

Dulaney High School PTSA
Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2020

Attendees: 63 participants

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the president.

Yara Cheikh welcomed attendees. Brief introductions were made by the board and the meeting began.

Student News, Questions, or Concerns:

- Reports given by Ms. Reynolds and Ms. Bracken, SGO Advisors
- Virtual Club Rush-to be held October 7, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Virtual pep rally for fall sports is in the works, with a video to showcase seniors. Tentative date is October 15.
- Home Coming: Date TBD
- The sophomore class board will be appointed.
- Freshmen SGO has 50 members involved in a Schoology group
- Removal of class of 2020 banners? Per Aimee Anton, the banners will be taken down and stored; 2021 signs have been ordered.

Community Questions or Concerns

- The issue on video being on during classes was raised as a way to increase student engagement. Students need to be encouraged to have their video on.
- Proposal for the tech committee/PTSA to send out an email regarding screen time daily—the concern is with all the classes, students are spending a lot of time online.
 - Parent concern regarding a student with an IEP and screen anxiety. It was suggested that the parent discuss with the student's teachers.
 - MSDE requirement is 3.5 hours of teaching per day

President's Report – Yara Cheikh:

- The BTS presentation is on the DHS website
- BTS Night discussed
- Air conditioning units are being installed.
- Some textbooks are available, in limited quantities. Parents should reach out to teachers.

Bylaws Committee:

- Bylaws are updated every 3 years
- Getting a copy
- Need 3 volunteers to review (Julie Hubbard, Katie Melito, Margie Gillespie)

Audit committee:

- Audit took place and was mailed off this week (done by Melissa Whatley, Bonnie Keller, and Chris Reilly)

Meeting Minutes Approval:

- August and September PTSA meeting minutes will be approved in October.

Treasurer's Report:

- Limited activity this month
- Have had some inquiries from teachers regarding spending
- Need to increase Lion's Share, Membership-post link on website
- Grad Gala: it has been decided by the chairs that money left from last year will be given to the current class
- It is being considered to have the 2021 class do something to honor the 2020 class
- 2021 Grad Gala meeting: Linda Frederick is the chair; nothing has been formalized yet
- SATs: BCOS cancelled testing at BCPS sites through November. The College Board website has more information, as well as details on how to change a testing location.

Principal's Comments – Mr. Wynkoop:

- Will attend October meeting
- Open to questions

Faculty Reports-John Ender:

- Professional development programs for teachers on equity and self-care
- Teachers are still experiencing tech issues, and appreciate the patience being given
- Work is being done, and grades are coming in
- Receiving positive feedback from teachers and students this fall
- Recognize the large amount of screen time required of students
- Return to school, especially for Special Ed students. A lot of starts/stops.
- Green Club-student preplanning meeting
- Green house at DHS-moving forward

Comments: Kathleen Causey, School Board Member

- The board appreciates the efforts by teachers and administrators
- She is with everyone in spirit and appreciates all we are doing
- Hoping for a good start to the school year

Committee & Activity Reports

Membership – 44 members right now

Lions' Share - \$1800 collected, down significantly from last year (\$14,000)

Spirit Wear – Will send information out regarding purchasing. Product will be mailed to homes.

Communications – Newsletter: concern about reaching families so will have some printed copies available; aiming for early October for next newsletter and will include a membership link.

Friends of Dulaney – The County Executive sent out an RFP for school infrastructure. Report will be out Tuesday. New AC units are in each room, and each room can control the air temperature. Units also filter air.

Closet of Support – Held a collection in the summer. Families have been identified and contacted. Gave school and personal supplies at meal distribution. Meal distribution at CMS once per month.

Technology – New committee, to look at technology in schools and how to best use (devices, phones), support for parents.

Grad Gala – Linda has volunteered to be chair and will set up a meeting

Volunteers – Nothing at this time.

Hospitality – A breakfast for teachers when the school reopens. Hopefully the Super Bowl will be in late January/early February.

Coming Up

- Board of Ed Meeting 9/29 with the HS construction plan
- 10/13 School Board meeting
- 10/14 PTSA meeting
- 10/27 School Board meeting
- Reopening plan: statement from superintendent Tuesday
- Masks for the 9th graders will be provided by the SGO

Closing:

Request to email Yaya with name so that we can track attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Final