
Destin High School Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, 02.27.2024

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by President, Heidi LoCicero, at 6:03PM at Destin High School

IN ATTENDANCE:

LoCicero, McBride, Stone, Palmer, Luttrell, Eubank, Silver, O'Neal, Sills, Larabee (parent advocate), Williams (Executive Director), Tamanini (Teacher Representative)

ABSENT:

none

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Ms. Madison was the Golden Shark Award recipient.
- Manager of the USDA Rural Development Finance Team for Raymond James, Bob Pennington, gave an in-depth presentation on timelines and answered questions from board members about what the process of engagement would entail. Mr. Williams to put together a think tank group to weigh pros and cons before we are willing to engage with Raymond James.
- Per Mr. Williams' report, he has been in contact with Mattie Kelly about potentially sharing space. Our Instagram was hacked. We have filed a police report. He introduced, Lydia Guagenti, as the new Executive Assistant and Bookkeeper. Enrollment update - we have received 150 applicants and have accepted 110 students for 24/25. Per our re-enrollment campaign response, 99% of our current students plan to return. Mrs. Cruikshank has resigned as Principal but will be staying on part-time as Dual Enrollment Coordinator. Dhs is looking for a school lunch provider. Students and teachers will be moving to a Google Workspace platform and Mr. Williams is working on a life cycle replacement program for our laptops. Our insurance company has retained an attorney for the lawsuit and Mr. Williams is POC.
- Ms. Madison gave a beautiful presentation on the science fair. DHS students scored very high marks and some have moved onto the next phase in the competition.
- Governance committee meeting to be held 02/28 to prioritize the 38+ policies that need updates. PALMER announced this is an open committee and help is needed.
- Finance committee meetings have seen an increase in cash flow since Mr. Williams' arrival in September.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Anne Hinze commented that we have to get the academics right before taking on more debt.
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- Chris Larabee commented that if 78% of our students polled want to participate in a sport, funding for athletics is a necessity.
- Mike Parker mentioned a fundraiser coming soon for another reef drop project.
- Mrs. Dottin would like to see our advertisement for new employees reworded to reflect the caliber of teachers we already have is excellent.

MEETING ADJOURNED by President, Heidi LoCicero, at 8:25 PM