

Dillard Drive Magnet Middle School PTA Meeting - AGENDA
October 18, 2023

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of September Minutes Allison Anderson, Secretary
- III. Treasurer's Report Lesley Ireland, President (in Treasurer's absence)
- IV. Vote and recommendation on BasketBotz Program
- V. Superintendent's Round Table Recap Nicole Wellman, Vice President
- VI. Membership Report Marie Dexter, Membership Chair
- VII. Fundraising Report
 - a. **BOOKFAIR! Anyone interested in supporting the book fair committee is encouraged to stay on the call at the conclusion of the meeting for a brief discussion.**
 - b. Krispy Kreme Fundraiser – November 21st
 - c. Fall Fundraiser Results!!!!
 - d. Fall Dance
- VIII. Committee Volunteer Needs
 - a. Grounds Committee
 - b. Spirit Wear Committee
 - c. A/B Honor Roll Celebrations Committee
 - d. Fundraising Committee
 - e. Hospitality Committee
 - f. CHAIR – Advocacy & DEI
 - g. CHAIR – Reflections
- VI. Hospitality Report Jennifer Hayes, Hospitality Chair
- VII. Principal's Report Mrs. Feldman, Principal

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Minutes

- I. Meeting called to order by Lesley Ireland at 6:01
 - 27 Members in attendance:
 - Allison Anderson, Allison Smith, Andrea Finucane, Anju Jain, Annie Pilz, Ashley Williams, Bryce Jackson, Carrie Jones, David Wilson, Deborah Killion, Desiree Bolibaugh, Erin Beeler, Gia Kaul, Itzel Rojas, Jennifer Hayes, Julie ?, Katie Kellett, Kristin White, Laurie Mahns, Lesley Ireland, Margaret Feldman, Marie Dexter, Nicole Wellman, Rodney Delli-Gatti, Sarah Lewis, Shannon Sautter, Tomeko Brown,
- II. Approval of September Minutes posted on the [DDMMS PTA website](#) and distributed to the membership via email ahead of the meeting.
 - Motion: Allison Anderson
 - Second: David Wilson
- III. Treasurer's Report
 - 2023-24 Budget and monthly financials attached to these minutes.
- IV. BasketBotz Program
 - Basketbotz is a virtual and face-to-face project-based learning experience that pairs professional/student-athletes and students to work together on teams of three to construct their very own microwave-sized robot that will be capable of propelling a basketball into a hoop. DDMMS is requesting \$400 to fund a portion of the project for an 8th grade math class. Those participating will help fundraise the remaining \$1700 needed to fund the project.
 - No decision made at this time.
- V. Superintendent's Round Table Recap – Lesley Ireland and Nicole Wellman
 - Several members of the PTA board including Lesley Ireland (Pres), Nicole Wellman (VP), Marie Dexter (membership chair) as well as several staff members were able to represent DDMMS at a session with the new WCPSS Superintendent Robert Taylor. He's was seeking key stakeholder opinions to incorporate into his annual report that is slated to be issued in January. Also was able to meet BoE Lynn Edmonds
 - The session was a great way to get our voices out there, discuss ideas/plans, feedback on what's working and what needs improvement.
- VI. Membership Report - Marie Dexter
 - We currently have 215 members for this year. Which exceeds last year's total!
 - 20 staff members had their memberships sponsored this year.
 - We will continue to push for more members.
- VII. Hospitality Report - Jennifer Hayes and Marie Dexter
 - Two staff luncheons already this year. Jason's deli catered the back to school luncheon and "School's a Picnic" in September. Thanks to those who donated. Check out the pictures on the [DDMMS PTA Facebook page](#).
 - October event is PotAto-PotAHto. Sign up to help at <https://bit.ly/PotAtoPotAHto>
 - 31 staff birthdays have been celebrated with hand-written cards and candy bars since school started
 - Reach out to the hospitality committee if you would like your teachers' favorite things list: DDMMShospitality@gmail.com

- Honored cafeteria works during last week.
- Additional volunteers always needed

VIII. Fundraising Report

- Save the date for
 - BOOKFAIR! Week of November 13th
 - Krispy Kreme Fundraiser – November 21st (Tuesday before Thanksgiving)
- Fall Fundraiser Results!!!! Raised over \$42k.
 - DDMMS keeps half of that. Day of Awesomeness is coming up and volunteers will be needed for that as well.
 - Questions about percentage kept. The company provides all the incentives, fundraising software, and everything necessary for the Day of Awesomeness. Mrs. Feldman also wanted to remind everyone that it's one of the few fundraisers that allow every student to participate and receive prizes just by sending emails. No money needs to be raised to received a prize.
- Fall Dance – next week along with student council. Need volunteers for the concession stand.

IX. Committee Volunteer Needs – reach out to ddmms.pta@gmail.com for more information

- Grounds Committee
- Spirit Wear Committee
- A/B Honor Roll Celebrations Committee
- Fundraising Committee
 - Book Fair
 - Spirit Nights
- Hospitality Committee
- CHAIR – Advocacy & DEI
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VII. Principal's Report Mrs. Feldman, Principal

- Off to a great start! Still getting new students joining.
- Thanks for the great luncheons.
- Off to a great start with sports as well.
- Students were asked to name the Dragon. That will be announced next Thursday at the home football game.
- This past Saturday, October 14th 3 students represented DDMMS at a WCPSS roundtable hosted by the Superintendent. Great experience for the students and they represented DDMMS well.
- A lot of different benchmarks are coming through this time of year. Star Math, FastBridge, NC CheckIns (all required by WCPSS). Please stress to your students the importance of taking the test seriously and do your best to make sure they're well rested.
- Obtained iXL at a significant discount to be used in reading and math. It's a great program that DDMMS is piloting.

- Mrs. Feldman attended a workshop in Kansas City last week. Learned a lot around family engagement.
- Principal advisory committee is planning an event to celebrate DDMMS diversity. There are 40+ nationalities represented at DDMMS.
- Dance next Friday PBIS dance. Kids who are passing their grades and behaving appropriately are allowed to attend. This has been well advertised so should not come as a surprise to anyone.
- Amazing early college fair on 10/17. Magnet Fair is scheduled for 11/4. Very well received by everyone.
- Magnet season is here. Please promote DDMMS. We need parents to be the voice to help increase our magnet applications. Outreach events are planned to reach out to our various communities.
- Day of Awesomeness allows for everyone to participate. Anyone who sends 10 emails gets a prize.

Motion to adjourn: Ashley William, Second: Allison Anderson

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