

Davidson K-8 PTO Meeting: January 19, 2023

Location: Summit Offices

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 PM

Guests: Principal Amanda Childress

Principal Update

Amanda discussed a timeline for the middle school drama club.

Eileen Graf, Kate Barr and Lauren Rasor completed the DK8 planning survey results and shared them with the CMS contact person.

Amanda discussed additional positions that were recently posted and gave details on a few new hires. She also discussed moving a 1st grade class into the Tiger Den (staff lounge).

Teacher observations are underway.

Challenges: Custodial concerns are on-going issue. Amanda met with CMS Head Custodian and walked the building with them to discuss some ideas. We also have an evening substitute custodian and discussed getting additional help on the weekends. HVAC in both buildings is a concern it is an old system and needs an update. Finding substitutes continues to be challenging. She requested all members of the PTO push for substitutes and recommend who they can.

Shannon asked about the 5th and 6th grade coffee chat as well as riding 9th grade orientation that will happen with Alison Graves. Dates will be confirmed shortly.

Lastly, Amanda provided an update on the solar panels and confirmed that on the 17th of January the panels were installed on site.

Updates on Funding Requests

Beth provided an update on her meeting with Amanda regarding funding requests. We have now created a google form for any funding requests from teachers/staff.

Building Updates

The approved picnic tables have been purchased for outside the upper school and courtyard. This includes an accessible picnic table.

Andrea confirmed with Davidson we were approved for \$1,000.00 grant for bike riding students and the funds will be used for bike racks.

Budget Report

Discussion will be paused until our retreat for further review.

Lower School/Middle School Update

US and LS Davidson Family Basketball Night are scheduled and will include a Turning Tigers performance
Character Breakfast is scheduled for 2/2
Honor Roll Breakfast scheduled for 2/16
Q2 Tiger Track Celebration scheduled for 2/8

We will beginning convening the dance committee for dates.
Starry Night fundraiser date discussed
Trying to firm date for charity basketball game

Future Initiatives

Invite new members/recruitment to join a meeting.

Sources of Strength was discussed/recommended to initiate @ DK8. Focuses on suicide prevention. Uses peer lead representatives and we are hopeful this will transition to Hough peers.

Discussed publishing a full list of clubs that DK8 offers.

Beth confirmed that April 25th will be a general meeting and include performance from visual arts, dance and choir. Hoping to include a fuller program with representatives from clubs, band and the drama club.

Finally, Beth discussed upgrading slack.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:30pm.