



DHS PFSO General Meeting Minutes

Monday April 22, 2024 6:45 PM

Location - ARC (Building F), 2nd floor

I. Call to Order

The meeting started at 6:50 pm.

II. Administration Report

It is the end of the school year, so it is a very busy time at Dublin High.

The prom dance is next weekend, on April 27. AP Testing will begin the week of May 6 and will continue for two weeks. The admin team is working to finalize the master schedule for the next school year. Details will be shared with teachers by mid-May so they can plan accordingly.

There will be some changes in the way we handle donations. This school year (2023-24), parents were not automatically redirected to the donations page during registration, which led to fewer than expected donations. The district is currently reviewing this. Moving forward, all funding and donation requests will be managed through the ASB webstore.

III. President's Report

● Superintendent's Meeting Report:

Shazia was not able to attend the meeting however was able to share the following items discussed at the meeting:

- Due to the budget cuts the district is proactively trying to find solutions to bridge the financial gap. Mr. Funk is working on a district-wide fundraising program and recruiting volunteers to run this program. Other neighboring districts, like Pleasanton, Livermore, and San Ramon, have these programs in place for many years and they have been very successful. The district wide fundraising will help support academic programs, intervention and mental wellness for all district schools. This committee is still in the planning phase.
- Details about the election process at different PFCs and PFSOs were discussed. Discussions were held about how each school PFC/ PFSOs can reach and include incoming parents for the election. While Dublin High PFSO specifically reaches out to the middle school parents seeking nominations for incoming Class Rep position, we have always encouraged feeder school parents to get involved in the election process. Shazia recommended having a nomination committee for PFSO election next year and suggested that a hard cutoff be made a week before the election date so that there is enough time to review the applications and share with the community.

- **Feedback about Young Adult Power of Attorney and Family Transitions Events**

- PFSO hosted the Young Adult Power of Attorney presentation on March 25, 2024 before the general meeting. The audience found the presentation and the information shared therein very useful. However, parents felt the presenters could not answer some of the audience's questions.
- PFSO also hosted an event for senior parents regarding "Coping with Family Transitions" on April 17, 2024, in the ARC. Parents of the Class of 2023 had highly recommended this event. PFSO had shared information about the event for several weeks through Gael Gazette and social media platforms. However, only three senior parents attended the seminar. The audience had a nice personal experience and recommended such presentations and seminars should be shared every year, they help educate the parent community. Based on the positive feedback. Shazia suggested that a line item for future seminars be included in next year's budget.

Emily made the motion to approve payment of \$ 300 for the Senior Seminar on "Coping with Family Transitions". Ursula seconded it. All in favor. No abstains, no nays.

- **City of Dublin Grant - \$ 5000**

Every year the PFSO president works on getting grants for the school. The City of Dublin had approved a grant of \$5000 for Dublin High PFSO. The city office mailed the grant money check to the school during summer break. However, PFSO never received the check and, hence, never cashed it. Shazia has completed all the process to confirm that the grant money check was never received and cashed. The city office has yet to approve the request to replace the check. PFSO will continue to follow up.

- **Teacher Appreciation Lunch/Girls Scout Cookies Donation**

Teacher Appreciation Week starts on May 6, 2024. Per tradition, PFSO will host a staff luncheon on Wednesday, May 15, 2024. Swati Chopra is the chairperson for the event. Valley teachers have always been included in this event since they do not have any PFSO and share the DHS campus. The board also discussed whether EHS teachers should be included in the luncheon event. The board decided that Shazia would contact EHS PFSO to get the details and share an update later. PFSO already has an approved budget of up to \$ 2000 for the event. PFSO has received a generous donation of Girl Scout cookies for the Teacher Appreciation luncheon. Additionally, we will be utilizing the leftover beverages from the recent RYC event, ensuring nothing goes to waste.

- **Senior Scholarships**

Every year, PFSO funds senior scholarships of \$500 per student for up to the number approved by the board. This year we had 15 senior sponsorships and unfortunately only 14 senior students applied for it. Daniel Yang from the DHS Career Center handles the details of this along with PFSO Scholarship chair, Priyanka Shrama.

- **Senior Award Night**

As is tradition at DHS, the Class of 2025 will pay forward for the Senior Award night organized by the Counselors team.

