

# August PTO Meeting Minutes

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26 August 2024 / 6:00 PM / DCMS Library

## AGENDA

Call to Order

Brooke

*Call to order @ 6:01pm*

Introductions/Welcome

Brooke

## New Business

Principal's Updates

Brandon

- First week of school went very well.
- This week, CMAP testing is taking place on Mon/Tues, 8/26-8/27.
- Brandon is visiting classes as much as possible.
- The first week included a lot of behavior expectation setting overall. Julia is also busy working with many new students on DCMS behavior expectations as well.
- Enrollment:
  - Target was 545 in order to sustain current teacher FTE
  - Projection was 517 students; currently at 547 students
    - accepted every 6th grader who applied - max'd at 200; more strategic enrollment for 7th & 8th graders.
    - Enrollment will shift through Sept; will stay as close to 545 as possible; expect current FTE to be okay if we come in close
- Skate City night was great; estimate 75-100 kids in attendance
- A parent asked about other opportunities for kids to socialize
  - may look into Round One or Urban Air (Main Event wasn't overly successful)
  - one family runs a food trucks - is food truck night a possibility?

Deer Creek Middle School PTO		
Financial Summary - July 1, 2024 - July 31, 2024		
	Current Period	Current Period
	1-Jul-24	31-Jul-24
Check and Balances		
1st Bank beginning balance	\$7,196.54	\$7,196.54
PayPal Beginning Balance	not accessed	
Total Beginning Balance	\$7, 196.54	\$7,196.54
Total Monthly Income (from above)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Monthly Expenses (from above)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Ending Bank Balance (from above)	\$7, 196.54	\$7, 196.54
Total for the Month	\$7, 196.54	\$7, 196.54

- The next meeting will reflect a \$189 deposit from Skate City and two reimbursements to volunteers.

## Recap of Back-to-School events

Brooke / Barb

- Locker decorating*: big turnout, very busy this year
- New Beginnings*: went well, met new families
- Back-to School Night*: a lot of people interested/asking questions, about 30 people signed up and PTO has sent a follow-up communication to them

## Fundraising

Brooke / Barb

- POP - largest fundraiser (text/email campaign)
  - Raised just over \$20,000 last year
  - This year, have been trying to get communication out in advance so that families can prepare for September 3 and don't feel as much pressure
  - The "Best Day Ever" is Oct. 4 (formerly Day of Awesomeness - will update on site, calendar, etc.)
- A parent asked what Penny Wars is
  - Fundraiser that supports Chatfield's Wish Week to raise money for a child through Make a Wish
  - DCMS keeps a portion of monies raised; each grade's monies raised are used to fund their continuations

- Fundraising going forward
  - fundraising with a purpose and have specific purchases in mind
  - want to fundraise for things that have impact on the most students.
  - Brandon suggested items like library bookcases, tennis courts
  - Brandon currently getting new quote for tennis courts (have asbestos - encapsulate & repave).
- Other suggestions from group:
  - King Soopers card push
  - Colorado Gives Day

## Spirit Nights

Jennifer

- Skate City - we'll be getting a check for \$189 from Skate City
- Next Spirit Night is Sept 4 at Chipotle. Flyers have been sent to PTO and office.

## Teacher Appreciation

Cat / Lacey

- Snack cabinet (Lacey)
  - PTO has created & initially stocked it.
  - will solicit parent donations going forward; can ask teachers what they like to create wish list. Consider making donation requests by grade, per trimester.
  - add call for snack cabinet donations to PTO newsletter
- Teacher survival kits
  - (70) were made/distributed to staff
- Conference meals:
  - one night will be Pizza Hut.
  - second night will be parent donations (last year did chili/soup - was a success!)

## Socials

Brooke

- Led by Cari
- each grade has theme, create community & sustainability (redo each theme every year to save/reuse materials)
- in past, we had strobe light/disco ball, but it broke. We'd like to potentially use PTO funds to purchase a new one
- need to hire a DJ (the student who used to DJ is not able to); consider using sound system w/ playlist? Explore DJ pricing?
- food/beverage donations
- Activities: cake walk, corn hole, photo op area, etc Could use one half of gym for these activities, other half for the dance,, and the cafetorium just for food.
- Include games, donations, help needed in MySignUpGenius
- we charge \$6 (\$1 goes to us/event, \$1 to charity); each grade gets to pick a charity from a few options. Student council has input on developing the options for the two socials later in the year.

## ACTION ITEMS

- Source/determine DJ for socials
- Finalize plans for fundraiser prize distribution
  - Working with Sherry to determine timing and method for distributing POP fundraiser prizes week of 9/2 (process needs to be approved by school) ; will have a plan finalized by EOD 8/27
- Update Day of Awesomeness to Best Day Ever on all comms/website/calendar (DONE)
- MySignUp Genius for Best Day Ever (DONE)
- Include call for snack donations in PTO newsletter

## CALENDAR

- Spirit Nights
  - 9/4: Chipotle
  - 10/15: Pizza Hut
- Socials
  - 9/12: 8th grade social
  - 10/24: 7th grade social
- Fall Fundraiser
  - 9/3: POP fundraiser kick-off assembly
  - 10/4: Day of Awesomeness
- Teacher Appreciation
  - 10/15-10/16: Conference meals
- Next PTO Meeting
  - 10/7: PTO Meeting