

DeBakey HSHP PTA Meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 2016
DeBakey HS Library

ATTENDANCE: Board Members: Jonathan Jackson, Vincent Sanders, Shiv Pathak, Martha Chica, Matt Konvicka, Kathryn Marrero

Teacher and Parents: Victor Garay, Claudia Borrego, Katherine Marsh-Smith, Sharon Cummings, Many Molina, Ayako Dawkins, Arvind Bhanushali, Verlonda Smith, Sylvia Cashman, Laura Marsh, Funmi Babafide, Adejunabi Abioyun, Funoni Babajide, Sonia Esquivel, Julia Tsang, Martha Benavides, Teresa Smith, Lyra Reid, Kathy Lipman, Heidi Gerstacker, Helen Jackson, Stephan Wagner, Andrew Bahler, Zibi Mehra, Shengyi Li, Kudo Rumi, Lana Boutwell, Ede Yan, Glenda Ceballos, Sandra Alhorn, David ang, Deyali Chatterjee, Rita Willoughby, Maria Kong, Rosie Gonzalez, Ken Do, Daja Shabazz, Degaffe Guenet, Christina Konvicka, Marisa Fiorito, Risa Myers, Stan Bujnowski, Ronda Harrison, Marisol Pimentel, Priti Bhanushali (45 people)

The CTE department presented. The teachers introduced themselves and the courses taught. A handout was distributed that listed the course schedule and general descriptions. They also discussed HOSA competitions (local, state, and national conventions). Hundreds of DeBakey students participate throughout the year (many who make it to the state & national level). The state competition will be in Corpus Christi and national in Orlando during this school year.

Principal's report by Agnes Perry – Alerted the DeBakey was again lauded as the # 1 high school in Houston & Texas in the recent report by Children's at Risk. Also we were the #6 ranked high school in Texas by Newsweek. DeBakey had 17 students named Nation Merit semi-finalists. Important events: grade forums presented by the counseling staff – 9th grade Sep 15; 10th grade Sep 22. Welcome Back Dance Sep 16; Financial aid seminar Sep 29; Cycle 1 grades end on Sep 30 with report cards on Oct 7; College night on Oct 3rd (over 50 colleges in attendance). There will be a mock crisis exercise on Oct 7th that will involve HPD, HFD, TX Children's Hospital & DeBakey. It will be an active shooter drill to test procedures in handling a mass-injury event. Only the junior & senior class will be involved (if approved by their parent). All 9th & 10th graders will stay in class. Proper communication will go out to the public to minimize panic from the community. Tutorials have begun: before school, during lunch, and after school. Students can obtain a pass to come before school from the office; students can go to any session even if it is not their personal teacher. A copy of the flyer was distributed that explained many of the details.

Dean's report by Dean Shargey – Asked all those in attendance to sign the Title 1 sign sheet. She explained the purpose of the title 1 funds to support paying the staff for tutoring.

Membership report by Kathryn Marrero –

Uniforms report by Martha Chica – Discussed uniform sales during school registration. Many uniform items in the smaller sizes were sold out and she was assessing the needs by surveying the students and reviewing the inventory. Next sale date is pending receipt of the uniform replenishments. Many parents expressed concerns about students not having adequate uniform supply. Communication will be distributed via PTA announcement & front office phone robocall & email on the next sale date.

Treasurer's report by Matt Konvicka – Discussed the status of the PTA bank account (copies distributed to members). The bulk of the income was derived by uniform sales. The primary expenses were for the purchase of uniforms, with a projected expense for the uniform replenishments.

Fundraising report by Vincent Sanders – Advised parents about the vendor support from Randall's grocery store, Target & Office Depot. A flyer was distributed listing the code numbers for the vendors. He discussed the option of selling concessions for an upcoming UIL middle-school event to be held at DeBakey (volunteers needed).

New business – Jonathan Jackson discussed need for parental support for PTA committees.

UNIFORMS – organize and support uniform sales throughout the school year

PARENT SUPPORTGROUP – support for incoming parents transitioning to DeBakey

EVENT PLANNING – support for events such as teacher appreciation lunches,

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE – addressing DeBakey concerns to HISD school board when needed.

FUNDRAISING – developing alternative funding avenues to support the school

MEMBERSHIP – developing more PTA members, enhancing support for the school

FRIENDS OF DEBAKEY – developing an organization to develop & enhance corporate support

Next meeting scheduled for October 11th will be moved to October 18th due to early dismissal on Oct 11th

Meeting concluded at 7:52pm