



## DAMS PTO Meeting Agenda

### DeForest Area Middle School PTO

Meeting Date: September 18, 2018

Meeting Location: 5/6 Library

#### 1. Welcome & Introductions

#### 2. Principal's Report – Kurt Becker – We Are Family

- Mr. Becker provided an overview of the Middle School theme “We Are Family”.
- All student has different experiences and backgrounds therefore this theme is encouraging support by increasing staff, student, parent and community engagement.
- A group activity of asking everyone to create a definition of what We Are Family means to them.
- This same activity was done within the school having the highest responses from the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades.
- Volunteering and communication are the biggest methods of supporting the school.

#### 3. Dana Broehl & Tamara Weisbrod – Student Handbook Updates

- Mrs. Broehl reviewed the list of changes to the Student Handbook.
- Attendance p 7 – Compulsory Attendance Law
  - 10 absences are acceptable across the school year.
  - If a doctor's note is provided when a student is out/ill then the absence doesn't count against the 10 absences.
  - Parents are contacted at 7 absences and offers of support are provided.
  - Two or more periods count as a full day's absence.
- Dress Code p 11
  - Hats, hoods and sunglasses are not allowed.
  - Bandanas are now allowed again.
- Cell Phones p 12
  - Updated to state that cell phones can be brought to school but must be stored within the locker throughout the entire school day.
  - This change is well accepted by students.
  - Parents are asked to encourage students to talk to their teacher if they need to talk to a parent via the office.
  - Apple Watches are still an unknown as it is a watch so this is being watched by staff to ensure it's not used as a phone.
- Suspension Appeals p14
  - Parents have the right to appeal the decision by contacting the school district administration.

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#### **4. Shelby Rideout – Norskie Pride**

- Unable to attend, therefore will present at the November Meeting.

#### **5. Treasurer’s Report – Jenny Prusakiewicz**

- Current Balance of \$12,359.95

#### **6. Discussion Items**

- 5/6 Fall Festival
  - Volunteer sign ups are going well but still need volunteers within the Glam Room and Gym.
  - What’s in the Box was discussed by the group in general to ensure the theme was appropriate and suggested items were good for 5/6 grade children.
  - Food was then discussed. All food items must be store purchased with ingredients listed.
  - Expenses and income were discussed, last year a total of \$1600 was raised and \$1200 was spent therefore \$400 in profit.
- Scholastic Book Fair
  - A request was made for someone to shadow in preparation for the open position next year.
  - Book Fair runs October 18, 19, 22, 23 and 24.
  - The PTO and school administration need to determine how to spend the money.
- Fall P/T Conferences Meals
  - A request was made for someone to shadow in preparation for the open position next year.
  - A request was made for someone to setup the meal as Jenny is unavailable.

#### **7. Other Business**

- A challenge was sent to all attending the meeting to continue attending and talk to others to attend future meetings.
- Question – Are notifications sent to teachers? Yes
- Question – Can notifications be included within Skyward? Yes

#### **8. Adjourn**

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