



**NORTH DAVIS  
ELEMENTARY**

**pta**

## **General Board Meeting Agenda**

**November 21, 2023**

**7:00 PM-8:00 PM**

**Executive Board Mtg - unless rescheduled**

**Monday, November 6 · 7:00 – 8:00pm**

**Google Meet**

**Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/xjc-mwkw-xgw>**

Attendance: Megan Agee, Tracy Alexander, Ann Carroll, Tim Carroll, Angelina Crans Yoon, Geoff Dietrich, Katie Dietrich, Jessica Heuer, Cara Messmore, Rebecca Pinto, Todd Robertson, Kelly Samson, Isabel Snodgrass, Ryan Snodgrass, Nicole Sortor, Tatiana Malta Soucy, Emilia Wisniewski, Dan Wang, Tina Wang, James Yoon

Call to Order: 6:32 pm

Name and Title of Presiding Officer: Ann Carroll, NDE PTA President

Quorum: 25, Yes

1. Roll Call and Introduction:

i. Executive Board

1. Present

- a. President - Ann Carroll
- b. Executive Vice President - James Yoon
- c. Treasurer - Dan Wang
- d. Secretary - Katie Dietrich

2. Joined late:

- a. Principal - Rebecca Pinto
- b. Guest Presenter - Cara Messmore, DJUSD Director

of Student Support Services

- 3. Absent
  - a. Communications - Hanna Nakano
  - b. Parliamentarian - Justine Kastan
  - c. Events and Fundraising Chair - Willy Hsu
  - d. Historian - Bridgett Rexford
  - e. Teacher representative - Karen Fingerman
  - f. Teacher representative - Sarah Eich
- 4. Vacant
  - a. Auditor
- 2. President's Report: Ann Carroll
  - a. Scholastic Book Fair thanks
  - b. Important dates: Strategic fencing public comment meetings, Dec. 12, 2023
  - c. Winter movie night, Dec. 15, 2023
  - d. Giving Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023
- 3. Secretary's Report: Katie Dietrich
  - a. Approval of October General Meeting minutes tabled until next meeting, so that 10 days public notice is provided.
- 4. Treasury:
  - a. Current balance \$58,442.05
  - b. Vote to ratify funds for approved/budgeted expenses detailed in [meeting presentation](#) and below:

expense ratification		
4th-6th grade student planners	North Davis Elementary	801.08
Art supplies	June Wood	874.14
Grants to NDE	North Davis Elementary	48650
Jogathon and Party Supplies	Vivian Wang	312.75
PTA Accounting Software Renewal	TechSoup	75
Kona Ice for June 2023	James Yoon	614.33
School T-shirt order from Ink-monkey	Ink Monkey	2157
DJUSD Facilities Use	DJUSD	315.36
Marching Band Donation	UC Regents	100
Donuts for meeting with Principal	Yu Hou	31.9

- i. Motion to ratify expenses: James Yoon
  - 1. Seconded
  - 2. Motion passed
- c. Vote to release funds for anticipated expenses as detailed in [meeting](#)

[presentation](#) and below:

Release Funds	
Book Fair Grants	\$165.15
PE Supplies	\$711.86
Garden Rehab	\$1,000.00
Auction Rental	\$500.00

- i. Details:
    1. Book Fair - rest will be moved to next book fair (\$1000 budgeted)
    2. Chris Lyles, Garden Rehab
    3. Auction at Sudwerks on Feb 24. deposit needed
  - ii. Motion to release funds for budgeted expenses: James Yoon
    1. Seconded
    2. Motion passed
5. NDE Update
- a. Rebecca Pinto, Principal
    - i. Thank you for library book fair certificates
      1. Better system next time so more kids can participate
    - ii. Sprinklers in garden area will be set up over break
6. Discussion with Cara Messmore, DJUSD Director of Student Support Services
- a. Intro by Ann Carroll
    - i. Parent safety survey [results](#) show interest in more measures:
      1. Rebecca Pinto will send survey results to facilities email and will share survey results in newsletter
    - ii. Public outreach on DJUSD's strategic fencing at NDE meeting
      1. NDE New MPR, Dec 12, 3:30pm and 5:30 pm
      2. DJUSD will review feedback emailed to [facilityplanning@djUSD.net](mailto:facilityplanning@djUSD.net) until end of public comment period on Friday, January 5, 2024 at 5 pm.
  - b. Cara Messmore
    1. Parent safety survey [results](#):
      - a. Rebecca Pinto will send survey results to facilities

