

Davis PTO March 2019 Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Trevonnel Brown
Donna Stewart
Laurie Ludwig
Tony Collins
Lou Ann Goding

Robin Alford
Sue Ormond
Lynn Wray
Dan Bartels

Amy Christensen
Cathy Scurlock
Donna Stewart
Jenny Finck

Christi Koch
Mirinda Cover
Tuanita Moore
Dawn Stiles

Meeting called to order at 6:58pm by Trevonnel Brown

Welcome Trevonnel Brown

Special Guest Lou Ann Goding

* Lou Ann provided us with copies of district data collected for Davis. This information can be viewed any time by going to www.ops.org, clicking on “departments” then “finance” then “research” then “assessments” then “school data”

* Starting next year a new attendance program will be rolled out within the district. It is granted funded. After a student misses a certain number of school days a letter will be sent to parent(s)/guardian(s) informing them of how many days have been missed and how that compares to attendance of their peers.

* OPS K-5 curriculum is behind, which impacts our state testing results. Updating this is a priority of Dr. Logan’s. Ms. Goding recommended utilizing Kahn academy online to help your child with any areas of academics they may need extra help with.

*By going to <https://nep.education.ne.gov/> you can compare testing scores to schools around the state of Nebraska.

* Dr. Logan is preparing to cut \$10 million from next year’s budget.

*Construction has started at 156th and Ida for the new high school, they are removing trees and preparing the ground. Davis is in the zone that will feed into the new high school.

* There will be updated boundary meetings at all OPS high schools, dates will be announced soon.

* It is hoped that with the 2 new high schools opening all OPS high schools will have approximately 1500 students. The new high school at 156th and Ida is on schedule to open to Freshmen and Sophmores in 2022 (current 5th graders and 6th graders will be the first class).

Secretary’s Report Christi Koch

* Minutes from our January 2019 meeting were emailed to all members along with the agenda for the March Meeting.

* Motion to approve minutes by Jenny F., 2nd by Dawn S. Motion approved

* Spring Box Tops have been submitted in the amount of \$37.20 Our total earned with box tops for education this year is \$203.20.

Treasurer’s Report Amy Christensen

Principal's Report Mr. Bartels

* Davis is going to be a pilot composting school for the district. We potentially could keep almost 3,000 bags of trash out of landfills this year. Students will start composting lunch on Thursday, there will be grade level meetings to going over the process Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Currently the Davis dumpster gets dumped 4 times per week. Once lunch and breakfast are composting it is hopefully that the dumpsters will need to be dumped once per month.

* We are fully staffed. Mrs. Hibler is resigning after this year. Ms. Wagoner will be going to social studies full time next year, Mr. Steward will be splitting his time between service learning and social studies and we are adding a new 7th and 8th grade teacher. The reading skills program and teachers will make slight adjustments for next year.

* State testing will be starting next week. ELA will be up the first week of April, 2nd week will be Science (8th grade only) and 3rd week will be Math. We will try not to test on Fridays.

* AQuESTT is the state's version of school accountability. It is made of up tenets looking at testing results, attendance, ELL performance, participation in testing and overall growth for students/school overall. It is focusing on growth and improvement for all kids, regardless of what level they start out at. Davis is currently ranked a good, we are striving to be great.

* We are going to need a shadow board for next year. Please reach out to the incoming board or Mr. Bartels if you are interested in shadowing next year and serving on the PTO board the 2020-2021 school year. Incoming president: Christi Koch, incoming vice-president Tony Collins, incoming secretary Patty Lewis, incoming Treasurer Amy Christensen

* Current 6th and 7th graders will be receiving their course catalogs this week, registrations will be due next week.

Book Store Update Donna Stewart

* We will be donating a basket of Davis bookstore gear to the Prairie Wind Elementary spring carnival.

* Incoming 6th grade tshirts will be ordered soon based on the number of tshirts sold last year. Order forms will be emailed out to incoming 6th grade parents.

* A sign up genius will be sent out in the next week or so for the 3 events left this year where we will be looking for volunteers to work at the book store. Please consider donating an hour or so of your time!

- April 4th (NJHS induction)
- April 25th (Band and Strings concert)
- May 16th (Chorus concert)

Spanish Placement and Testing Cathy Scurlock

* Mrs. Scurlock shared current Spanish class information for all OPS high schools for parents to keep in mind as they register their 8th graders for high school.

* Current Spanish students and Davis Spanish alumni will have the opportunity to take the Avant test this spring. It is a placement test, similar to the MAP testing that Math and ELA does, that identifies Spanish ability.

* Hopefully a trip to Puerto Rico will be available for 8th graders taking Spanish next year. It will take place over spring break 2020. A parent information meeting will be held at Davis on April 18th.

Motion to adjourn at 8:12 by Jenny F, 2nd by Donna S., motion passed

** Next meeting will be held Monday, April 29th at 7pm in the Davis Library **