



Desert Shadows Middle School - PTO Meeting Agenda – 9/29/2025

Call to order 5:33 pm

Meeting Adjourned 6:59pm

3 online
10 in person

1. Welcome -
2. Voting Items: Motion to approve minutes from August meeting - Denise motion to approve, Julie Garcia 2nd to approve the minutes
3. President Report (Kristina) -
4. Treasurer Report (Gardenia) - Closed Direct Giving with \$46,000 total. \$11k Business Sponsors, \$26k individuals, \$7k family sponsors, \$200 Corporate Matching (plus more coming in) - Amazing increase from last year and we did it in 1 month! Almost \$800 from Grapes and SkyZone night.
5. Communication and Social Media Report (Kristin) - Everything is great! Please text Kristin if she forgot to post something.
6. Volunteer Report (Sarah C) - Thank you everyone who signs up and shows up. Pizza Delivery is up and nearly full. Next sign up is for the dance, we'll need 10-15 volunteers. Can someone help sign volunteers in at the dance as Sarah C. has some other commitments that night. Sarah will put that on the volunteer sign up. We'll be looking for a volunteer chair for next year as Sarah won't be at DSMS next year.
7. Events Report - Fall Dance - 4 people on the dance committee. Friday, October 24th, 6-8pm. We're planning for 450-500 students. Halloween, costume theme. Permission slips will need to be signed, this will be their ticket. DJ, photo booth, minute to win it games, dancing, raffle prizes, earn tickets by dancing/acts of kindness/picking up trash/etc. Ticket fairies give out tickets all night. Possible Google Doc for RSVP, so we have a better idea of how many people plan to attend. Food collection to PVUSD Food Bank a possibility. Still working on food vendors. Does NJHS want to sell desserts? Choir drinks? Students will need to bring money for food. It's a fun time, encourage your student to attend!

8. Fundraising Report -

Passive Fundraising - Kona Ice canceled due to rain. Booked for the 10th.

October 14th - 5-9pm - Chipotle fundraiser - in person and online orders

November - Crumbl and pairing with one of the neighboring restaurants

December - Kendra Scott - paired with a restaurant in the Quarter

Would like to bring some food trucks to Festival Sports

Evereve - Amy did this at Ssky and they made \$700, about 12 moms went.

D-Backs - at least 12 families attended, waiting to hear how much we raised.

44 business sponsors, 13 more banners to put up. Plus 6 in-kind sponsors.

We will also be asking them for donations for Teacher Appreciation, etc. Building partnerships. Jade will be asking them if they would like to give a discount, etc DSMS families. We will promote this on socials, email, and website.

9. Hospitality Report (Sarah L) - Lunch coming up for the first half day. Lounge Stock with Halloween treats in October. Lounge Stocks are a great opportunity for people to give who didn't give during Direct Giving. October 27th conference night dinner. The team is working on getting donations so we have funds to use elsewhere. Most of our PTO funds go to teacher/staff appreciation.

10. Teachers Report

Ms. Saley - new AC!! Kids are getting adjusted and settled in, a good start to the year. 5-10 teachers go to the dance. Thank you PTO, the support is so noticed, appreciated, discussed among the teachers/staff. DSMS is different, new teachers say they have never been to a school like ours. Thank you also to PVUDS for supporting schools, staff, teachers...this allows principals to have resources to direct their teachers/staff to.

11. Principal Report

Festival Sports got rained out this weekend. Basketball Festival was great!

All Star games start next week. Everyone come out!

40th day of school this Wednesday. We'll hide some prizes around the school. This is an important day for funding. Please send your student to school on Wednesday!

Washington DC trip, October 15th, 99 students are attending. Parent night for current 7th graders will be soon for next year's trip.

The company that organizes the trip is amazing and has backup plans and backup plans. 12 Staff members attend.

Last week DSMS participated in an experiment - all students, district level tech did a 3rd grade test to test out a technology before it was rolled out.

The district staff were very impressed with DSMS students.

Picture Re-take - October 10th

Quarter ends October 10th - check Infinite Campus for your student's current grades, assignments, etc.

October 13th - NJHS induction ceremony

StuGo - Jamal 8th grade President, Dominic Treasurer - Congrats to everyone who applied, ran, campaigned.

November 13th - 6th grade night - Gather names for PTO volunteers. Spirit Wear Fashion Show!!

October 27th - Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7pm - One night only

October 28th - 8th grade to Horizon for school tour - day fieldtrip

Sweetwater Project - Sign says October 3rd, but that's the date it's going to get worse. They will be closing Sweetwater from 57th - 59th - There will be a new sign. New deadline is Thanksgiving. Police don't think it will be done before winter break. Julie Gacia says it has been really smooth. Thank you to the staff who are out here helping direct traffic. Use the park...until the park starts working on a new water system...it shouldn't disrupt much and will "only" take a year.

Boys bathrooms keep getting broken and they have to be closed until they can get fixed. If you have a male student please talk to them about being respectful of property.

Girls bathrooms have trash cans ordered - checking on temporary trash cans for stalls. Girls have submitted anonymous suggestions.

Anonymoustips.com. Those tips are truly anonymous. Every PV school has a link on their website.

Community Member email - concerned about heavy backpack. Laura says it has gotten better as teachers are not requiring large supplies (large binders). Can teachers who need large binders have a shelf in their classrooms? Do we need to ask teachers to have a streamline system school wide? Leah is asking teachers to help lighten their load and for ideas.

12. UPC Report (Laura & Kea)

Laura - Busses - all full time openings will hopefully be filled by December and part time positions are filling in.

September Meeting - Student Handbook and update - Director of Student Services - updated definition of bullying, excused and unexcused absences, 2 strikes and your expelled for drugs or alcohol.

October Meeting - On School to School Partnering - what schools still partner with a Title 1 schools. DSMS provides a meal during conferences to Sweetwater. Ideas of what other schools have done/do were given as well.

UPC has a new Technology Committee - follow on FB -
upcpvusd.org - Gifted and Special Ed programs and more
Crest Program Parent Night - October 7th
Horizon - Halloween Haunted House - October 29th and 30th

Additional Items to discuss

Questions?

Upcoming PTO Meetings: October 20th at 5:30pm