

**DeBakey High School PTO  
January 2019 General Meeting Minutes**

**Date, Time, and Location:** Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the school MMR

**Meeting called to order by** President Nellie Naidoo at 6:37 p.m.

**Board members present:** Nellie Naidoo, Sandra Ahlhorn, David McMillan, Irma Aguilar, Daniella Guzman, Mary Bujnowski, Marisa Fiorita, Kathleen McQueary and Meredith Bryant. Quorum was reached. One special guest in attendance- Dr. Campbell Brogdon.

**Introduction:** Nellie thanked everyone for coming. She welcomed parents and staff back from the winter break and wished them the best in the new year.

**President's report:** given by Nellie Naidoo

- Scientific Symposium will be held on January 18th. This is a great event for the students. We are looking for speakers that have a career in a STEM field. If you know of anyone that would like to participate, please let us know.
- The Winter Ball will be on January 25th. As you know this is a fundraiser for the graduating class to help cover the expenses of all senior activities. Please be on the lookout for a sign up genius that will be sent out soon.
- A treasurer's report was handed out. Treasurer David McMillan briefly spoke and stated there was a little over \$2000. in donations given in December. Also mentioned that the HOSA and senior funds are kept in the PTO account.
- Nellie introduced Daniella Guzman, 11th gr. liaison. Daniella mentioned that the Class of 2020 is in the process of collecting dues. You may pay Ms. Niaves (teacher sponsor) in person or pay online. Meredith Bryant gave instructions on how to pay on schoolpay.com. More information regarding plans for the Class of 2020's senior year will be given as it becomes available.
- Thank you to all the volunteers. We couldn't do it without you.
- Good luck to all the seniors with their college applications.
- Important upcoming dates:

Next PTO meeting February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

**Principal's report:** given by Ms. Godeau (Ms. Perry is out sick)

- Report cards will be going out this Friday, January 11th. Please be sure to review your child's grades. As always tutorials are available. Please encourage your kids to attend and make sure they are attending if staying after school. If your interested in mid day tutorials, please email your teacher or Dean Shargey.
- New grading cycle has just started-- Jan. 7th - Feb. 15th

- Since we have started a new semester there will be a brief Open House for parents to meet any new teachers their children may have. This will be on January 16th from 5:30 -7:30 p.m.
- Scientific Symposium will start at 8 a.m. on January 18th. Different presentations are offered for the students. Great opportunity for our kids to hear a person's perspective of how they reached their goals and why they choose that career. Dean Shargey is always looking for guests speakers. Please contact her if interested.
- Early dismissal on January 18th at 12:55
- No school in honor of MLK day on January 21st
- Thank you for all the donations for our dances, teacher appreciation lunches, etc. We appreciate your support!
- Progress reports will be sent out the last week of January.
- IFest will be on February 1st in the gym from 2- 3:25 p.m.

**Special Guest:** Dr. Campbell Brogdon shared a powerpoint presentation called, "Affirmations!:Our Words & Actions." In this presentation she discussed:

- 1.) The importance of affirmations and
- 2.) Different parenting styles and which ones are the most effective and beneficial
- 3.) How to handle stress

Dr. Brogdon discussed how how a warm and open parent and youth relationship can help your child in many ways. She shared a video which pointed out different parenting reactions and discussed which ones are the most effective in helping our children lead a happy and successful life. Dr. Brogdon talked about the negative effects of stress and how we can handle it. She shared resources with parents as well.

- **Next meeting is** 2/12/19 at 6:30 p.m. in the MMR
- **Meeting adjourned at** 7:39 p.m.
- **Minutes compiled by** Daniella Guzman, PTO Secretary