



**NORTH DAVIS
ELEMENTARY**

pta

General Board Meeting Agenda

December 19, 2023

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Google Meet

Video call link:

<https://meet.google.com/qry-tmyc-zug?hs=122&authuser=0>

Attendance: Karen Fingerman, Megan Agee, James Yoon, Ann Carroll, Katie Dietrich, Sarah Eich, Justyna Glodowska-Wernert, Willy Hsu, Justine Kastan, Bridgett Rangel Rexford, Pamela Reynolds, Isabel Snodgrass, Dan Wang, Emilia Wisniewski

Call to Order: 6:37 pm

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

Quorum: 14, 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
- e. Fundraising - Willy Hsu
- f. Parliamentarian - Justine Kastan
- g. Historian - Bridgett Rexford
- h. Teacher representative - Karen Fingerman
- i. Teacher representative - Sarah Eich

- j. Guest Presenter - Joe DiNunzio, DJUSD Trustee, Presentation on Measure N
 - 2. Absent
 - a. Principal - Rebecca Pinto
 - b. Communications - Hanna Nakano
 - 3. Vacant
 - a. Auditor
- 2. Guest Presentation on Measure N by DJUSD Board Member, Joe DiNunzio
 - a. [Link](#) to presentation slides
 - b. Measure M parcel tax to provide educational funding across all campuses
 - i. Funding targets include:
 - 1. Elementary: Science, Library, Counselors
 - 2. Secondary: World Language, 7th period, nurses, counselors, athletics
 - 3. Elementary and Secondary: Reduces class sizes
 - c. Measure N requires $\frac{2}{3}$ super-majority to renew Measure H parcel tax, which expires next year.
 - i. Renewal at same rate (\$768 per parcel per year)
 - ii. Difference: Continue parcel tax until Davis residents or trustees vote to stop it.
 - iii. Exemption for seniors who are primary land owners/residents or have disability. 20% of eligible residents take exemption.
 - d. Measure N will ensure keeping 100 teaching/staff positions. Represents 10% of operating budget. Voters have approved parcel tax for 40 years. Therefore, DJUSD wants to make it permanent.
 - e. Q & A:
 - i. Q. Why no increase in rate?
 - 1. A: Rate is indexed to inflation, although education goes up faster than general rate of inflation.
 - ii. Q. What percent of students live outside of Davis?
 - 1. A: Of 8,400 students, 1,000 are out of Davis boundaries. 60% of those are enrolled due to employment of parent or guardian. ~25% were residents of district and then moved.
 - 2. State pays \$10,000 per student, regardless of residence.
 - 3. Cost to district of students lost is \$10,000-\$11,000. Out of district students contribute significantly to budget due to state payments. When there is enrollment decline, you have to take from other programs to make up for loss.
 - iii. Q/comment: Request by teacher to make a goal of using bond funds to reduce class size at elementary level. They are creeping

up from the ideal of 20 and can be up to 26 at some grade levels. Class size reduction is important to learning outcomes.

1. A. Frustrated about insufficient funding from state. Parental volunteering in classroom helps with class size increase. But we can't count on that. Board is sensitive to this issue.

f. Closing remarks:

- i. Would like to come back another time to talk about housing for school community, teachers, staff etc.
- ii. Info on parcel tax with FAQ: https://www.djUSD.net/about/parcel_tax
- iii. Share questions or comments by email: jdinunzio@djUSD.net
- iv. Goal is for all PTAs to endorse measure N
- v. Need representation of all campuses on committee. Identify 4-5 people per campus to serve on committee and answer questions from parents in community.

3. NDE Updates:

a. Sarah Eich, Teacher Representative:

- i. Prop 28 funding is covering:
 1. Mr. Nagle, art teacher, beyond what is PTA supported
 2. 2nd-3rd grade getting weekly music instruction
- ii. Class art projects requested for auction

b. Karen Fingerman, Teacher Representative:

- i. Pops Choir (PTA funded):
 1. Kids enjoying, and morning schedule is well-received
 2. After school match club run by high school students started last week (Brewin and Toy). 50 kids joined on first day.
 - a. Not homework, but enrichment
- ii. Variety show, Dec. 20, 8:30-10am, whole school
- iii. Will get started on musical after confirming rehearsal space. More news in January.

4. President's Report, Ann Carrol:

- a. Lost and found available outside MPR, will be donated to Goodwill at beginning of break.
- b. Summary of Superintendent All Advisory Committee meeting (membership by invitation; meetings are not for discourse, but allow comments)
 - i. Meeting agenda:
 1. Incidents of hate
 - a. Acknowledgment and assurances that police are

