



Desert Shadows Middle School - PTO Meeting Agenda – 5/12/2026

Call to order at 8:25

8 in person attendance

Meeting adjourned at 9:21

1. Welcome
2. Voting Items: Motion to approve minutes from April meeting
 - a. Laura motioned and Jade second to approve minutes
3. President Report (Kristina)
 - a. Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast in the morning with staff worked really well.
 - b. Allison McGee is our new Volunteer Coordinator
 - c. Thank you Sarah Cole for planning the breakfast
4. Treasurer Report (Gardenia)
 - a. \$32-35,000 in the bank plus \$20k in savings
 - b. 400 nominations from students voting for teachers
 - c. There are still some expenses outstanding - 8th grade busses, etc
 - d. We now have Zelle and will have an ecommerce page
 - e. We should end the year with about \$10,000 to leave for next year - we are financially in a great place
 - f. Ms. Saley suggested that teachers each take one business sponsor and call to thank them. Jade and Kristina will work on organizing.
 - g. We are asking teachers/staff to have receipts in by May 15th
5. Communication and Social Media Report (Kristin)
 - a. Sara Singer is now an admin on Facebook and we're getting her set up with Instagram
6. Volunteer Report (Sarah)
 - a. We're ending the year with 60 volunteers for next year and we'll add more at the beginning of next year.
 - b. Pizza Fridays are still a huge hit - parents pick up a pizza at Costco and drop it off for students who win PBIS drawing.
7. Events Report
 - a. Dance Chair - Tida Radevski
8. Fundraising Report

- a. Spirit Wear - Horizon
 - b. Raised a little over \$5k in passive fundraising - Dine & Donates, After School Pop Ups
 - c. Amy Emory lined up a great year with two locations at one time - SkyZone & Grapes and Hops and Crumbl & Rubio's
 - d. Corinne Shtayer - passive fundraising for next year
 - e. Ms. Saley suggested that teachers each take one business sponsor and call to thank them. Jade and Kristina will work on organizing. Then, Jade will send an email with renewal.
 - f. How can we collaborate with businesses more, make the business sponsor amount and then partner with the businesses on other things.
9. Hospitality Report (Cindy & Sarah)
10. Teachers Report
- a. Teachers thanked the PTO for various specifics during volunteer breakfast.
11. Principal Report
- a. Last week was the band concert, last night was the choir performance. Our students are prepared for their future. The sound system the PTO funded is a huge
 - b. We need 1.5 Special Ed teachers
 - c. Tara Slade will be our Dean next year, current Assistant Principal at DSES
 - d. Construction of front office to accommodate SRO office and Assistant Principal offices. Thanks for supporting our bonds.
 - e. Filled Spanish - retiring professor from Scottsdale Community College, looking for a part time gig with energy for middle schoolers. He helped write one of the text books for Spanish immersion.
 - f. Clap Out last day of school
 - g. SunSplash on the 20th - 252 students going and 151 not going.
 - h. We need a couple of 1:1 nursing positions filled.
 - i. We are hoping for an SRO for next year. We are the only middle school without an SRO.
 - j. Officer Matt - has been coming 20% of his time to talk with students about some topics that have been a concern at DSMS. We need the education for our students.
 - k. There were a couple of situations where students recorded themselves and the school was able to show the parents. Communication to parents is important.
12. UPC Report (Laura & Erica)
- a. Last meeting is tomorrow - Closing Bell with Dr. Courson
 - b. Public Library summer reading

- c. PV Community Food Bank - if we do a food drive next year please consider donating to them.
- d. UPC Technology Survey
- e. UPC Teacher Appreciation Ceremony was great!
- f. Governing Board invited our choirs to the meeting on Thursday - students should be there at 6pm

Additional Items to discuss

Questions?

Upcoming PTO Meetings: