

**Minutes for DLS Parent Association Meeting**  
**Recording Minutes – Patricia Pon**  
**September 8, 2025**

**Spencer Shively, Vice President for Mission, and Student Life, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**7:01pm - Opening prayer:** Valerie Wright

**Welcome and Introductions:** Spencer Shively, VP for Mission of Student Life

**15 Minute Speakers:** Mrs. Brooke Heskett, Head Librarian, House System Director  
Mr. Greg Brown-Davis, English Teacher/Varsity Football Asst Coach,  
Associate House System Director

- Mrs. Heskett expressed excitement about sharing the House System's progress and goals.
- Mr. Brown-Davis shared the history and inspiration behind the House System, emphasizing its role in building connections and community, highlighting the importance of social-emotional learning and the House System's role in fostering resilience and cooperation.
- Mrs. Heskett explained the House System's structure, including the four Houses (Grove, Reedley, Cook, and Odyssey) and their respective colors (Yellow, Purple, Red, Blue). She described the mentor groups within each house, consisting of 26 students (made up of Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors) and led by upperclassmen and adult leaders.
- The student leaders of the House System who were present introduced themselves and their roles in the House System -
  - President - Brayden Berry
  - Vice President - D.C. Mims
  - Head(s) of House - Joey Mucha, Gabriel Tsagaris
  - Assistant Head(s) of House - John Gregory, Clyde Ramos
- House Vice-President. Mims detailed the process of selecting the House names, emphasizing their significance to De La Salle's history and legacy.
- House President Berry discussed the concept of House time, where mentor groups meet regularly to build connections and teamwork, and shared highlights from the first House rally, including the unveiling of House names and the excitement among students.
- Mr. Brown-Davis explained the intentional division of students into Houses to ensure a diverse and inclusive community.
- Mrs. Heskett and the student leaders demonstrated and engaged 24 of the parents in a House challenge activity, illustrating the fun and team-building aspects of the House System.
- Mrs. Heskett requested parent volunteers to help with the first House Final competition and distribute House shirts, and emphasized the importance of parental support and engagement in the House System.
- Mr. Brown-Davis reflected on the legacy and impact of the House System on students, highlighting its role in fostering a sense of belonging and community.

- Mrs. Heskett and Mr. Brown-Davis answered questions from parents about the House System, including the structure of mentor groups (currently referenced by the room in which they meet - may develop their own names/identifiers organically; will be in the same House/mentor group through their DLS duration, siblings are in the same House) and the frequency of house meetings (between 5th period and lunch on B-schedule days, and before Liturgy (Mass), rallies, safety drills).

**President of the Parent Association:** Michelle Anderson

### **Parent Association Board – Chair Reports**

**Expense Report:** Jennifer Accardo, Parent Association Expense Administrator. Jennifer is your contact for reimbursement and has information on how to submit your reimbursement electronically. Please contact Jennifer for reimbursement questions.

**Volunteer Coordinators:** Yesenia Feustel & Lisa Borba - No emails were received.

**Frosh Parent Reps:** Janet Wright, Khatera Tamplen, Tanja Fabel, Tavoria Wilson-Morton – On task for the Sophomore Liturgy event. A Signup Genius has been sent out for volunteers to support the event. Still have space available for Kitchen Support volunteers.

**Sophomore Parent Reps:** Ariana Marbley, Tara Preston, Jemisse Hurd – No updates.

**Junior Parent Reps:** Betzy Lesser, Lolo O’Keefe, Winn Acle, Patricia Pon – No updates until closer to the Senior Mom Brunch.

**Senior Parent Reps:** Michelle Anderson, Jen Accardo – No updates until closer to the Junior Ring Ceremony..

**Carondelet High School Representative:** Lisa Pickford – shared by another Carondelet parent - Carondelet Community Coffee at Public House in Lafayette on Friday 9/19 at 9:00am. These coffees are held in different locations each month - Walnut Creek, Livermore, and Lafayette. Looking forward to a Carondelet Cocktail Hour currently planned for November.

**Hospitality:** Winn Acle, Joni Dupont, Jody Muñoz, Patricia Pon, Jill Steele, Jemisse Hurd, Ariana Marbley – Thank you for the support for the Back To School Night (BTSN). Winn is looking for parent volunteers to co-lead the Hospitality committee with her this year, learn about the 4 events supported by the Hospitality committee - Back to School Night (completed in Aug), Open House (Nov), New Student Welcome Night (May), and Academic Awards Night (May), and transition to leadership roles for the committee.

**Special Events:** Noel Hughes, Angelica Nathan, Patricia Pon, Lolo O’Keefe, Valerie Wright, Shirley Valero, Rena Cota, Anna Febiana – No updates.

**Community Outreach:** Angelica Nathan, Ariana Marbley, Tara Preston, Jemisse Hurd – No updates.

**Crab Feed:** Patricia Pon, Betzy Lesser, Tavoria Wilson-Morton – Event is January 24, 2026 and we are looking for volunteers to lead and help with this fun event!

**Dad's Club:** Alex Esparza, Michael Nathan, David Brumley, Nic Anca, Larry Morton Jr, Jesse Tamplen – Great to see the dads in the meeting, and always looking for new/more dads to join in the fun!

There may be a new potential parent volunteer opportunity coming up on October 6th with the De La Salle Golf Classic, where we would look to staff one of the holes, have a Parent Association table, and have the opportunity to engage more dads in the PA. Anticipate would need 4 volunteers early on Monday Oct 6 at the Diablo Country Club.

Reminders:

- Next Parent Coffee is Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>
- Next PA meeting is Monday, October 6th

**Spartan Updates:** Spencer Shively, VP for Mission of Student Life

- 9/10 – Club & Activities Fair
- 9/10 – MMM Wednesday
- 9/11 – Make-up Photos
- 9/14 – Sophomore Liturgy & Brunch
- 9/17 – Senior Class Meeting
- 9/19 – Whole House Meeting

Intramurals - Ongoing

- Pickleball
- Handball
- 9/24 – Peace Liturgy
- 9/26 – Football vs Saint Mary's Stockton
- 9/29 - 10/3 – Homecoming Week
- 10/4 – Homecoming Dance
- 10/19 – Junior Ring Ceremony

**Closing Prayer:** Valerie Wright.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.**