involved

2. Elementary level vandalism
 3. Strategic fencing update
 4. TK/K Classroom update
 - a. Building classrooms for TK/K all day class
 - b. Currently not enough space for all the students
 - c. NDE will not be first, given space and logistics
 5. Parcel Tax (Measure N) information update
 6. COVID tests going home over winter break
 - ii. Ann commented regarding disappointment that the December 12, NDE public comment meeting on strategic fencing was not well attended due to timing, and information was not shared with community prior to meeting.
 - iii. Next meeting Jan. 10 via Zoom. Agenda won't be shared until right before.
 - c. Update on DJUSD strategic fencing plans
 - i. Public comment on strategic fencing are still open until Jan. 5, 2024 (email FacilityPlanning@djUSD.net)
 - ii. Comments from public comment meeting and survey findings have been shared with Facilities group.
 - iii. DJUSD proposal for strategic fencing, as presented at public comment meeting, is to direct foot traffic so that yard duty can supervise specific points instead of the whole perimeter. Make more inconvenient for foot tracking across campus. Prevent elopers and provide better surveillance of trespassers.
5. Secretary's Report, Katie Dietrich:
- a. Vote to approve [October](#) and [November](#) 2023 general meeting minutes as posted on NDE PTA website: <https://ndepta.com/meetings-2-3-2/>
 - b. No corrections
 - c. Motion to approve minutes: Ann Carrol
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. Motion passed
6. Treasurer's Report: Dan Wang
- a. Current balance \$57,424.94
 - i. Revenue, October-December: \$3,049.07
 - ii. Expenditures, October-December: \$56,275.69
 1. Biggest expenditure is \$48,650 for Departmental Grants
 - b. Vote to ratify funds for approved/budgeted expenses as detailed in [meeting presentation](#) and below:

Book Fair Grants	\$165.15
PE Supplies	\$711.86
Auction Rental Deposit	\$500.00
Coffee & Donuts	\$31.90

- c. Motion to ratify approved expenses: James Yoon
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. Motion passed
- d. Vote to release funds for approved/budgeted expenses as detailed in [meeting presentation](#) and below:

Pops Choir 1st Half Payment	\$1,150.00
Field Lining - Geoff Dietrich	\$334.95
Fundraiser Expenditures for Nom-Nom Wednesdays and Movie Nights - Willy Hsu	\$990.14
Kids-in-motion, Aug-Dec - Kristen Muir	\$1820

- i. Motion to release funds: James Yoon
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Motion passed
- e. Vote to modify budget
 - i. \$5,000 DJUSD fund for art program returned to PTA, since covered by DJUSD. Proposal to re-allocate \$4,000 to new activity: Fencing with Simon Pitfield.
 - 1. Discussion:
 - a. Classes to be provided for 4th-6th grade.
 - b. \$4k for 2 coaches and 6 days of instruction. 2 classes attend per session, and 4 sessions run each day.
 - c. Last year, each class received 3 sessions. This year, the proposal is for 6.
 - d. Teachers have questions about timing and frequency, and location.

- i. This year we have 9 classes instead of 8. He was suggesting he could do 4 sessions in a day, but he will need more classes given the extra class.
 - ii. MPR space is already used on Fridays. Will require discussion among teachers to reschedule current activities.
 - iii. Teachers' initial instinct is to approve the proposal, if they can work out all details.
 - e. Question: Who does Kids in Motion serve, and is fencing serving same group? Hard for younger grades when sport is not accessible to all. PTA should consider funding activities that all can access.
 - i. Answer: Kids in Motion serves the whole school. Run by Kristen Muir, playground activities coordinator. She helps support the teachers by setting up equipment (e.g. volleyball net). Her position is partially PTA supported, partially school funded, and PTA covers expense of new equipment. PTA is exploring possibility of new programs that can keep running once Kristen retires.
 - 2. Motion to modify of budget to allocate \$4,000 originally allocated to school block grant to cover fencing with Simon Pitfield conditional on teachers approving this use of funding: James Yoon
 - a. Seconded
 - b. Motion passed
7. Fundraising and Events Report, Willy Hsu:
 - a. Upcoming Events:
 - i. Talent Show, Dec. 2023
 - ii. Two-part walking workshop with Justyna Glodowska-Wernert, December 21, 2023 and January 11, 2024
 - 1. Facilitated workshop for private and group reflections
 - 2. Session 1: 2023 reflection
 - 3. Session 2: 2024 goal setting and intention
 - 4. Northstar park, meeting at Grande and Mercedes Ave.
 - 5. Build community
 - 6. Donations welcome to go to PTA budget
 - iii. Following two dates have been moved due to winter break:

1. Jan. 8, 2024: Executive Board Meeting
 2. Jan. 9, 2024: Donuts with Principal
 - iv. Auction, Feb. 24, 2024:
 1. Need auction donations
 2. Volunteers welcome to work on procurement list (request donations from downtown)
- b. Past Events:
 - i. Nom Nom Wednesday
 1. Successful though income is lower than before
 - ii. December Winter Movie Night
 1. Pre-order pizza is successful, because you can't return pizza orders if attendance is light (like in December)
 2. Would like to continue movie tradition
 - a. Sing along?
 3. Speakers - still working on improving situation
 - iii. Fraternity group who is helping NDE PTA asks for help in return – a venue for their fundraiser for Kids with HIV/AIDS
 1. Details will be provided to Rebecca Pinto
8. Communications Report, Ann Carrol presenting for Hanna Nakano (absent)
 - a. Share any communication items with NDE email
 - b. Directory was sent out
9. Questions or comments?
 - a. Nominating committee to be formed at January General Meeting to seek out PTA candidates
 - i. 3 people, do not have to be PTA members, and don't have to commit to serving.
10. Adjournment: 7:52 pm