IV. **Vice-President's Report**

- **Fireworks Booth**

- Nicole has filed the required paperwork for the Fireworks booth and received a permit for it. Previously, we had 2 iPads. This year we are getting 3 iPads with scanners (1 for each window). Scanners are very helpful for getting the correct pricing details.
- We need to have some battery backups for iPads.
- There is no access to dispose of trash at the booth. Nicole has emailed Amador Valley requesting a donation of a recycle bin, and is waiting for confirmation.
- Since there is no electricity at the location, sometimes it gets very hot. We have a generator, but it must be transported back and forth every night due to the risk of it being stolen.
- Nicole has also contacted the vendor to arrange for container pickup after July 4th. It may be on Friday, July 5th, or Monday, July 8th.
- The co-chair position for the Fireworks Booth is still open.
- PFSO and Class reps will reach out to parent volunteers for signup after the exact date for the booth and other details are available.
- In previous years, the classes needed to find volunteers to man the allocated class days. If the required classes cannot sign up for volunteering, whichever class signs up will get an appropriate amount of the profit-sharing.
- PFSO executive board days are open to chess and robotics clubs as well.
- Profit-sharing details will be discussed in the next board meeting in May.

- **Update on final RYC**

- Kristy has emailed the winner for timeshare and is awaiting a response.
- Board will block off parking spot for the winner of graduation tickets.
- The board needs to start exploring options for next year's RYC event. We need to look into the location options within Dublin. One possible option is the Dublin Senior Center since it has a big hall and kitchen facilities available. Next year, the weekend before the Super Bowl will be on Feb 1, 2025. Discussed other dates however it was agreed probably best to leave on Feb 1.

V. **Secretary's Report/ Approval of Minutes**

- **March 2024 meeting minutes approval**

The March 2024 meeting minutes were emailed to the Board and Class representatives, and printed copies were also available for review during the meeting.

Himali made the motion to approve the March 2024 meeting minutes. Nida seconds it. Barna abstains from voting since she was absent during the March meeting. Everyone else in favor, no nays.

VI. Treasurer's Report/ Financial Update

- Monthly Report
- The Treasurers shared details regarding the non-profit registration certificate.
- The Board needs to explore the options for a credit card that can be used for approved funding requests.
- Treasurers will also review the options: (i) If the Board should open bank account with another bank to get a better return on available funds OR (ii) The Board should open a CD or a new account with the existing bank.

VII. ASB

- Night Rally will be happening on the evening of May 1st. The leadership team is very busy, creating many posters, painting them, and having fun. The team would like to thank PFSO for their generous donation.
- Shirts will be distributed to students during the Night Rally. ASB has also received donations from sponsors for prize distribution, and some special prizes are planned.
- The team is looking for parent volunteers to handle raffle tickets.
- Spring Flea Market was organized on April 19th and was very successful. Just like Winter Boutique, food trucks and vendors were selling their products.
- The Gael Cup class competition is ending next Wednesday. The winning class will be revealed during the Night Rally. There will be a volcano in the middle of the gym, and during the rally, the volcano will emit smoke, indicating the color of the winning class. (special effects created with colored lighting).
- Leadership elections were conducted two weeks ago. Some changes were made to campaign rules so that the campaign could be more equitable. Voting was open from Wednesday through Thursday evening till 4 pm.
- The leadership team is having a Bonding event at Boomers on Monday, April 29th.

VIII. Funding Requests

- **Funding request from Yolanda Prado, Co-Lead Counselor, for \$600 for Senior College Boot Camp to be organized in August 2024**

Counselors already have an approved budget of \$3000 for the current school year (2023-24), so the funding request will be honored.

IX. Class & Club Reports

● **Class of 2024:**

- 405 students have signed up for the Senior Banquet happening on May 17.
- Senior Baccalaureate is planned on May 19. 100 students and 400 guests are expected to attend.
- Over 460 students have signed up for Disney Grad Night scheduled on June 1, 2024. The class already has 23 chaperones signed up for the event. The class rep parents are working to find 6-7 more parent volunteers for the event.
- Waiver forms are available for all the events on Google Forms.
- Ongoing fundraiser- sale of Graduation Leis and KT creations.

● **Class of 2025:**

- The Class of 2025 is reaching out to the community for volunteers for the Senior Baccalaureate ceremony.
- The sale of Clear Bags for the graduation ceremony is ongoing. 64 orders have been received so far. Class reps will look into changing the design for the next order so that the logo size is adjusted.
- Ongoing fundraiser – sale of Graduation Leis and Go-Green Driving School.
- Practice SAT and ACT tests will be offered during the summer.

