Desert Mountain Site Council

Minutes

January 14, 2026

- Meeting called to order by John Andrews at 2:35pm
- Attendance: Absent – Kristen Tindall, Chloe Steinbeck, Angel Muse

- Approval of November minutes - Motion to approve made by Tanjia Hong. Seconded by Sarah Lombardi. Motion passed.

Call to Public-

Principal's Report

- Course selection is underway for 2026-27
- Request by Josh for Guidance to work more closely with STUGO regarding course selection.
- First Semester Highlights
    - DMHS Legacy, letters by the gym are a great addition for our school, Leadership, Learning.
    - DMHS letter dedication in fall
    - Working to increase attendance and decrease tardies. New program is the Attendance Sweeps where straggler students are addressed for being late to class.
    - Phones away and prioritized use of school issued devices
    - National Merit Students – we have 15 Semi-Finalists and 21 Commended Scholars
    - Homecoming – great event with significant changes
    - Red Ribbon Week – speaker was great again
    - Fall Play- A Dolls House
    - Coffee House
    - Girls Swim and Dive state champs
    - Football State Champs – first time ever
    - End of semester lunch hosted by amazing PTO
- Second Semester Preview
    - Performing Arts assembly has been postponed to February after the musical.
    - Winter sports are in progress; Basketball, Wrestling, Soccer
    - Musical – Legally Blonde Feb 18-20
    - Spring Sports – softball going for 4th state championship in a row.
    - Wolves of the Month celebrations continue.
    - Spring Pep Assembly- April
    - Prom – April 11
    - Senior Awards Ceremony – May 14
    - IB Ceremony May 15

- Graduation May 21(official calendar says it is Friday, May 22 but it has been moved to May 21. Seniors will have an adjusted final exam schedule so they don't come to school on the 22nd.
- Finals May 20-22

Paying teachers to do After School Tutoring – can use Dual Enrollment money.

TAX CREDIT BALANCE - $17,671

- Funding Request: None at this time.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Student Government –Josh Roga

- Kindness Games will start in February 16– in conjunction with Ambassadors. They post a bunch of challenges for teams of 3 students where they can win prom tickets or gift cards. This year they will do an 8-week program that is a whole campaign. Parents and kids can submit notes that will be posted on a screen. Kindness Cookies will be distributed. To raise money, the wish PTO to help with a dollar-for-dollar donation with Ambassadors club. 5 challenges a week. With PTO help, winners could win $100 gift cards. Goal is to get 400 kids to be involved.

Sid Gupta -Community Celebrating Diversity has an MLK event tomorrow 1/15 at Saguaro HS with speakers and fun activities. DMHS has STUGO students representing in addition to Sid from Student Advisory Board.

College and Career -Jenny –

- Career Information Fair will be Thursday, Feb 26 from 6-8pm in the library. Jenny has secured over 30 professionals in various careers to offer information on duties, pay, education and job prospects. Promotion will begin week of Jan 26 including DMTV, flyers, marquis and help from students. PTO will help by providing a Chick Fil A lunch to first 100 students to turn in a passport with signatures from 10 professionals at the event.
- College visits starting up again this spring, but there will be less than in fall.
- Jenny will be putting together a SCC field trip to interested juniors and seniors in March or April
- Feb 19 Field trip to GCU for GCU Day, an interactive day where students select activities based on their career interest. This is open to up to 15 students and will accompany Marc Telep's business class.

Motion to adjourn at 3:27. Motion made by Lulu Faraj. Seconded by Josh Roga.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Dorsch