

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

**Date, Time, and Location:** Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. in the school MMR  
**Meeting called to order by** President Nellie Naidoo at ? a.m. (Please note I came in at 8:40 and meeting had already started.)

**Board members present:** Nellie Naidoo, Sandra Ahlhorn, Irma Aguilar, Meredith Bryant, Daniella Guzman, Mary Bujnowski, Kathleen McQueary. (Not sure about others because I don't have sign in sheet.) Quorum was reached.

**Introduction:** Nellie welcomed parents and thanked them for coming.

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

- Nellie discussed how this year the PTO was able to set up bi-laws. This will make things much easier for the incoming PTO board that will be serving next year.
- TEA has invited all designated Blue Ribbon Schools to attend a special ceremony in Austin. It is a great recognition for DeBakey to be acknowledged by the state of Texas.
- PTO board elections are coming up. A nominating committee will be formed. If anyone is interested in a position please let us know . Everyone is welcome to participate. If more than one person is interested in the same position there will be a vote at April's meeting.
- Ms. Naidoo said she will speak to Dean Shargey and obtain more information on National Honor Society for sophomores.
- Our treasurer was unable to attend today, but the treasurer's report is on our website.
- Important upcoming dates:

Next PTO meeting April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Spring holiday on Good Friday, April 19th of 2019

Juniors will be taking the SAT on Tuesday, April 23rd

AP exams will be given in May. (Please note some teachers will offer reviews.)

**Principal's report:** given by Ms. Perry

- Ms. Perry asked parents to please check Gradespeed often. Teachers should be posting grades regularly. If there are any issues with this or you are concerned about your child's performance, please email the teacher directly.
- Field Day was a big hit. Thank you to everyone that donated and volunteered. The students had a terrific day and we appreciate your support.
- Mr. Raul Saldivar (Asst. Principal) announced that DeBakey was given the gold banner for family engagement. This is a great honor, especially since not many high schools have this distinction.
- Ms. Perry commented on these events.
  - 1.) Progress reports will be sent out this Friday, March 22nd.
  - 2.) Good Friday is a holiday. There is no school.
  - 3.) SAT exam will be given on April 23rd to all juniors.
  - 4.) AP exams and finals will take place in May. Teachers will give out exact dates.
  - 5.) Graduation is on June 1st at TSU at 10 a.m.
- Please feel free to email her with questions. She will do her best to reply promptly.

**Uniforms:** given by Mary Bujnowski

- Uniforms will be sold this Friday during lunch.

**Volunteer Coordination:** given by Meredith Bryant

- The Class of 2020 is selling magnets and yard signs. Please see me if you'd like to make a purchase.
- Thank you for all your support throughout the year.

**Special Guest:** Nurse Parvin shared the following information with us:

- 1.) Parents must sign students out if they are leaving early for a doctor's appt., aren't feeling well, etc. If someone other than the parent is coming to pick them up parents need to send written consent beforehand and this person will be asked to show their identification to someone in the front office before the student is released.
- 2.) Please keep all your contact information current. This is important in case your child is ill and we need to reach you.

- 3.) If your child drives themselves to school and has a doctor's appt. the parent needs to send a note to our attendance clerk Ms. Perez at [pperez6@houstonisd.org](mailto:pperez6@houstonisd.org) stating the date and time of the appt. Also, the student must bring a note from the doctor's office when they return to school in order to ensure they were at the appt.
- 4.) If your child has an Epipen please make sure that they carry it with them at all times, no exceptions. Nurse Parvin demonstrated how to use the Epipen in case of an emergency. She explained that they typically come with a fake Epipen for practice purposes. Check the expiration date regularly and switch out immediately if expired.
- 5.) Students that are asthmatic or have an Epipen are allowed to carry them in their backpacks/purses. Diabetic students can also carry their insulin. However, the school nurse must be notified. There is a form that should be filled out. Go to [www.houstonisd.org/debakey](http://www.houstonisd.org/debakey). Click on "About Us" got to "School Nurse" and then "Forms and Resources." Please make sure Nurse Parvin has this medication form.
- 6.) Any medication, prescribed or over the counter, must be given to students by the nurse. A note has to be sent by the student's doctor in regards to this. The kids are not allowed to carry any medication on them (***no pain killers, not even Tylenol or Motrin***) ***other than the 3 mentioned above- Epipen, inhaler and insulin.***

**Clinicals-** Juniors and seniors attend hospital rotations during their health science classes. Important steps must be taken before students are granted access to these rotations. **Children that are currently in 10th grade should get this done over the summer since all of this is due the 1st day of junior year.** DeBakey does not accept any non immunized students due to the hospital visits during 11th and 12th grade.

## **Patient Care Practicum 1 and 2**

Prepare for clinical rotation during the summer. Your mandatory pre-clinical requirements are due the first day of school to the school nurse.

- **Annual TB Skin Test** with Negative result till the end of the rotation. Note: Quantiferon –TB gold may not be substituted. If Positive, **A Chest X-ray and Doctor's statement stating "No evidence of TB"**
- **Annual Flu Shot– 2018-2019 received no earlier than June 1st, 2018.**
- **Hepatitis B Titer for Hepatitis B Antibodies Standard** hepatitis B vaccine series plus proof of immunity verified by hepatitis B antibody titers. (CDC required for healthcare setting).

- In addition to Texas Minimum State /Vaccine Requirements for students Grades K-12, **(no exemptions accepted)** health care facilities require additional immunizations for the safety of their observers. **We** need to adhere to **Health Care Facilities requirements.**
- **CPR card required**
- For Background check Bring copy of TX ID,
- Passport, or Resident ID to School Nurse.
- Drug Testing/ urinalysis (time/date TBD)
- Scrub and lab coat fittings will take place in class—time and date TBD.

Please note students will become CPR certified at school during 10th grade and this is good for 2 years. Any issues with doctors please show them the school flyer. Your child should receive a flyer sometime in May of sophomore year. Please be sure to review this with your child. If you have any questions concerning clinicals, please email Nurse Parvin at [pali1@houstonisd.org](mailto:pali1@houstonisd.org)

#### **Questions:**

- **Will there be a signing day for incoming freshman?**  
There will not be a signing day this year. HISD has changed things somewhat to accommodate parents' work schedules. However, Fish Camp, for incoming freshman will be held in June. That information will be provided to new families.
- **Next meeting is 4/9/19 at 6:30 p.m. in the MMR**
- **Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.**
- **Minutes compiled by Daniella Guzman, PTO Secretary**