● **Class of 2026:**

- The Savers fundraiser concluded last week. The Class collected around 960 lbs of donations and raised around \$ 200. It was noted that the drop off locations and details should have been communicated earlier for better response. It will also help to wait outside school sports events so that the collection efforts can have better results.
- The iNiBurger Fundraiser will take place from May 13 to May 19.
- The Class plans to sell water during the graduation ceremonies at Fallon and Wells middle schools on May 30 and DHS graduation ceremony on May 31.

● **Class of 2027:**

- The class had teamed up with gotsneakers.com to recycle gently used sneakers. The event received donations of around 100 pairs of which 70 pairs were shipped to the recycling center. The class will update on the amount they were able to fundraise through the event.
- Ongoing fundraiser of Little Ceasars pizza kit for May.
- The class is organizing a fundraiser for Mother's Day weekend on May 9th in partnership with Pinot's Palette. The class will receive \$10 for each ticket sold.

- **Chess Club**
- **Presidential Service Award Presentation**

The club advisor, Bhavna Jain, updated the Board that chess club students put in a lot of volunteer hours at chess classes organized at Wells Middle School and Wallis Ranch. The club maintains a detailed systematic record of several students' volunteer hours. Based on these records, 3 Chess Club students are eligible for Presidential Service Awards. DHS Principal Ms. Maureen Byrne and PFSO Board President Ms. Shazia Nomani awarded them their medals and certificates.

"With great pride and joy, PFSO Board members extend our warmest congratulations to Vikrant Ganeshan (11th grade), Sudith Thota (11th grade), and Ekam Dhot (10th grade) for their exceptional achievement in receiving the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. Their dedication to community service, demonstrated through their outstanding commitment of over 100 hours within a year, is truly commendable. These three students have earned their volunteer hours by imparting their knowledge and passion for chess to students at the Wells Middle Chess Program and the Wallis Ranch Community Program under the DHS Chess Volunteer Teaching Program. Vikrant, a junior, devoted 106 hours to teaching chess to elementary and middle school students, showcasing his leadership and teaching skills. Sudith volunteered for 102 hours and Ekam for 105 hours."

Chess club students also took part in a fundraiser chess tournament organized by TVCL at Stratford Middle School on April 6th. There were 26 participants and tickets were sold at \$ 8 each. A total of \$ 200 (\$ 194.82 after fees) was collected through the event. The proceeds will be shared with another student organization and PFSO will write the check after receiving required details from the chess club.

The club will be organizing an end of year Pizza party on Wednesdays, if allowed by the by-laws of chess club.

- **Gael Force Robotics**
- One Robotics Team is going to the world competitions in Dallas, Texas, from April 25 to 28, 2024. There are 18 students and 5 chaperones.
- The club has completed its elections for next school year and has new elected officers. The club will be organizing training for all new officers and parent supervisors.
- The club plans to organize a Team Bonding event with all team members at Six Flags.
- The club is looking for space to host the teams for next year and will update the PFSO Board about this.

X. **DHS Boosters** - Athletics, Band & Drama Reports

No Update

XI. **Old Business**

- **Seed money for Emerald High School PFSO**

Based on previous discussions and community input, Shazia asked the PFSO community to decide on the amount of donation for seed money, if it should be \$3500 or \$5000. While some members preferred a donation of \$ 3500, majority members preferred that donation money should be \$5000.

Shaheen made a motion to make a one-time donation of \$ 5000 to EHS PFSO as seed money. Ursula seconds it. Namrata abstains from the voting. Nicole, Shalini, Carmen, Angie B and Wendy B vote against the motion. Everyone else is in favor of it. The motion was passed with majority in favor.

- PFSO BoA Account review – to be reviewed during the next meeting.

XII. New Business

- **PFSO Board Election for next school year (2024-25)**

- The PFSO Board had invited nominations from the parent community for various board positions for the next school year, 2024-25. The board had also reached out to PFCs for 3 middle schools requesting nominations for Parent Reps for the Class of 2028.
- The board has received nominations from two new parents who introduced themselves:
- Namrata Berry : I have applied for the position of Communications Officer. I am currently the president of the Rotary Club of Dublin, CA and run a business in Dublin. My workplace and my volunteering experience have equipped me with the necessary skills and passion to contribute effectively to this role. Currently, my student is a Freshman at DHS and will be a Sophomore next school year.
- Debjani Paul : I wish to volunteer my leadership skills in PFSO because I believe it is a great opportunity to expand my experiences. I am dedicated to helping Gael Force Robotics as a club thrive and want to inspire each of its students to learn, compete, and connect with each other. Previously, I used to be a programming instructor at YoungWonks and immensely enjoyed my time working with each of my students. I want to continue to be able to mentor children in a new environment and develop my own skills alongside helping them achieve their own goals. Currently my student is a Junior at DHS and will be a Senior next school year.