email and will share survey results in newsletter

2. Safety can be defined in many ways
  - a. Social-emotional wellbeing
  - b. Safety from outside
    - i. Perspective that seems most pressing from conversations with NDE PTA and survey results
3. Door Locking:
  - a. Messmore conducted small pilot asking for 2-3 teacher volunteers to lock doors. Low interest in participating in pilot.
  - b. Upon conclusion, all but one pilot teachers requests not to lock doors.
    - i. Elementary level teachers more open to locked doors than High School level teachers.
  - c. Discussions with district about reviewing door locking protocol.
    - i. Current circumstance: All doors have lock-block. Rubber mechanism that allows door, when engaged, to open and close. Adult or child can engage locks from inside.
    - ii. One pilot teacher participated at NDE.
    - iii. Principal Pinto explained reasons for teachers preferring open doors may have to do with health and Covid-protection.
    - iv. Question about locking doors?
      1. Parent comment: Not enough pilot participants
      2. Parent question: Will teachers be making decision about door locking policy?
        - a. Answer: Although teacher choice is important and parents can make requests of teachers, decision may be made by directive. But it relates to working conditions/subject to union consultation.
4. Fencing:
  - a. Survey showed some opposing views on fencing

- b. DJUSD is pursuing strategic fencing with bond money.
    - i. \$3 million from bond dollars re-allocated from new MPRs to strategic fencing.
  - c. Likely there will be fencing in front of first grade at NDE, with additional strategic fencing elsewhere. Subject to public discussion. Proposals to be made at public hearing.
  - d. Definition of strategic fencing
    - i. Strategic fencing is analyzing campus for obvious/safe points of entry. Limiting entrances to campus and exits from campus.
      - 1. North Davis among three campuses to be prioritized for strategic fencing
5. School resource officer
- i. Likely that DJUSD will bring SRO position back - 1 SRO for 17 schools
    - 1. Purpose of SRO: Create relationship with families, students, reduce stigma on law enforcement, reinforce police are helpers, assist in matters with law enforcement. Run interventions on vandalism, drug and alcohol abuse, help with safety drills and safety protocols. Talk about bicycle safety.
6. Electronic surveillance:
- a. Popular in survey. Could cost in the \$100's of thousands for DJUSD, because they require round the clock monitoring. Liability if it is not monitored. High cost of initial setup and continued maintenance. In years past, no one was ever caught.
  - b. Parent comment: Strategic fencing could help in areas where fencing is not complete. People think that the site is an extension of the park.
  - c. Parent comment: Stray pedestrians unaware of school boundaries aren't main safety concern.
  - d. Parent comment: Surveillance systems are prone to vandalism.
  - e. Parent question: Request for research on strategic fencing and effectiveness as opposed to full fencing.

- i. Messmore answer: Problem of active shooter is addressed by perimeter fencing, not strategic fencing.

7. Open Q&A:

- a. Parent comment: Cautions that closed doors may impact air quality and viral transmission.
  - i. Pinto answer: Concerned parents can speak with Principal Pinto to have classroom air assessed/audited.
    - 1. Classrooms have filters
    - 2. This is concerning for staff, too.
- b. Parent comment: Ensure that information at public comment is shared publicly due to conflict with Hanukkah.
  - i. Messmore answer: Will ask about possibility of having data shared prior to public comment meeting.
- c. Parent comment: DJUSD web pages often say they are “to be updated” with meeting information, but don’t get updated. Generally, parents complain that not enough information is accessible.
- d. Parent comment: Ensure that we share all survey results, including open ends. What other opportunities are there for community members to weigh in on decisions?
  - i. Messmore answer: Email facilities email, Superintendent Best, Board of Education, Principal Pinto. Dec. 12 meeting may be the only public forum for comment.
- e. Parent comment: Shared opinion article indicating 5 elements of functional school security system: Security Equipment and Technology; Site and Building Design; Security Personnel; Security Policies and Procedures; Security Training, Exercises, and Drills
- f. Parent Question: Davis police stated goal of hardening campuses by 2024/25. What is Messmore’s opinion about this?
  - i. Messmore answer: School safety is about student well-being and mental health. Has

surveyed teachers about getting ALICE training (active shooter tactical training of staff). Mixed opinions on this by teachers. Major policy focus is early interventions/ threat assessment.

- g. Parent Question: What makes Davis unique as to why we have fewer security measures than other locations?
  - i. Messmore answer: Messmore is not addressing same concerns as her counterparts on campuses in Vacaville and Sacramento. Still, no one is 100% immune to active shooter. People fear active shooters, but it is most unlikely to happen. It is worth celebrating that Davis is different, but making necessary changes.

There is no incidence of a locked door being breached in a school shooting incident. Aggressors are looking for an easy in. Therefore, Messmore feels strongly about lock-blocks, and potential to move toward locked doors policy.

- 8. Parent comment: Interested also in SEL portion of safety, in addition to physical safety.
  - a. Messmore answer: Can come back another time to talk about SEL. Or PTA can invite NDE counselors to address the topic. SEL is prevention work to keep schools safe. A lot of protocols in place.
  - b. NDE working on getting grant to work on "Second step" SEL curriculum teacher training. NDE staff will be refreshing their training. NDE was selected to receive grant funding for refresher because PTA funded training initially and staff was interested.

7. Adjournment: 7:44 pm