Downingtown High School West Campus

Home & School Association Meeting

November 16, 2017

7pm – Library

**WELCOME:** DWH&S officers and attendees introduced themselves

**OLD BUSINESS:** 10/12/17 minutes approved

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Treasurer’s Report:** Approximately $3,700 in the H&S account.

**Spirit Wear Sales:** Pia was asked to count the stock on hand and report for the January 11, 2018 meeting.

**Home & School Update:** Waiting for the check from Catalyst Boot Camp. Setting up another boot camp with Brandywine Learning Center for the spring. We will be open to feedback from students who participated in either to help us decide which –or both- to continue with next year. Will also consider which is a better deal for H&S.

**Joint Home & School:** Presentation from Communities that Care: still working with the district to help focus on reducing alcohol usage by both students and adults at football games. (Mr. Barker commented that there was a reduction of alcohol – related incidents as season went on.)

If interested (not mentioned at the meeting), there will be a presentation by Holcomb Behavioral Services at the Downingtown United Methodist Church on 1/24/18. More information to come.

**Health & Wellness:** At the HS level, there is a good response from students who qualify for Free and Reduced lunches, however, at the elementary and middle levels the number of students who qualify vs. the number of students who actually participate in the program is reduced. If you have any feedback to help increase participation, please contact Angela Cummings, Food Services Director at acummings@dasd.org

**School Board Report:** Following link is to view the School Board Meeting on 10/11/17: https://www.dasd.org/domain/43
**Post Prom:** Please read the minutes from the last meeting here: (will add link when I get the OK). Please contact Cyndy Turner if you are interested in helping in any way. Post Prom will only be a success if we have enough parents to help plan, request donations, and help with the actual event. If willing to help: rturner825@verizon.net.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:**

- After the parent/teacher conferences, teachers participated in an early Thanksgiving lunch. While at this lunch, teachers brought in donations for the Lord’s Pantry and Safe Harbor. Students were also asked to participate in the donations for the Lord’s Pantry and Safe Harbor to help ensure that those in need would be able to also enjoy a Thanksgiving Meal.
- Field Hockey made it to States and came in 2nd!
- Jr. and Sr. Cheer team made it to Nationals.
- Our Band came in 2nd in their States. They were in the Patriot Open division. This division is the highest division and the bands have to have consistent high scores to qualify for this division.
- District will again participate in ‘Turn off, Tune in’ where the server will not be made accessible for a period of time over the holiday.
- There is an increase of teachers using laptops in the classroom. They are working on increasing the integration of learning and technology.
- PreACT: West/District will, at a cost, offer a PreACT experience in the spring. The district started offering PreSAT’s at a cost as well and the results, increased SAT scores by 100 points, were so favorable that the district adopted this option and is now paying for the preSAT for 10th and 11th graders. The goal of the PreACT is to give students the opportunity to see the exam and take the exam before it actually counts.
- Pitt University is offering AP training for any DASD teacher who want to be certified and a part of this adjunct program. This will then allow our students to pay to participate in these classes and receive college credits for the courses.
- All 3 high schools scored above 90 in the state rankings. There will be new rankings and benchmarks next year so a new baseline will need to be established.
- Alcohol use decreased over the football season by student and adult spectators. There is an increase of ‘vaping’ at school. If students are found with any tobacco-vaping product, there is a possible 5 day suspension. If THC is found in the ‘vaping’ instrument then there is a possible 10 day suspension. Administration will make announcements at school to draw attention to the increase in vaping and the dangers/consequences of use.
- Keystones: School will announce when review sessions start. Please see Mr. Barkers weekly for dates and more information. Here is the link:
Please remind your students that they are not to patronize Royal Farms during school hours.

**Schoology:**

- Please do not refer to Schoology for updates on grades,
- Grades should be updated within 2 weeks of the assignment being handed in.
  - Parents do not always see this turn around time and find that some teachers take more time to update grades.

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

- Please email us with questions or concerns!
  - President: Sharon Swankoski: shannyswan@msn.com
  - Vice President: Karen Jaren: skydunk@aol.com
  - Treasurer: Cara Phalen: caraandcorey3@verizon.net
  - Secretary: Pia DiSanto jdisanto0521@hotmail.com

- Next H&S Meeting is January 11, 2018 @7:00PM – Library

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

11/29/17: Committee of the Whole 6:30pm Trestle Place

12/5/17: Curriculum 1:30pm Trestle Place

12/6/17: School Board Meeting 7pm Trestle Place