Himali made the motion to confirm the following candidates for the respective positions to DHS PFSO Board for school year 2024-25. Barna seconded it. All in favor of it. No abstains, no nays.

Candidate Name	Position
Carmen Martinez	Parent Rep for Class of 2025
Nida Ahmed	Parent Rep for Class of 2025

Maria Gomez	Parent Rep for Class of 2025
Felicia Leopold	Parent Rep for Class of 2025
Rabia Babar	Parent Rep for Class of 2026
Kathy Rantz	Parent Rep for Class of 2026
Shaheen Parkar	Parent Rep for Class of 2026
Hana Tareq	Parent Rep for Class of 2026
Xochitl Padilla	Parent Rep for Class of 2027
Anita Sodha	Parent Rep for Class of 2027
Lyla Farmer	Parent Rep for Class of 2027
Emily Bayer	Parent Rep for Class of 2027
Priyanka Sharma	Scholarship Chair
Shalini Suravarjjala	GaelForce Robotics Club Advisor
Debjani Paul	GaelForce Robotics Club Advisor
Bhavna Jain	Chess Club Advisor
Subarnarekha De	Communications Officer
Namrata Berry	Communications Officer
Peggy Chook	Co-Treasurer
Linda Lu	Co-Treasurer
Preeti Dharia	Co-Treasurer
Siyu Henningsen	Co-Secretary
Himali Gandhi	Co-Secretary
Nicole Viscovich	President and Fireworks Booth Chair

Following Board

positions still remain open for school year 2024-25:

Vice President

Cochair for Fireworks Booth

Chair for RYC

Class Reps for Class of 2028

XIII. Adjourned at 8:45 - Next meeting will be on 5/20/2024

DHS PFSO Meeting Attendance

Board Members	PFSO Board Position	Signature
Shazia Nomani	President	<i>Shazia</i>
Nicole Viscovich	Vice president	<i>Nicole</i>
Peggy Chook	Treasurer	<i>Peggy</i>
Linda Lu	Co-Treasurer	<i>Linda</i>
Preeti Dharia	Co-Treasurer	<i>Preeti</i>
Siyu Henningsen	Co-Secretary	<i>Siyu</i>
Himali Gandhi	Co-Secretary	<i>Himali</i>
Barna De	Communicaton	<i>Barna</i>
Priyanka Sharma	Communicaton	<i>Priyanka</i>
Grace Drinkwater	Parent Class Representatives (2024)	
Ursala Richardson	Parent Class Representatives (2024)	<i>Ursala</i>
Anyee Chen	Parent Class Representatives (2024)	<i>Anyee</i>
Renee Wheeler	Parent Class Representatives (2024)	
Felicia Leopold	Parent Class Representatives (2025)	<i>Felicia</i>
Maria Gomez	Parent Class Representatives (2025)	<i>Maria</i>
Carmen Martinez	Parent Class Representatives (2025)	<i>Carmen</i>
Nida Ahmed	Parent Class Representatives (2025)	<i>Nida</i>
Rabia Babar	Parent Class Representatives (2026)	
Shaheen Parkar	Parent Class Representatives (2026)	<i>Shaheen</i>
Kathy Rantz	Parent Class Representatives (2026)	<i>Kathy</i>
Hana Tareq-Faizi	Parent Class Representatives (2026)	
Emily Bayer	Parent Class Representatives (2027)	<i>Emily</i>
Lyla Farmer	Parent Class Representatives (2027)	<i>Lyla</i>
Anita Sodha	Parent Class Representatives (2027)	<i>Anita</i>
Xochitl Padilla	Parent Class Representatives (2027)	
Shalini Suravarjaja	DHS PFSO Gael Force Robotics Club	<i>Shalini</i>
Bhavna Jain	DHS PFSO Chess Club	<i>Bhavna</i>
Swati Chopra	Teacher Appreciation	
Nicole Viscovich	Firebooth Co-Chairs	
Nida Ahmed	Firebooth Co-Chairs	
Priyanka Sharma	Scholarship Committee Chair	
Kristy Lijesen	Raise Your Class Co-Chairs	

Present

SAMIPI
Dunya Fakhri
Conner Tran
Debjani Paul
Vibekha Ganesan Student


PANOM
ASB President
ASB Secretary

Suresh
Pranav
Spaul
Vibekha

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Sudih Thala
EKOM Dhot
Jeraso

Namrata Berry

Angie Bentenshaw 

Wendy Bankson 