



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

General Association Meeting Minutes
(Approved)
Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025 at 7 p.m. – DSHS Library

In Attendance: Caitlin McCalla, Dr. Bryce Geigle, Kalin Watkins, Dora Hayes, Carol Barsotti, Kiby Fuschlin, Jenna Makus, Kelly Heung, Sara Watterson, Casandra Hart, Eric Roe, Gretchen Schroeder, Natalia Baltazar, Pam Porter, Marcia Pereira, Alexa Back-McElrone, Kristin Swanstrom, Alana Rothman, Sara Niyat-Haddadan

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Caitlin McCalla. Welcome and introductions.

II. Teacher's Report – Kiby Fuschlin

- Welcomed two new teachers.
 - Scheduling aligned well this year, making planning easier.
 - Fewer students reported math anxiety.
 - Eric Roe reminded members that if PIE grants are approved, they should be processed promptly. Noted that counselors are very busy, but schedule changes are being handled.
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III. Principal's Report – Dr. Bryce Geigle

- Attended Yolo County Fair with family; highlighted strong FFA presence.
- Blue Devil Day held in South Gym created a more close-knit feel—suggests continuing there.
- Seniors painted the quad and Block D circle.
- Welcomed new sophomores.
- Thanked PTA for sponsoring the Spirit Fence.
- Ongoing focus on fostering inclusivity among staff and students.

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- Ribbon-cutting for the new Aquatics facility.
- **Homecoming Update:** Event capped at 1,000 students for safety. Ticket sales begin September 15 (seniors first, then juniors, sophomores, etc.). Winter Ball will be open to sophomores to ensure opportunities for underclassmen.

IV. President's Report – Caitlin McCalla

- Thanked admin staff and PTA officers for a successful Blue Devil Day, New Student Orientation, and first week of school.
- Promoting PTA membership and direct donation campaign; fundraising goal: \$25,000. Encouraged members to spread the word.
- Shared new spreadsheet of equipment available for events across PTAs.
- Encouraged support for **Back to School Night** on Thursday, Sept. 11. Volunteers needed to staff the PTA table.

V. Student's Report – Kristin Swanstrom filling in for StudGov student representative

- Collaborated with Ms. Wilkinson to promote The Hub alongside yearbook sales; saw increased subscriptions.
 - Thankful for PTA's continued support, including club fundraising.
 - Upcoming events:
 - Homecoming (Dance: Sept. 27; Games: Sept. 26)
 - Winter Ball in February (fundraiser for juniors, open to sophomores; guests permitted).
 - New payment processor (ASBworks) is working well, streamlining ticket sales and waitlists.
 - Club Fair: Wednesday, Sept. 17 during lunch. Suggested emailing club presidents to share that PTA funds are available.
 - Advised PTA to share announcements with Ms. West or tag DHS Instagram for student outreach.
 - Noted: Club treasurers work with Terry Arnold to access funds.
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VI. Officers' Reports

A. Budget – *Eric Roe*

- Emphasized importance of donating to PTA (rather than individual clubs/sports).
- Presented proposed 2025–26 PTA budget.
- Motion to approve: Carol Barsotti. Second: Sara Watterson. Budget approved.

B. PIE Grant Update - *Caitlin McCalla*

- Applications due October 15.
- Discussion about allocating more funds to clubs; Caitlin encouraged spreading the word that PTA funds are available.
- Grants prioritized based on schoolwide impact. Emails going out to teachers next week.

C. Membership/Direct Donation – *Sara Watterson*

- 61 members so far; goal is higher.
- Venmo issues still being resolved.
- Thank-you notes not sent if membership form incomplete; this limits tracking of donations.

D. Hospitality – *Pam Porter & Marcia Pereira*

- Successful BBQ event with strong FFA support.
- Next event: Custodial Appreciation Day. Volunteers welcome.
- Team continues to provide staff lounge snacks/coffee (\$200/month).
- Working on better outreach to encourage club participation.

VII. Open PTA Positions

- **Financial Secretary** and **Hospitality Team Members** still open—please spread the word.

VIII. Fundraising Updates

- Direct donation campaign remains top priority.
- Fundraising push scheduled for Homecoming week.
- Planning a parent social fundraiser at Great Bear in early October.

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- Suggestions: Bake sales (per Sara), Nugget Scrips sign-up.

IX. New Business

- Alana Rothman introduced herself as the new DPU representative.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Next General Association Meeting: November 5, 7:00 p.m.