

DeBakey High School PTO

April 2019 General Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Location: Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the school MMR

Meeting called to order by President Nellie Naidoo at 6:36 p.m.

Board members present: Nellie Naidoo, Sandra Ahlhorn, Irma Aguilar, Dave McMillan, Vincent Sanders, Daniella Guzman, Kathleen McQueary, Trina Nguyen, Irma Aguilar, Shiv Pathak. Quorum was reached. (Please double check board members present. I don't have sign in sheet.)

Introduction: Nellie welcomed parents and thanked them for coming.

President's report: given by Nellie Naidoo

- Dues are still pending for some seniors. All 12th grade families please be sure to pay your dues if you haven't yet done so.
- Teacher Appreciation will be held during the 1st week of May. Our teacher appreciation chairs have great plans and will be requesting donations as well as help from volunteers. Please keep an eye out for this information.
- If your child has not yet picked up their yearbook, please remind them to do so. Ms. Perry commented she believes they are sold out, but if any are left they will be in Ms. Proctor's office and sold for \$80. in cash.
- We have approximately 13 finalists selected for National Merit Scholarship. Please note students and parents get notified directly. The school does not receive this notification.
- Important upcoming dates:

Next PTO meeting May 14th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

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

- There was an incident in the school cafeteria a couple of weeks ago. We had a piece of the trim from the skylight of the cafeteria ceiling suddenly fall. We are very grateful that no one was hurt. Luckily it happened while the students were in class. We immediately contacted HISD and closed this area off to students & faculty. The district sent two architectural engineers to review the ceiling. They decided it was best to leave the trim off instead of replacing it. After the visit from the architectural engineers the area has been reopened. Please know this incident was obviously unexpected and the safety of our students is always our first priority.
- We are now going into our last grading cycle. Please encourage your students to keep their grades up. Parents, 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. If for any reason you are not getting the information you need from your child's teacher, please email me directly. Ms. Perry says teachers should be in contact with parents if their child is failing.
- Mr. Raul Saldivar (Asst. Principal) asked that parents encourage their children to study for finals and to avoid procrastinating.
- Our awards ceremony will be held the week of May 20th during mid day. In case your child is receiving an award your counselor or teacher will notify you.
- As far as prom this weekend please note that seniors are allowed to invite juniors. If a student from another school is invited, a form must be filled out and turned in.
- Please note that during final's week students will be leaving school early.
- Ms. Perry commented on these events.
 - 1.) Prom will be held this Saturday, April 13th.
 - 2.) SAT exam will be given on April 23rd to all juniors.
 - 3.) AP exams and finals will take place in May. Teachers will give out exact dates.
 - 4.) Awards ceremony- week of May 20th.
 - 5.) Graduation is on June 1st at TSU at 10 a.m.

Treasurer's Report: given by Dave McMillan

- Dave discussed the current budget report.

11th Grade Liaison: given by Daniella Guzman

- The Class of 2020 is selling magnets and yard signs. Please see me if you'd like to make a purchase. All proceeds go toward senior year events.
- Ms. Niaves, our class sponsor, is still collecting dues. If you have any questions as far as how to pay your dues, please see me. If you want to verify whether or not you have paid your dues, please email Ms. Niaves at SNIAVES@houstonisd.org

Teacher Appreciation: given by Trina Nguyen

- Teacher Appreciation will be held during the first week of May. We are excited to do something nice for the DeBaKey teachers and staff.
- Families, please join us in celebrating our teachers. A sign up genius will be emailed soon.

Volunteer Coordination: given by Irma Aguilar

- These are the new board members for the next school year 2019-2020

Executive Committee

President – Sabrina Campbell at president@debakeypt.org

1st VP Fundraising – at fundraising@debakeypt.org

2nd VP of Communications – Andrea Simon at communications@debakeypt.org

3rd VP of Volunteer Coordination – Latoya Jackson at volunteers@debakeypt.org

Treasurer – Cindy Forgey at treasurer@debakeypt.org

Secretary – Adriana Perez at secretary@debakeypt.org

Non-Voting Executive Committee

Parliamentarian – Vincent Sanders at parliamentarian@debakeypt.org

Board Chairs

Uniform Chairs – Paul Ake at uniforms@debakeypt.org

Membership Chairs – Maylene Leu-Bent at membership@debakeypt.org

Assistant Volunteer Coordinator – Meredith Bryant at volunteers@debakeypt.org

Non-Voting Board Members

Friends for DeBaKey HS – Kathleen McQueary at correspondence@debakeypt.org

- There are still a few open positions. If you are interested in participating please let me know.
- One parent signed up as 10th grade liaison and another parent signed up as uniform chair.
- Irma thanked everyone for their assistance.

President Nellie Naidoo stated that the uniforms are a huge fundraiser for the school and thanked all the new board members for signing up for next year. She mentioned that this year the board engaged as a team and it was a pleasure working with everyone. The new board definitely has her support.

- **Next meeting is 5/14/19 at 6:30 p.m. in the MMR**
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.**
- **Minutes compiled by Daniella Guzman, PTO Secretary**