

## **DVMS Spartan Boosters General Meeting**

**In Person @ DVMS Library**

**Thursday, September 18, 2025**

**Attendance:** Bre Thompson, Kristy McMenamy, Jamie Cha, Emily Diefenthaler, Jenny Cook, Ashley Hays, Andrea Bedford, Sarah Schiffli, Jodi Bobchik, Jodi Serfling, Tara Passini, Kim Barnes, Mr. Hess

- I. **Call to Order:** Bre called the meeting to order at 12:47PM  
Welcome and introductions to new members.
- II. **Secretary's Report-** Kim Barnes
  - a. August minutes were sent out and one change needs to be made- Lindsay Shaw to Lindsay Schull.
    - i. *Motion was made by Ashley H to approve the Secretary's Report from August, Jodi S. 2<sup>nd</sup>, all present were in favor, and the Secretary's Report passed.*
- III. **Treasurer's Report-** Bre Thompson
  - a. Total: \$55,388.64
    - i. Checking-\$52,055.01, Saving- \$2,573.63, Cash boxes- \$450, PayPal- \$50, PayPal Giving Fund- \$260 - \$190 towards to staff lunch for 9/19, \$100 for outdoor sign, \$20 Spirit Rock
    - ii. Monthly activity- Donations- Yard Signs- \$700
    - iii. Treasurer's Binder
      1. The binder is located in the office at the bottom of the teacher's mailboxes.
      2. The binder holds tax exempt forms, reimbursement forms, bylaws, contacts
- IV. **President's Report-** Bre Thompson reported
  - a. Open positions-
    - i. Treasurer,
    - ii. Fundraising- Tara Passini will be taking Fannie May
    - iii. Capital Campaign- someone to work with Nicole Ward
    - iv. DVMS Booster Liaisons between grade schools- Dunlap Grade and Wilder-Waite

- b. Sheila Arnold – storyteller who comes in February to speak with students. Her fees have increased by \$125 to \$1844- shared with Dunlap Middle \$922 each school. Need to increase the budget by \$125.
  - i. *Ashley H made a motion to increase the budget by \$125 to \$922 for storyteller, Sheila Arnold. Kristy M 2<sup>nd</sup>, all present were in favor and the motion passed.*
  - ii. *Jamie C made a motion to approve Tara Passini as the new fundraiser chairperson. Kristy M 2<sup>nd</sup>, all present were in favor and the motion passed.*

V. **Committee Reports-** Committee Chairs

- a. **Concessions-** Sarah has increased prices of drinks to be in line with the high school and other area school concessions. Pepsi and water will now be \$2.00. Popcorn bags will now be \$2.00. Sarah is also wanting to use clear bins for candy and other food on the cart. This will allow for easy label pricing and organization. *Jodi S made a motion to increasing pricing for outdoor and indoor concessions. Jamie C 2<sup>nd</sup>, all present were in favor and the motion passed.*
- b. **Yard Signs-** Kim reported Pip Printing will be creating and handling yard signs going forward. Pip charges a one-time fee of \$250. Parents will order and pay for the signs on the Pip website and pick up the signs from Pip located at 8325 N Allen Rd in Peoria. The signs available are baseball, softball, cross country, girls' basketball, boys' basketball, cheerleading, dance, volleyball, track, band, chorus, orchestra, scholastic bowl, 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation.
- c. **Fannie May-** Tara reported Fannie May kick off will happen on Monday, September 22. Order forms will be due on Tuesday, October 7. No money will be collected at this time, only order forms. There will be several students not participating due to difficulties from last year and several students will need permission to sell. Tara will be sending out a Sign Up for the collection day. Volunteers will be needed at the front of each house.
- d. **Teacher Appreciation-** Staff lunch will be served on Friday September 19. \$190 was donated to help by for Olive Garden. Parents are also donating drinks and desserts.
- e. **Fall Fest-** Kim reported Fall Fest will take place on Saturday October 18 from 5:00-7:00 in the parking lot of DVMS by the soccer field. There will be a Truck or Treat, costume parade and competition, food trucks (still finalizing), scary trail. Trophies will be award for Best overall costume, Scariest Costume, Most Creative Costume, Best overall trunk, Scariest trunk, and Most Creative Trunk. Boosters will provide small bags of popcorn and water. We will also purchase a decoration for the scary trail. We will continue to add something to trail each year. We have a \$300 budget.

- f. **First Quarter Reward-** October 10 popcorn reward day. Use small bags for popcorn. 4 volunteers will be needed for popping and handing out popcorn during the 3 lunch hours.
  - g. **Book Fair-** October 20-24 during Student led conferences. The fair will start on Friday October 17 at school for students to make a wish list.
- VI. **Principal Report-** Mr. Hess
- a. Picture day took place today- September 18
  - b. DVMS Homecoming Tailgate will take place Friday September 19 from 4:30-6:30.
  - c. Coffee Truck will be at DVMS from 7:00-8:15 Friday morning for staff and parents.
  - d. SIP Day Friday, September 19. Teachers will be receiving AI training at the high school.
  - e. Freeport School District will have teachers in the build to observe the BIST program because it has worked well in our school.
  - f. Homework Club is new this year. It is held after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:00. Teachers and high school volunteers are there to help assist students with homework.
  - g. October 3 will be the Pep Assembly for Fall sports
  - h. First time ever Softball team won Regional Championship
  - i. Baseball team won their 6<sup>th</sup> in a row Regional Championship and will play for Sectionals Championship on Saturday.
  - j. Golf- Isabelle Howard played in the IESA State Finals
  - k. Student advisory committee will be meeting soon. These students were selected from teachers who are not part of Student Council, but can add valuable input to the committee.
  - l. October 2 is National Custodian's Day
  - m. October 22 and 23- Student led conferences. There will be no school on Friday October 24.
  - n. Staff Chili cookoff on November 7 in memory of beloved substitute teacher. There will be a golden ladle award for best chili.
- VII. **Other Business**
- a. Datikka Peebles was a loved and very involved member of our Booster family for the past 3 years. She unexpectedly passed away in August. In her memory we will be renaming the Family Literacy Night to Datikka Peebles Family Literacy Night. She had a profound love for reading, so we will also be choosing and donating a bundle of books with her name on the books to our school library.
  - b. Red Cross Blood Drive in memory of Mrs. Brooke Joseph will be taking place on Monday, March 9, 2026
- VIII. The meeting ended at 1:43 PM the next meeting will October 9