

Doherty HS Sac and PTSA minutes
Dec 4th 2023

Sac Meeting started 6pm ended at 7:15pm

Attendance: Casey, Marion, Velvet, Lana, Neil, Stacey

Veterans day was a success. They had a lot of vets who felt very honored. Vets are invited by the ROTC and staff.

Marching band was honored at the District Board Meeting

Unified Basketball as well as winters sports will be starting soon and an assembly will be held this Friday.

All D11 unified sports were invited to be a part of the Denver Nuggets Halftime show

We got 25% of the 5E survey. We met the goal and will get the data. It is not ready yet.

The vinyl stickers are done at the front of the school. The school would like to continue with beautification and get flags up on the flag poles and posters for the school.

Harvest of Love: School raised roughly \$38,000 of their \$41,000 goal. Doherty is an all time contributor for Care and Share. Over their lifetime they have donated 240,000lbs of food and \$871,000.

Star testing is this week in Math and ELA. Results will be available in Feb 2024.

The Future Center construction is complete. It is waiting on furniture and decor. There is plans for a CTE post secondary night in combination with the ribbon cutting ceremony on Jan 18, 2024. The Future center is all about post secondary information. School needs to get more information out to families so they understand what this is for and how it can be used.

Academics:

Large groups of students are attending Saturday tutoring.

Math and Social studies have the largest failing rate

Teachers and school are working hard to get students to turn their assignments in. Teachers are asked to grade their assignments weekly, however, the district standard is 2 weeks.

Grades are determined per teacher. They are suppose to align with their PLC team but teachers do have freedom to determine how they grade.

The morale for staff and the students are ok but after last month's events things are a little rough. They school and district need to do a better job of getting important information out to families in a timely manner but also very important that information is accurate. Right now the district sends out their own information but they need to communicate better to make sure the facts are straight.

Everyone is tired and ready for break. There is a chili cookoff coming up as well as the annual feast for staff.

Finals week they will have candy canes and spirit week for students.

The assistant principal is leaving and Dec 20th they will be interview for new potential candidates. They principal would like 2 parents, 2 students and a few staff members as part of the interview process. If anyone is interested they can email the principal.

Budget:

Money was transferred over from educational to non educational to promote student happiness and academic motivators etc...

The district is trying to come up with possible ways to reduce student fees for activities. It was also noticed that band could really use new instruments.

A new budgeting tool is in the works with the district. This tool is meant to help budgets because more aligned with needs and hopefully be easier to follow and see where money is being spent and where it is needed. They hope this will help with more accurate budgeting at the start of the year.

Also a new ICAP tool is coming out soon. It will be shared for parent input. The district is trying to expand ICAP to all grade levels in the future.

PTSA called to order 7:15. Adjourned at 7:55pm

Reflections: Doherty has 8 kids who placed. Gift card and certificates will be handed out at the assembly on Friday. Jane will also give a short speech about what it is and why it is important. PTSA spent \$210 on the event and will also be getting small gifts for Jenny (who coordinates it) and the judges.

Concessions: They are happening in Feb, Jan, Feb we have volunteers for all the needed days. Cram and Cocoa would like PTSA to donate. We already budgeted for it so that was approved. We will put a Thank you in the weekly Sparta thanking PTSA for it.

PTSA is going to paint the concrete blocks at the gym entrance as well as the benches this week. If we can get the paint and weather permits.

PTSA goal is still beautification and next project is the swim entrance. Possible painting the shed and doing something with the fence as well.

Picnic tables were discussed, however, they can not put up more tables unless the district installs security cameras in those areas. This will be discussed more later.

Treasury: We have \$2,362.64 in the bank.

We will be giving out the membership gift card in December still and do another membership drive in Jan 2024.

It was asked if PTSA might be able to work on possible security enhancements (ie: locks on doors etc...) right now there is not enough funds so this might be a goal for next year.