



## DAMS PTO Meeting Agenda

### DeForest Area Middle School PTO

Meeting Date: January 15, 2019

Meeting Location: 5/6 Library

#### 1. Welcome & Introductions

#### 2. Principal's Report – Kurt Becker – 15 Minutes

- Draft of a new Mission statement for the MS is complete.
  - “Preparing ALL students for future success.”
  - Current success or today’s success is also important
  - Like that is it short, especially for students.
  - Consider focusing the success “endeavor”.
  - The mission statement is going back to the committee with recommendations made by the PTO.
  - Next step is belief statements
- Assessments are taking place
  - iReady assessments are currently taking place which helps schools make adjustments on teaching strategies,
  - WI Forward Assessment takes place at the end of the year,
  - NAEP: National Assessment Educational Progress, our school was picked for reading and math in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, only 49 students are randomly selected, National perspective on how our country is doing and comparing against other countries. Each session is a 2-hour test.
- Reboot of PBIS therefore morning meeting everyday
  - Method for reinforcing the expectations of students
  - Talked about the developing brain and coping with feelings
  - School safe and appropriate language
  - Hallway movement safety
  - General empathy
- National No Name Calling Week
  - Focus on the theme of Kindness
  - Grade level Assembly on Wednesday where kids are creating skits around kindness and making positive choices.
- Briefly talked about changes to the schedule for next year. Possible 30 minutes for lunch, consistent teacher break and increased educational time.

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### **3. Shelby Rideout – Norskie Pride – 10 Minutes - Absent**

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

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### **5. Discussion Items**

- PTO Spending Decision – 5 Minutes
  - Second Round of Clubs including teacher and bussing costs
    - Agreed that second round of courses and buses would be covered
    - New and recreating signs within the building
    - Outside training/staffing /coaching on school identified topics which are aligned with long-term focus/goals
      - Chrome charging carts are needed (10)
  - Individual Teacher Requests
- Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – DeFo Dash 15 Minutes
  - Chair or Co-Chair, Ideas?
    - Betsy Gardner, Chad Skoug
  - Ideas for increasing participation and competition between pods?
    - Kurt to bring to leadership meeting, getting reps to set up a plan
- February P/T Conference Meals – 5 Minutes
- Teacher Appreciation Week – May 6-10, 2019 5 Minutes
  - Thoughts on approving spending on small gifts/snacks for staff
  - Approved, Ideas for small appreciation gifts/snacks
  - If approved, Volunteers?
    - Sara Anderson & Michelle Mesenbach

### **6. Other Business – 5 Minutes**

- Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> - 8th Grade Celebration
  - Co-Chairs - Tracey Kriesier, Lisa Wink, Kim Schroeder, Jenny Casper, Jenny C
    - Theme is picked by the kids
    - Committee then gets together food, drinks, photo booth
    - PTO pays for decorations, Photo Booth, and DJ
    - Need to ensure there is a method for giving volunteers information and expectation before arriving. (Meeting?)
    - Need to ensure students have clear expectations
    - Need to be looking for a shadow team of 7th graders so they can see what needs to be done next year when they are 8th graders.

### **7. Adjourn**

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