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After welcome and introductions, the meeting began with a report from Principal Kurt Becker regarding the master schedule. There is currently discussion happening regarding possible changes for next year. Every day there are core academic with more time for reading and writing that is cut in half on the 7/8 side. Three minutes is allotted to passing time with the question being is that long enough. The schedule is right now divided into Day 1 and Day 2. A form is to be sent out to families in the weekly newsletter regarding the master schedule. There is a possibility of modifying Norski time, and the question is on addressing how to implement the changes in the next year.

Secondly, Mr. Becker briefly went over the state report card released earlier in November. The results were based on the 101 and Forward testing (math and ELA) and DeForest received an "Exceeds Expectations" rating. DAMS expects to be above the state average and where the school is not, action plans have been put into place. There has been improvement across the board in reading.

Treasurer's Report included the PTO balance of \$15,815.12. \$1,995 was made on the Scholastic Book Fair and \$1277 was made on the 5/8 Fall Festival.

Discussion items included discussing the 5/8 festival. There were some traffic concerns, but it was mainly well-attended. Suggestions for next year included letting kids in right after school and keeping an eye on the kids' bags and having more food.

The Scholastic Book Fair went well, but it's difficult to get parent volunteers during the day so the schedule for next year may need to be adjusted.

The Fall conference meals were delicious and well-received. There was enough food for everyone.

PTO spending ideas included helping cover bus costs for the gym class ski trip. Every year costs increase and keeping the trip at the \$20 mark is a priority. The decision was made to discuss this in the future, but not pay for the bus at this time. The decision was made to support the busing costs for the second round of extra-curricular activities. There was also discussion about bringing back the wishlist for teachers with the goal being to cover as many students as possible. This item will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Finally there was a reminder that under community involvement in the weekly newsletter, students and staff are asked to track their service hours.