

Harper Junior High PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: January 30, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom

1. Call to Order

- Meeting started at **7:00 PM**.
- **Attendees:** Ashley Burgdorf (PTO President), Katie Sluis (Principal), Dustin Greenler (Leadership Teacher), Ken McKim (Science Dept. Chair), Jenny, Erin, and other attendees.

2. Principal's Update (Katie Sluis)

General School Updates:

- **Illness Outbreak:** Many students and staff are out sick. The school will undergo a deep cleaning.
- **Counseling & Program Planning:** Counselors are busy with course requests.
 - **7th & 8th Grade Course Requests** due **Feb. 19** to science teachers.
 - **9th Grade Course Requests** due **Feb. 13**; Davis High counselors will meet with students.
- **School Budget:** School finances are in good shape.
 - Department budgets will be reviewed before spring break.

Upcoming Events:

- **State Testing Week:** End of April – early May.
- **Freshman Activities Week:** Includes **Freshman Breakfast** and **Freshman Celebration**.
- **Freshman Promotion Ceremony: June 10.**
- **Day on the Green: June 11** – parent volunteers will be needed.

3. Leadership & ASB Update (Dustin Greenler)

Upcoming Events:

- **Hollywood Red Carpet Dance – Friday, Feb. 7th.**

- Need more **first-hour** volunteers.
- **ASB & Sophomore Senate Elections** happening in March.
- **Open House (April 22):** Leadership is planning activities.
 - Proposal for a **silent auction** with items made by students.
 - **PTO will handle the auction funds** since ASB cannot legally manage auctions.

Day on the Green (June 11):

- Parent volunteers needed.
- PTO has budgeted **\$350-\$500** for bounce houses and prizes.
- Leadership is **contacting vendors early** this year to avoid last-minute issues.
- Leadership will organize a **SignUpGenius for prizes**.

4. Science Department Update (Ken McKim)

- **Recent & Upcoming Science Activities:**
 - **Raptor Center Visit:** Took place Jan. 22-23, funded by direct family donations.
 - **Mobile Planetarium Event:** Scheduled for late March.
 - **7th Grade Frog Dissection & 8th Grade Pig Dissection:** Supplies are arriving.

5. PTO Budget & Fundraising (Ashley Burgdorf)

- **Financial Update:**
 - PTO finances are in **good shape**.
 - No major fundraising push needed.
 - Still collecting **small amounts from monthly fundraisers** (e.g., Panda Express, Nugget Scrip).

6. Freshman Events & Support

- **Freshman Breakfast:**
 - **PTO to budget for food.**

- Discussion on whether food costs have increased.
- More volunteers needed for food pickup & setup.
- **Freshman Promotion Ceremony (June 10):**
 - **PTO & PE Department** will work together on planning.

7. Other Business

- **Davis Schools Foundation Volunteer Appreciation Event:** March 7, 7-9 PM.
 - Open to PTO/PTA members – RSVP to Ashley if interested.

8. Next Meeting Date

- **Next PTO Meeting:** March 6, 2025.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 PM