



PTO Meeting Minutes – 4/9/24

- 1) **Welcome & Introductions** (Krista Zizzo, President)
Fifteen parents were in attendance in person and one on Zoom. A quorum of Officers was present.
- 2) **Financial Report** (Erin Kimmel, Treasurer)
The balance sheet as of 3/31/24 was reviewed. The \$720 left over from the Class of 2023 Account was distributed equally between the current four classes, per the Bylaws. The line item for “Student Travel Reserves” is being used in lieu of making a grant to DECA for student participation in ICDC. The remaining \$250 will be used if SkillsUSA, JROTC or Robotics makes a request for travel funding.
- 3) **New Business – 2024 Spartan Grant Requests Approval** (Brooke Bolinske, Grants Chair)
Brooke reviewed the Spartan Grant Program. Over \$100,000 has been given to the school/staff in the last seven years. The group discussed the 23 grant requests received (which total \$41,322). Mr. Christoff reviewed the requests and determined that five can be funded from the school’s budget, or with future DPS bond funds. The group approved funding for 17 grants, totaling \$16,258. (One grant, to support the Bus Stop Art Installations, is on hold pending a meeting next week with City Councilperson Diana Romero Campbell).
- 4) **New Business – Election of Officers for 2024-25**
The following slate of officers for the 2024-25 school year was approved by a unanimous voice vote:

President / Co-Presidents: (no candidates have been slated)
Vice President: Brooke Bolinske
Treasurer: Erin Kimmel
Secretary: Heather Fall
Members at Large:
 2025: Briana Rimkus
 2026: Tracy Smith
 2027: Roxanne Stevens
- 5) **New Business – Honoring Newmont Corporation**
In recognition of the \$32,000 in contributions Newmont Corporation has made to the school and PTO since 2020, we will present company officials with a framed certificate of appreciation at their monthly Town Hall staff meeting. Newmont has generously supported the PTO’s Food Bank and the school’s Families in Need and Wish Week fund raising efforts.
- 6) **Committee Updates:**
 - a. **Food Bank** – next distribution is Tues. 4/23 from 4-5:30pm – last distribution is in May
 - b. **School Store** – selling Wed. 4/10 at Choice of Studies and also Wed. 5/29 at 9th Grade Orientation
 - c. **Hospitality /Staff Appreciation**
 - i. **Staff Food Truck Lunch** (April 5)
 - ii. **May’s Staff Appreciation Week**
 - Friday, 5/3 – Coffee Cart from PTO/Wellness Committee
 - Monday, 5/6 – Class of 2025 (healthy snacks in the staff lounge/break room)
 - Tuesday, 5/7 – Class of 2026 (may provide DQ Blizzards)
 - Wednesday, 5/8 – Class of 2024 (might do lottery tickets: “we’re lucky to have you”)
 - Thursday, 5/9 – Class of 2027 (brainstorming ideas)
 - Friday, 5/10 – (nothing planned – coffee cart will be on Friday 5/3 as it is not available from May 6-10).

d. Class Committees

- **2024** – Last After Prom meeting is this Thursday (7pm) and the big night is next Friday, 4/19!
- **2025** – Juniors and Junk Food
- **2026** – Birdcall Restaurant Night Wednesday, 4/24. Use code TJHS424. Parent Party Fundraiser Thursday, 5/16 from 6-8pm. Sophomore S'mores in May
- **2027** – Bottom of the Fourth in May

Notes from Committee Updates:

DECA students are taking on the task of marketing and selling Spirit Gear at this spring's events. This is the culmination of a year's efforts to enlist DECA's help with the School Store.

Teachers and staff loved the Food Truck lunch we provided last week. They always rave about "The Magic School Bus." The PTO should investigate completing paperwork to have tax-exempt status with the city and county of Denver. (That would have cut our costs with this vendor).

Plans for May's Staff Appreciation Week were discussed. The group brainstormed several ideas for each day of the week. The PTO will provide \$250 per day, but most Class Committees get food donations from parents via a Sign Up Genius. There are 150 staff if you are providing one item per person. Otherwise, food quantities to leave in the staff lounge/breakroom should have enough to feed around 100. Don't forget food intolerances like vegan, gluten free, dairy free, vegetarian. There are about 7-8 vegan/dairy free and a few gluten free staff members.

The Class Committees are making plans for end of year activities. We discussed these traditional events.

Juniors and Junk Food is usually held on the last Friday before finals. Parents bring yard games (cornhole, giant Jenga, volleyball) and donate junk food and drinks.

Sophomore S'mores will be on May 9 after school. They'll use the school's flattop grill.

Bottom of the 9th will be on Friday, May 3, at/after the JV baseball game vs. South.

The Senior Banquet is also on Friday, May 3. It is put on by the school's administrative staff (Danyelle Charles and Carla Allen). PTO parents are needed to help with clean up, around 8:30-9:30pm.

7) Announcements –

- a. TJ is hosting a viewing of "Screenagers, The Next Chapter" – Thursday, 5/2 at 6pm (5:30pm for snacks and drinks). Bring students 6th grade and older
- b. Please donate gently used spring/summer clothing to Room 114 before Tuesday, 4/23. The Mental Health Team is hosting a free boutique on Th/Fri April 25-26 and would love your donations!

8) Adjournment at 7:40pm – Next Meeting is our End of Year Celebration – Tuesday, 5/7 at 6pm

- a. *Should we start this at 6:30pm? Time and location TBD)*