

Dekalb School of the Arts PTSA

Minutes: Wednesday September 30th General Meeting

Time: 6:30 p.m. (on Microsoft Teams)

1. Welcome—President Lee Ann Else gave context for the 2020-21 Budget vote and for the current needs of the school.
2. The President introduced a motion to adopt the Georgia PTA Bylaws in their latest version. These-Bylaws were approved by unanimous vote.
3. Approval of August Minutes: The DSA PTSA August General Meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote.
4. Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Siobhan Whitlock presented the Audit and the Budget for 2020-21.
5. Approval of 2020/21 Budget for DSA PTSA: A motion was introduced by Dr. Michael Bell to approve the budget. The budget passed with a unanimous vote of 34 in favor. (The vote was being conducted by Teams “hand-raising” and chat box response, which makes counting more complex, so there were possibly more than 34 present for the unanimous vote).
6. Principal’s Report: Principal George Greene introduced the new Assistant Principal, Taneka Knight. He then opened the floor to the teachers. Mr. Landes, Ms. Derricks, Mr. Yeung, Mr. Feliciano, and other academic faculty gave updates on teaching with technological enhancements.
7. Arts Faculty Update: Mr. Nealer (Drama/Tech) spoke about the approaching production season, and the several filmed (virtual) productions that are on the Arts departments’ schedules for October and after. Dr. Bell spoke about the virtual choir show in late October, Ms. Jacobs (Visual Art) introduced the “Fourth Wall Pieces” and collaborations with the Drama department, as well as technological productions being made by the students. Mr. Moore (Band/Instruments) spoke about instrumental recital series on film. Ms. Dunn (Dance) introduced the guest teacher series, and three upcoming virtual performances: “Quarantine Routines,” “Bedtime for Ballerinas,” and “Nutcracker.”
8. Mr. Greene took several questions.
9. The meeting was adjourned.