

## **DHSPA MEETING ~ MINUTES ~ MARCH 15, 2011**

Barbara Alter called the meeting to order at 9:20am. There were approximately 25 parents in attendance.

**Principal's Report.** Dan Haron announced upcoming events at DHS. Theatre 308's performance of Beauty and the Beast will be from March 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. The Student-Faculty basketball game will be on 3/16 and Dancing with the Teachers will be on April 7<sup>th</sup> in the evening. Dan expressed gratitude to the DHSPA and the CDSP budget reps for all of the budget support. CAPT testing is over, make-ups are ongoing this week. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter begins on April 1<sup>st</sup>. In Paul Ribeiro's absence, Dan reported that 2011/2012 registration is underway; parents should encourage students to see their guidance counselors. Counselors are focused on Jr Planning meetings and registration. Questions about 9<sup>th</sup> grade registration should be directed to the MMS guidance counselors first. They may refer the student/parent to a DHS Department Head or DHS Guidance Counselor.

**Co-Chairs Report.** Barbara Alter and Wanda Forlivo gave a special thank you to our CDSP Budget Reps – Mary Flynn and Brianna Schneider. It is not too late to contact the Board of Finance. There is a community letter available. Barb and Wanda presented two new positions to be put on the Slate. One position is for 2 volunteers to help coordinate the Senior Internship Program, and one is for two volunteers to be Volunteer Website coordinators. All four spots have been filled. The motion to add these two positions was approved. The 2011/2012 Slate was presented, there were no further nominations from the floor and the Slate will be voted on at the April 5, 2011 meeting. Class coffee dates are listed on the Agenda. Specific locations will be forthcoming in an email from the Administration. Barb and Wanda gave a special thank you to the Program Committee for all their work all year.

**Treasurer's Report.** Elizabeth Cortright encouraged everyone to submit their expenses. Next year's budget is based on this year's expenses. If actual expenses are not submitted, then the 2011/2012 budget will be smaller for each committee.

### **Committee Reports.**

**Student Life Committee.** Bake Sale goods are needed for the Student – Faculty Basketball Game.

**Board of Education.** Clara Sartori announced that she, or any member of the BOE, can make additional information available to any parent who wants to write a personal letter to the Board of Finance in support of the BOE budget.

**Program.** Matt Pavia, Chair of the Steering Committee for the NEASC accreditation, outlined how the process works and the timeline.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

**NEXT DHSPA MEETING** is on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am.

Submitted by Lynn Biggart  
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