

Doherty High School SAC and PTSA minutes  
August 26th, 2024

Sac meeting started at 6pm and ended at 7:35pm (25 minutes was given to PTSA 7-7:25pm)

Attendance: Velvet, Casey, Marion, Jane, Erik, Erin, Neil, Hillary, John, Becky, Chelle

Good things:

Link crew did a good job with the incoming Freshman, parents are happy with the communication from the school, and the Never alone foundation run raised a good amount of money that goes to support adoption.

The Student Council did not come to the meeting but they did have a rep come and ask that there are clocks put up around the school. Without phones there are not enough clocks anymore.

Velvet did a presentation on SAC and DAC and will send invites to the events that come up. Doherty would like to get community involvement in the SAC as well.

Principal Report:

Staff: There were 18 openings to start the year. Many have been filled but they are interviewing for a Dean, Science opening is being filled with a long term sub at this time, Math and English are being filled with another teacher taking on an extra class. Automotive has a teacher, but it is difficult to get the paperwork done because they are technical trades without teaching experience so it is tricky. The district is supposed to be working to make this easier.

Attendance: Right now there are 1760 total students but 53 will be dropped tomorrow due to them having over 10 absences. These families have been contacted but no response. It is likely these students have gone somewhere else. Right now grade student totals are: 9th- 459, 10th- 484, 11th- 441 12th- 376, Target attendance is 92% and right now we are meeting that goal.

Tardies are more common and there are more than we want, but right now they are making it difficult to be tardy and kids must get a pass to enter class. This is to deter kids from being tardy and if that doesn't work they will start to have consequences as well.

Cell phone policy: the kids have taken very well to this. Most kids are compliant and while parents were upset at first it seems to be ok now. The initial chaos at the start of the year from learning routines with check in and the phones have gotten better and not many kids are tardy because of it anymore.

Kids are enjoying it as well and are more engaged and more social.

Behavior: D11 is trying to make behavior offenses more aligned between schools with set consequences based on the offense. Doherty will be having behavior training soon. Kids that are caught fighting will automatically get a ticket from SRO. This will hopefully put an end to fighting. The new updated handbook will be sent out to parents in September.

School Links is taking over for Naviance. Every child should have Naviance and will continue to add to it each year. School Links is not fully available and the staff needs to be trained on it.

Once that is done then it was suggested there is a parents training night for how to view School Links since parents should be able to log in as well.

School improvement plan: MIS 1- academic achievement: Doherty is trying to create leaders within the school(teachers) departments that will go back and teach their departments during the Monday PLC time. Doherty is going to try and do more targeted evaluations of teachers focusing on teachers on probation and classes that tend to have more students struggling. The goal is to see how they can help improve the atmosphere and help the teachers to help the students grow.

MIS 2- Doherty experience and engagement- They are focusing on safety and security based on the 5E survey data. They are committing to communication between staff and security. Security is very engaged and they are making rounds throughout the day and documenting what if anything is going on in certain areas of the school and what they did about it. Hopefully this will help with kids feeling safe.

MIS 3- Life after school- Doherty would like to raise the matriculation rate from 43 to 63%. This starts with the future center and getting it going and getting more speakers and families and teaching abilities. The staff also doesn't know all the avenues available to kids so the staff needs to be trained on it as well. They did add an additional counselor to the future center to try and get kids, families and staff education on all the opportunities.

Budget: Only the SSA report was present at the meeting. It was discussed where the various clubs got their funds and how the goal is to get that money used before the district will supply additional funds. D11 also dropped the cost of various sports and activities so parents are hoping that the SSA funds and supplemental school funds will cover the difference. Next meeting we will have the school budget as well.

PTSA 7-7:25pm

Beautification day is set for 10/5 from 9-12 and a volunteer form was sent out in Weekly Sparta We have 1 tree that died and we are trying to get that replaced from the company we bought the trees from. If not then girl scouts are going to help.

We are going to try and plant ornamental grass along Barnes Road.

C&C Sand and Stone donated \$150 in mulch

City Serve is refunding us \$150 as well that will be used for the ornamental grass.

We are keeping a goal of \$2000 for our beautification goal this year.

Last year we raised \$1145 in concessions and tips. We spent most of that on beautification last year but did not spend it all so we will roll that over into this year as well. We will go over the formal budget next month.

PTSA had t-shirts made to help promote PTSA. It was suggested that PTSA find a way to make sure we promote what we do and are trying to do.

Reflections is starting soon and Jenny George will help. The there is accepting imperfections

PTSA will do a Chipotle fundraiser in November.

Right now we have 10 members. The goal is 40 members. We will be doing a drawing for a \$25 gift card for anyone who signs up before October 1st. Last year we had 28 members

The school proposed that they ask for help when they need PTSA to support teachers with food. It was agreed that it was a good idea. But we will continue to do the Potato Bar for teacher appreciation.