Desert Mountain Site Council

Minutes

August 20, 2025

- Meeting called to order by John Andrews at 2:35pm
- Attendance: Absent –Tanjia Hong
- Approval of May minutes - Motion to approve made by Dian Triester, seconded by Sarah Lombardi. Motion passed.

Call to Public-

- Master calendar – PTO is working on their own, and Ms.Fes is working on one with all the athletic events. DMHS master calendar will include the major events which will include things like homecoming, testing dates, year-end events. Stugo made an internal calendar which Josh will share with Site Council
- Club Rush – master list was online, but they took it down as it was not up to date. Stugo is in charge and will input clubs online as they are approved this year. All clubs need to submit a new constitution. This will be complete before Club Rush on Aug 26.
- Spirit Days – has always been a thing for staff, but Ms. Fes wants to promote spirit days for students on Fridays as well.

Principal's Report

- Focus on Legacy, Leadership and Learning. This should fall to staff AND students, with the idea of connecting past to present to future.
    - Legacy
    - Leadership – everyone can be a leader, even people who do not see themselves as leaders. Lead by example.
    - Learning – our job is to learn, but some students focus on fear of making mistakes. Mistakes help you grow.
- CIP plan – team of Teacher Instructional Leaders has been assembled who will develop professional development during early release days. Focus on supporting very active students, new grade book, continuing improvement on attendance, and having 100% compliance of classroom cellphone policy. Team includes Christina Murray, Laura Kamka and Stacey Rosenfeld.
    - More "Phone Home" lockers have been ordered for classes that don't have a storage system.
    - Reports from teachers is that compliance is improved this year. Freshman and sophomores are more used to the policy as they had "away in class" policy in middle school.
- Class schedules are set and locked in. Students should address concerns with their teacher first. Thanks to Ms. Tindall for all the work on this.
- DMHS has highest enrollment in district. Our numbers are close to last year, but Scottsdale's number as a district has been in decline. Class sizes are about the same – 33:1.

- Curriculum night and DMHS letter dedication was Aug 19. Thanks to PTO for the generous legacy donation.

TAX CREDIT BALANCE -$20,775, No funding requests at this time.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Stugo – Josh Roga

- Homecoming is October 4 (game is October 3 vs Cactus Shadows)
    - Theme is not completely decided.
- Considering doing Rock Paper Scissors competition during that week
- Chap game is the Friday in fall break so Wolfden will be working to get good attendance.
- Wolfden shirts are being sold online and in person, but sales are down. PTO will be putting info in the newsletter.

College and Career -Jenny Dorsch –

- Select Colleges Panel Event – Tues, Sept 9 7-8:30 in DMHS auditorium. Brown, Columbia, UChicago and Vanderbilt will present and offer Q&A. This event is open to the community.
- SUSD College Fair – Sept 20 from 10-2pm at the Scottsdale Civic Center Library. 95 colleges from around the country, employers offering discussion time to talk 1:1 with interested students about careers, Rotary, EVIT and more will be in attendance.
- School profile data: Class of 2025 data on college attendance is similar to past years with 90% attending colleges. However, 4-year college attendance is up and 2 year attendance was slightly down. We had 94 AP scholars, 52 AP Scholars with honors, 79 AP scholars with distinction. We issued 1135 AP tests which is up from 2024.

Students: Sophia was curious on whether there will be cords at graduation for academics? Cords will be given to seniors for the Latin designation. Honor societies will not have a cord, but will be given tassels.

PTO

Discussion

- Parking lot – Changes were made to the traffic pattern to improve efficiency. Crosswalks are still a problem and there are many people doing workarounds.
- Theft in the sports program
- Calc Camp – looking into cost for this year as it may be increasing significantly.

Motion to adjourn at 4:00: Motion to approve made by Josh Roga, seconded by Diane Triester. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Dorsch