

DAMASCUS HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009

Bettianne Quinn called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. once we had a quorum. Reina Sprankle moved the minutes be approved, Louisa Stack seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lisa Dinsmore was not at the meeting so we did not have a treasurer's report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: As of the end of January 2009, we had 4224 volunteer hours and 715 volunteers. BowlAmerica will give one free game for every A on a report card, but only during the summer. Reina Sprankle will do the publicity to make the students aware of this. The MCCPTA delegate assembly met on 03/24/2009; several resolutions pertaining to curriculum were presented.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Performance of Annie: Problems with audio. Mr. Domergue agreed to allow a professional recommended by Darlene Melkonian to look at our system.

Diversity assembly: Positive message sent to students, appeared to be well received.

Calendar information: Make sure students are prepared for SAT with a review course before signing up. Also, on 05/14/2009, 6 graduation tickets will be distributed to each senior family. Any graduation announcements ordered have been distributed.

Next year, DHS is going down in size to about 1400 to 1470 students, which means we could lose a teacher or 2. Changes will be based on student enrollment.

AP exams were discussed.

Parking permit applications were discussed, weighted versus unweighted GPA. Currently the process uses unweighted GPA as the school did not have weighted GPA's in their data base. Bettianne will recommend to the committee that we use weighted GPA's now that they are available in the system.

Fees: Next year we will have very few fees except for art or tech classes for materials.

Summer reading: We may not have summer reading because MCPS cannot require students to purchase books. Due to the concern over school fees, MCPS is looking to change the summer reading program. More guidelines will be out later in the year. If you would like to donate books back to DHS, you are welcome to do that.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Curriculum. Fees were discussed in detail. This will begin fall of 2009. Barbara said the committee will listen to concerns so feel free to voice your opinions.
2. NAACP. Diversity program was well received.
3. Newsletter. Deadline for next newsletter is 03/27/2009. Leann Rostrom will be in charge of advertising for newsletter/phone directory.
4. Nominating committee. Here is the proposed slate for the board for 2009-2010:

President: Reina Sprankle

First Vice President: Louisa Stack

Second Vice President: Carolyn Gray

Treasurer: Kristin Tribble

Secretary: Jo Ann Hayes

MCCPTA: Lisa Dinsmore

Membership: Anya Abbott

NAACP: Carolyn Gray

Mailing: Darlene Melkonian and Laura Mainhart

5. Post Prom: Dress sale not as well received as the one in the fall, but those that came, bought. The leftover dresses will be donated. Pizza Thursdays will continue.
6. Scholarship: Applications for PTSA scholarship are available.
7. Teacher appreciation: One more end-of-year event planned for teachers and staff.

NEW BUSINESS: Training dates for next year. In the packet given out tonight, there is information about training sessions for PTSA officers. The sessions are designed for our fall officers and sponsored by MCCPTA.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer McGolrick
Recording Secretary