential new design.
- d. Fundraising/Nicole Wambold & Kim Bolton - We looked into the Power of Purpose which is a fitness based organization that sets up a course similar to Wipe Out or American Ninja. No money up front, 50% of revenue to school and 50% to POP. Would take the place of a field day and may be geared more towards younger students. May be too similar to the Mason Fundraiser. We are going to do Egg Your Yard and possibly the Goose Chase Scavenger Hunt. We are open to other suggestions.
- e. Senior Stars/Michelle Sondeen - Stars will be hung at GBE and at Project Graduation. \$10 for one, \$15 for two. Can purchase in person or on the website. Will be sold at the parent senior trip meeting and luggage drop off. We may push back the due date.
- f. Project Graduation/Lena Namnum & Missy Taffler - Venue (Funplex) is booked and includes food so there will not be a class dinner earlier. Need 2 chaperones per bus; sign up will go out after GBE. Looking at gift possibilities.
- g. GBE/Rishaee Fiorini & Jenn Berkoff - Save the date 4/22/2023. Theme is Fiesta and will be hybrid again this year. Online ticket sales begin 2/26 at noon. In person ticket sales will be 3/5 during senior luggage drop off. VIP parking raffle for baskets donated by 3/15 - this is a new date. 4/18 is the last day for basket drop off. Announcements and information will be shared at the senior parent Disney meeting. Baskets can be dropped off to Lena's house at 218 Aqua Lane beginning 2/15. Please check out our GBE website linked to the PTA page.

## 8. Old Business

- a. The County PTA's Coat Drive was held last weekend. There were many coats, but not a lot of shoppers, so they are going to hold another drive next November.

## 9. New Business

- a. 8th grade dance date has been moved (thank you Taylor Swift)!
- b. There is a group of DHS students and faculty who want to organize a blanket/supply drive for Turkey. We are looking to partner with a relief group who would help send the supplies overseas.

## 10. Important Dates

2/8 Incoming Freshman Course Selection

2/15 DMS Science Fair

2/16 Senior Trip Parent Meeting

2/17 DMS Valentine's Day Dance

2/21 DHS Science Fair

2/24-26 & 3/3-4 DHS Spring Musical

2/26 GBE Online Ticket Sale Begins

3/5 Senior Luggage Check In & GBE In Person Ticket Sale

3/9 DMS Chorus Concert

3/24 DMS Faculty Student Basketball Game 6:00-8:00 pm

11. Becky Whitmeyer adjourned the meeting at 8:01 pm