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# Destin High School Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, 01.23.2024

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by President, Heidi LoCicero, at 6:06PM at Destin High School

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

LoCicero, McBride, Stone, Palmer, Luttrell, Eubank, Larabee (parent advocate), Williams (Executive Director), Tamanini (Teacher Representative)

## **ABSENT:**

Silver, Cruickshank (Principal)

## **MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Ms. Tucker was the Golden Shark Award recipient.
  - During the meeting, Mr. Williams provided the Principal's report since Mrs. Cruickshank was absent. It was noted that all 8th graders in the surrounding areas have received a mailer encouraging them to apply to DHS. To ensure effective planning, everyone, including current students, is required to register for the upcoming school year. Scheduling for the 2024/2025 school year will be completed before the end of May. Additionally, the annual golf tournament is scheduled for 04.28.24. A career and technical education think tank will be held soon to ensure we are offering the opportunities students want to take advantage of.
  - Mr. Luke gave an in-depth report on the End of Course Algebra I results. While the scores are low, we are doing much better than the rest of the district and State of Florida.
  - As per Mr. Williams' report, we are all set to launch a new donor platform shortly. Additionally, Mr. Williams has suggested that we sign an engagement letter with Raymond James to explore USDA financing options for DHS. Engagement letter to be submitted to board for review before voting. However, concerns were expressed about the miscalculation of FTE funds as previously reported by the principal and loss of funds due to not signing an agreement with FL Virtual school, as well as, the lack of master schedule. Mr. Williams established a timeline of suspense dates for creation and implementation of master scheduling, but reported his dates were not met. As of today, he has no indication principal is observing teachers, as he previously directed, and, he is concerned about the lack of accountability in classrooms. He has committed to making this a priority and is addressing this immediately by ensuring scheduled classroom observations are being done by the principal. He has also expressed his desire to include some of the committee meeting highlights in his weekly Shark Bites parent newsletter.
  - Our Instagram was hacked, but we have remedied the problem and are back online.
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- No governance committee meetings have been scheduled. PALMER requested some dates/times for the meeting as well as a list of items the committee needs to address.
- DHS has been gifted an anonymous \$100K donation along with an annual lifetime donation matched and a legacy donation upon death.
- Board retreat dates are coming soon.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- LUTTRELL motioned to adopt meeting minutes with removal of statement from SILLS. That was a statement from the October meeting, MCBRIDE 2nd, passed unanimously.
- O'NEAL motioned to adopt Mr. Williams' amended budget, STONE 2nd, passed unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Bryan Otto was in attendance to recognize the boys soccer coach, Brad Campbell. He pulled together and gave the boys a fabulous season that rivals any program in the area.
- Bryan Otto commented that it seems we should have known the scheduling in Fall 2023 would not produce the necessary FTE funding needed per our approved budget.
- **MEETING ADJOURNED** by President, Heidi LoCicero, at 8:09 PM