



DSA PTSA President's Report

PTSA Officers: Lee Ann Else, President; Patricia Richmond, Vice President; Kathryn Pratt Russell, Secretary; and Siobhan Whitlock, Treasurer.

2020 was an exceptional year on so many fronts. I want to take a moment and thank each of you for joining PTSA, investing in our school and making sure that we could meet this extraordinary moment and continue to provide enrichment to the educational experience at DSA.

While the virtual school year has come with challenges and lost arts opportunities for students, our small school community has been creative and flexible. Teachers pivoted their work to teach on new platforms and produce virtual arts performances for online audiences.

The administration was intentional about regularly communicating with parents and focusing on the unique needs our students face in a year that comes with isolation, lost activities, and online school.

PTSA accomplished many things last semester because of your generous contributions to the enrichment and teacher appreciation funds and

the valuable time and talent of parent volunteers.

PTSA was asked to 1) fund arts enrichment 2) invest in new technology 3) improve fundraising capacity 4) improve marketing/PR efforts to raise the profile of school at the district and in the community

- Raised \$5000 and established a new annual fundraising campaign
- Invested in digital file storage and an online audition platform
- Produced a DSA Cornucopia experience and highlight reel
- Created a new DSA overview brochure and CCRPI one-pager
- Hosted DCSD district-wide Reflection Ceremony
- Paid for PTSA and AP testing
- Supported grant requests for arts departments
- Supported Latin Club, Science Olympiad and Reading Bowl
- Supported gifts and professional development for teachers
- Provided SPA snacks for 10th grade- for winning engagement

Priorities for this semester are to support DSA recruitment and admission auditions, and to make a plan to celebrate our Senior Class of 2021. PTSA is ready to support school needs that could arise if there is a change to in-person learning this semester, and in preparation for next year.

Thank you to the PTSA Committee Leaders: Aimee Ahmed and Kate Garay for Hospitality and Teacher Appreciation efforts; Anna Blitz for running a robust Reflections competition; Cherry Wongtrakool for doing the DSA Newsletter; Caroline Engel and Tricia Herold for Spiritwear; Rachel Kaufman for Box Tops; Irena and Ed Seufert for Beautification and Publicity; Stacey Lucas for Website and as Drama Representative; Melissa Marion-Landais as Volunteer Coordinator; Mary DiGiacomo-Simon for Concessions.

Special thanks to Jenny McMillin Boone for designing the new DSA brochures and Eliza Boyanton (DSA Alumni- 2020) for creating and managing the GA Gives fundraising campaign and the Cornucopia experience. Lola Beall for producing our DSA Reflections video and Tendekai Mawokomatanda for participating in the DCSD Reflections event.