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Davis Richmond PTO Meeting  
November 16th, 2023 Davis LRC  
7:00pm

- Welcome
  - Principal/Teacher Reports
    - Gina Shaw
      - Chicago Steel Assembly and author visit were both huge hits with the kids
      - New ELA curriculum and many of our teachers are teaching other teachers in the district this new curriculum so we're very proud of the Davis staff.
      - Pawsitive therapy dogs coming back tomorrow for readers and also teachers
      - The question was asked if some of the teachers who are at Davis or Richmond might change the grade levels that they teach and Gina said that the district's HR team and the teachers union are in discussion to figure out who will go where.
      - The question was asked how we can help support our teachers right now and words of thanks are greatly appreciated, and food!
    - Lisa Simoncelli-Bulak- sick this evening and unable to attend but also thankful for the cookies and note from the PTO
    - Davis Richmond Teacher update- no teacher reps at this meeting
  - Finance Update (Jill)
    - Current Bank Balance- \$13,500
    - Recent Expenses
      - Teachers have requested funds
      - Cookies and signs for teachers

- Trunk or Treat
      - Spent approx. \$1,500 and raised approx \$2,700
      - \$1,188 profit
      - Feedback was positive re: the space used behind the school near the playground
      - Good idea to have additional raffle items beyond the teacher raffles
- DPTO Meeting (Alisa)
  - Recap
    - Discussed the DR split, many didn't know much about it
    - Why are there going to be mobiles? It's needed- these mobiles will potentially be needed in the middle school level for "bubbles" of larger grades like at Davis right now we have 7 second grade sections- eventually these larger bubbles will be at the middle school level. Flex space is needed for when those situations arise in the future
    - The school board received over 100 emails re: the DR split
    - Davis ADA compliance needs to be addressed, there was a referendum to address this in 2008 that did not pass so these needs are once again coming to the surface
    - There was a podcast on October 20 discussing many of the upcoming changes (below is from the district website)

*School finance can be confusing. From the size of a school district's budget and types of funds it includes to the percentage of local, state and federal revenue it receives, there's a lot to understand. Chief Operating Officer Justin Attaway shares insights into District 303's budget, the tax levy process, and addresses school finance misconceptions.*

*This episode also reviews the financial considerations of maintaining and improving District 303 facilities. Additionally, hear an update on the school attendance boundary process and how you can get involved and stay informed.*

*Learn more from this episode on the District's website on the [Business Services Department](#) and [boundary](#)*

*updates pages.*

<https://podcast.d303.org/podcast/finances-and-facilities/>

- Boundary Info Sessions
  - North HS Nov 28th 6:00
  - East HS Nov 29th 6:00
- Restaurant Night Update (Alisa)
  - Portillos (last night)
  - Riverside (next month)
- Trivia Night (Jill)
  - Riverlands had no overhead, would be a Thursday night again but a limit on space
  - Natalie mentioned she has a contact at Pollyanna and we could potentially use their space on a Monday evening
  - Rethink raffles (Natalie mentioned a wine/gift card blind bag for \$50)
  - We made about \$2000 last year
- PTO Board
  - Board members for 23-24 year (Melissa)
    - Need 2 boards next year- outgoing board can assist but we'd like to pass off
    - Reach out to lead room parents
    - New PTO boards typically run the May meeting and begin planning in June
    - Look into school supply kit suppliers
  - Yearbook (Sarah)
    - Price currently is \$16.80 for 64 pages
    - Order by date is currently set for May 14
    - "Together" is the theme
    - Would like a committee to work on pages and also have a group of people to hand off to whatever school I'm not at next year
  - Boosterthon

- No new info- still planning for March
- Teacher Appreciation Week- May
- 5th Grade Breakfast- duplicate last year
- End of Year Block Party
- Talent show
- Maybe Fannie Mae for Easter

Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm by Alisa

Attendance:

Sarah Perkins

Melissa Baswell-Williams

Jill Chandler

Alisa Sawka

Natalie Troiani

Gina Shaw

Rosa Morales