



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

General Association Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 7 p.m. – DSHS Library

In Attendance:

Caitlin McCalla, Kalin Watkins, Eric Roe, Dora Hayes, Jenna Makus, Kelly Heung, Gretchen Schroeder, Yan Ma, Lawrence Shweky, Natalia Baltazar, Ivanka Dilova, Anne Morrell (Counseling), Dr. Bryce Geigle (Principal), Sara Niyati (Fundraising)

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by President Caitlin McCalla at 7:05pm.
- Introductions conducted, including board members, parents, and guest speaker Lawrence Shweky.

II. Principal's Report – Dr. Bryce Geigle

- Recent CASP testing completed alongside student assemblies focused on perseverance and school culture.
- Guest presentations included Solano County DA's office on impaired driving and fentanyl awareness.
- Positive feedback on revised assembly scheduling improving attendance and engagement.
- Jazz Choir Cabaret highlighted as a successful student performance event.
- Counseling and administration currently building the master schedule for the 2026–2027 school year.
- Upcoming events:
 - Holden Invitational Track Meet (Picnic Day)
 - Career/College Night (April 25)
 - Prom (May 2)
- **Funding Update:**
 - Federal grant supporting the Academic Center not renewed (~\$68,000 gap).

- School exploring funding solutions; potential need for PTA support and additional fundraising.

III. Teacher/Counseling Report – Anne Morrell

- Quarter grades to be mailed to families the following week.
- Cap and gown distribution scheduled (April 7).
- Prom tickets on sale; reminder regarding guest pass procedures.
- CASP retakes underway.
- College Night scheduled for April 20 at 6:00 PM (auditorium format).
- Strong student engagement noted in recent assemblies and performances (Cabaret, spring production).
- Reminder to encourage student attendance as “senioritis” increases.

IV. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Minutes from the February General Association Meeting were reviewed.
- Motion to approve: Eric Roe
- Second: Kalin Garcia-Matoba
- Vote: Approved unanimously.

V. Guest Speaker – Lawrence Shweky (Emerge Teen Therapy Center)

- Overview of teen mental health services and parent support initiatives.
- Discussion topics included:
 - Parent support groups (past efforts had moderate engagement challenges)
 - Need for flexible, accessible support (e.g., online/community-based options)
 - Value of smaller “tribe”-based parent groups (e.g., ADHD, autism, social challenges)
 - Interest in:
 - Peer-to-peer parent mentorship (“family navigator” concept)
 - Anonymous support channels
 - Topic-specific groups (e.g., addiction, social media, mental health)
 - Parent education resources and regular communication (e.g., newsletters, book discussions)
- PTA expressed interest in supporting future initiatives and helping with communication and outreach.

VI. Action Items

A. 2026–2027 PTA Board Slate

- Proposed slate presented:
 - President: Kalin Watkins
 - Vice President: Kelly Heung
 - Secretary: Dora Hayes
 - Treasurer: Eric Roe
 - Financial Secretary: Kaci Walsh
 - Auditor: Freeman Barsotti
 - Parliamentarian: Carol Barsotti
 - Membership: Yvette Bonneau
 - Fundraising: Sarah Niyati
- Motion to approve slate: Natalia Baltazar
- Second: Gretchen Schroeder
- Vote: Approved unanimously.

VII. Officers' Reports

A. President – Caitlin McCalla

- Encouraged transition meetings between outgoing and incoming officers.
- Noted phishing/spam emails impersonating PTA leadership; advised caution.
- Grad Night volunteer needs remain high; outreach ongoing.
- PTA/PTO district meeting updates shared (including policy changes around funding positions).

B. Treasurer – Eric Roe

- Financial summary:
 - Beginning balance (July 1): ~\$14,351
 - Current balance: ~\$22,825
- Budget updates:
 - Hospitality/Teacher Supplies: ~\$4,000 remaining
 - Sunshine Committee: ~\$300 remaining
 - PIE Grants: reimbursements still pending
- Department grants (\$250 per department) to be distributed before end of school year.
- Discussion of potential campus projects (e.g., spirit rock, tile repair).
- Ongoing PayPal/Venmo transition issues; working toward streamlined payment system.

C. Communications – Jenna Makus

- Upcoming communications: Grad Night volunteer call and donation requests.
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D. Fundraising – Sarah Niyati

- Recent bake sale results:
 - Total raised: \$147
 - Items included Crumbl cookies, Fluffy's donuts, and donated goods
 - Stronger student engagement improved participation.
 - Future ideas:
 - Expand to multiple locations
 - Restaurant partnerships (e.g., Yogurt/Ice cream shops)
 - Graduation-related fundraising (under evaluation)
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E. Membership / Foundation Update – Kelly Heung

- Invitation to Davis Schools Foundation Volunteer Appreciation Event (Stonegate).
 - Event includes food, drinks, and community recognition.
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VIII. PTA Awards & Scholarships Committee

- Scholarship program updates:
 - Two funding pools (~\$2,200–\$2,250 each)
 - Applications to be released shortly
 - Essays focus on student contributions to the school community
 - Awards to be presented at Senior Awards Night (early June).
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IX. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.
- Next General Association Meeting: May 6, 2026.