

## Meeting Minutes

Deforest Area Middle School PTO

Date: November 15, 2023

Location: DAMS Library

Meeting Called to Order By: Kristie Baker

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Attendance: Kurt Becker, Principal

Kyle Koenig, Assistant Principal

Kristie Baker, PTO President

Stacey Keller, PTO Vice President

Michelle Meisenbach, PTO Secretary

Shawn Mehlum

**Treasure Report**, Kristie Baker. Treasurer Leslie Epping is on maternity leave.

Current Balance - \$6,953.72. This balance does not include money that will be received from the larger district PTO for fall running events. District PTO meeting will be held on December 6, 2023 to determine how much each school will receive from the fall runs.

**Principal Report**, Kurt Becker & Kyle Koenig

DAMS Focus (Safety, Behavior)

### Safety

The district is working with local law enforcement and developing a shift in safety as a whole.

In September students practiced a hold drill.

Just recently students practiced a lockdown drill and learned the reason behind these drills. Student's response was positive. Students expressed interest in more opportunities to practice what to do when in less structured settings. District is looking to hold another drill in the spring.

Fire drill to occur this week.

Shelter in place drill will be practiced in the spring along with the tornado drill.

Discussed the need for building subs to learn these drills as well.

Idea of making posters explaining what to do in emergency situations was brought up.

### Behavior

As a whole, Principle Kurt Becker believes there is a good 'feel' to the school.

District using PBIS to teach and reinforce positive behaviors.

Working on making expectations clear for the students.

Norski Nods have been re-established to encourage positive behavior. A school wide goal has been established and individual rewards can be earned.

There is a need to re-teach the appropriate use of technology as the school is seeing a high incidence of technology being used inappropriately.

The school continues to focus on teaching kids the importance of being prepared for class and making it to class on time.

### **Other Business**

The clothing sale pickup is on November 20.

104 orders were received. As a result we get \$279.

### **Upcoming Events**

February start planning 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration

February 21 - Conference Meals

May 6-10 - Teacher Appreciation

June 5 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration

**Meeting Adjourned At:** 6:10 p.m.

**Minutes Compiled By:** Michelle Meisenbach, Secretary