

# DeKalb School of the Arts

## PTSA General Meeting – November 12, 2019

6 – 6:30 PM, Kyle Theater

Stacey Lucas opened meeting, welcomed attendees. Introduced Treasurer Cherry Wongtrakool Treasurer's report – overview. Expenditures tend to be early in the year, including teacher grants, etc. Each department got a fairly full amount of funds. We're tracking on par with what we anticipated.

Reflections update – Michelle Huff. 29 students moved on to district level; six awards within the school were given out. The awards are funded by the PTSA. Michelle handed out the awards to the winners. Reflections committee will need new chairs for the next school year.

President's Report – Stacey Lucas

thanks to volunteers and donors for SPA dance. SPA board did amazing job running it. Reminder that volunteers are needed for many things. Also, looking for liaisons between Melissa Marion-Landais, Volunteer Coordinator, and faculty/staff to help put together events.

Lot of upcoming events, holiday concert, Dark Night, etc.

Update on E-SPLOST. Board meeting in November. Presented revised list for general obligation bond. DSA is on that list for \$25 million, an increase of 10 million from earlier. Not sure why this was added. Still no curriculum outline. Lots of unanswered questions. We have more to do. Will put together talking points and post on PTSA website. BOE will be voting December 9 on whether to go forward with GO Bond. PTSA coordinating efforts to speak, several of us have done this, please connect with us for more info if you'd like to participate. The more people signed up, the better – students, parents, alumni. If they approve GO bond list, it will go forward for a vote in May. The other interesting thing is a possible contingency plan, if it does not pass, pulling money from general funds. We've asked exactly what this means. We want this to work for our students. More discussion about board, speaking before the board. December 2 a possible date for the board to review GO bond list.

Principal search – PAC President Shoshana could not attend; Stacey gave update. Resume reviews and interviews completed, recommendations have been made. BOE to conduct final interviews. BOE severed ties with Superintendent Green yesterday, Interim Superintendent is in place. Hopefully this will not affect principal search. Question about DSA supporter turnout at September board hearing; answer is that they heard us regarding facilities. We need to continue the advocacy. Not sure why facilities still not (inaudible).

Production Report – Mr. Nealer

Getting ready for Dark Night – into tech next week.

December 5, holiday concert at church. Then Nutcracker in a Nutshell. Then, finals. TYA slated for January; BHT trying to find separate location, targeting February 1. BHT has had a history of bad luck in Kyle Theater – feeling that moving the venue might spark more people to come see it.

#### Principal's Advisory Committee

SPA committee did an exceptional job with the dance, as did the parent volunteers. Kids had a great time. As for the superintendent change, Ms. Tyson will take over and serve until July during search. Financial audit taking place in office. Any time administrative change, this happens. Principal's position has been removed from website, which probably means they've made a recommendation for a candidate to the superintendent. Mention of facilities walkthrough. Biggest thing right now, addressing 30k grant to help shore up access points that are open, security enhancements to doors, etc. A lot of doors are old and falling down and are being worked on. Right now, they (county repair department) are very short-staffed. The intercom system is so outdated, Dr. Reese asked me what is a cassette tape. This is one of only two systems in the county that is this old. We've got a good list of things to do. Question about improving signage for county registration. He has put in work order for more signage. Hoping get all records on 200 hall moved out of this building, finding new location. We literally can't get in and out of the parking lot at beginning of school year because so many people from across county being here. More discussion of delayed maintenance. Thank you to all for patience and tolerance for interim principals.