

DOHERTY HIGH SCHOOL
SAC/PTSA Meeting
Teachers' Lounge
November 4, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Meeting started at 6:05 and ended at 8:10

Attendance: Velvet, Becky, Marion, Neil, Chelle, Jane, Erik, Hillary, Valerie, and Trevor

Good Things:

Flag Football – won conference, did well at state.

Marching Band – tied for 11th place in state!

Orchestra concert – Jenkins and Sabin orchestras performed also. Unique concert, well done.

Conferences – attendance at conferences was about the same.

Trick or Treat Event – Great attendance. Thanks to NHS and LINK crew

Fall Sports – cross country state qualifier – finished 16th in state

Cheer competition coming up

Football in playoffs

Student Council:

Harvest of Love Events - \$3 for students and \$5 for adults

All money goes to Harvest of Love/ Care and Share

Tuesday, 11/5 – Student/Staff Basketball Game – 7pm

Thursday, 11/14 – LipSync Battle – 7 pm

Wednesday, 11/20 – Pasta Dinner – 7 pm - \$10 per person

Thursday, 11/21 – Student/Staff Volleyball Game – 7pm

Look for schedule for foods to donate in This Week in Sparta.

Principal Report:

Doherty School Improvement Plan

Major Improvement Strategies

- 1. Data Informed Systems – data informed instruction***
- 2. Create a safe environment***
- 3. Increase matriculation rates***

Assistant Principal, Trevor Needham, gave an update on

Major Improvement Strategy #2 – Create a Safe Environment

Desired Outcome: We will create a positive school culture which students feel safe in. Attendance is promoted. Students feel a sense of belonging. We will follow a clear and consistent behavior protocol.

Action Steps

- Develop policies and procedures that include teacher input. *Status: Complete*
- Communicate expectations and consequences to all stakeholders early and often. *Status: Complete*
- Develop an incentive plan to encourage regular attendance. *Status: Not Started*
 - Working with Student Council to start this
- Sharing attendance data in ILT (department chair meeting) and at staff meetings. *Status: In Progress*
- Teachers develop a way to increase urgency to get kids to class. *Status: Complete*
 - Tardy enforcement-no student goes into class late without a pass.
 - There are consequences for too many tardies
- Develop policies that address safety in the hall and bathroom. *Status: In Progress*
- Develop a Safety Professional Learning Committee. *Status: Complete*
 - Reviewing data
 - Looking at how drills are done
- Define the role of teacher, Dean, security, and administration. *Status: In Progress*

- This is so everyone is clear on the responsibilities of each role.

Attendance is 93% overall and for all grade levels.

Behavior- Total incidents: 496, Cell phone violations: 296, 9 students have 3 or more cell phone violations.

Outcomes from behavior, Suspension: 79, In School Suspension: 89, Other: 296

How many families have PowerSchool access? Only 43 families at Doherty do not have PowerSchool Access.

How does Multi-Tier Systems of Support (MTSS) work at Doherty?

Doherty is making some changes to their MTSS process this year. The new process was presented to teachers. The Doherty team is made up of counselors, teachers, administration, student engagement, and the committees liaison. They meet regularly. Teachers are expected to follow a standard, process before referring a student to the MTSS team.

Update on Jenkins/Doherty work to retain GT students.

Assistant principal, Valerie Vatalaro, gave an update on current work being done.

Doherty is having a GT information night on November 12 at 4:30 to discuss Doherty GT, 9th grade scheduling, Doherty course programming, and answer questions. Jenkins, Russell, and Sabin GT students and parents are invited. A few current Doherty GT parents are requested to attend to answer questions.

5 Essentials Parent Survey did not happen because of issues with the company that runs the survey. Parents will still be surveyed but later in year and possibly different survey.

School Budget handout was provided.

PTSA

President's Report

Please vote in election.

Left turn light and walk sign don't seem to be in sync for Barnes crossing.

Would like to try for the PTA School of Excellence next year. A parent survey needs to be done in the fall, by October 18.

We will talk about doing this in May.

Treasurer's Report

- Received \$30 for trail mix bar for teachers
- Spent \$85.98 for trail mix bar and \$90 for pumpkin donation
- Moved \$1000 to savings account
- Paid insurance
- Budget approval

A motion was made by Velvet Stepanek and seconded by Erik Galloway to approve the PTSA Budget presented last month. All present agreed with one member abstaining.

- Amendment to budget
 - A donation of pumpkins was asked for 9th grade event. PTSA officers agreed to this donation.
 - Created a Student Enrichment Support category and moved \$200 from the beautificationAll agreed to this amendment to the budget.

Membership Drawing

Elisa Villaruel was the winner of the gift card for members who joined.

New Business

- Book club – new LTE is starting a new lunchtime book club. PTSA support is requested to volunteer, buy a book, or sponsor a book. 20 students have already signed up that are interested. Jane will create a signup genius for parents to sign up to help.
- Spread the Love in February
 - Peanut butter and jelly donation drive. Possibly partner with another student group. Mental Health Squad. Would end on 2/14. Gives PTSA more visibility and help community.
- Membership

- Next turn of members is 2/1
- Will discuss more next month
- Hillary offered a bulletin board by the attendance office so PTSA has visibility to parents entering the building.

PTA at work

- Provided Conference snacks – staff very happy
- Pumpkin donation – event went well
- Thank you to all who worked volleyball concessions – 2 games

School Accountability Committee

1. Next SAC Training on Thursday, December 5 at 6:00 at Tesla - School based budgeting
2. Master Agreement awareness

Next meeting Monday, December 2, 2024