

**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING 9-13-22 DHS Boardroom**

**RECORDED BY: Heidi LoCicero, Secretary**

**CALL TO ORDER by President Denise Fountain**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** DREW PALMER, HEIDI LOCICERO, ASHLEY NOHRENBERG, MITCH SILVER, CHRIS HARRIS, DENISE FOUNTAIN

**ZOOM:** SARAH STONE, KELI O'NEAL

**ABSENT:** JIM LUTTRELL

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**August 23, 2022 MOTION TO APPROVE MADE BY PALMER, SECONDED BY SILVER. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**II. PROPOSED CHANGES TO AGENDA: MOVE GUEST SPEAKERS TO TOP OF MEETING**

**V. Guest Speaker- Dr Diane Kelly -Presenting the HOPE SQUAD suicide prevention club on campus.** Dr. Kelly shared 2 moving videos on the difference that the HS makes on high school campus' and how it was started. She explained the goals and ways DHS will be impacted by having this group on campus. All in attendance were impressed with the overall plan and how this will be a positive force for our Sharks. Cruickshank reported that 200 student names were submitted to be part of the Hope Squad. Selection is happening and the group will begin their work on campus with a guest speaker and Hope Week. Dr. Kelly pledged her support of DHS and the HS initiative and plans to help us going forward.

**III. Introduction by Chairwoman Stephanie Larabee of her Advisory Board Candidates:  
Courtney Biles-Advisory Board Candidate**

**Faye Bouroughs- Advisory Board Candidate**

**Trish Luna- Advisory Board Candidate**

**Delisa Cutts- Advisory Board Candidate**

**ALL CANDIDATES accepted by the Governing board to serve on AB.**

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

## VI. Reports

- ● **Principal Report- Mrs Cruickshank**: current student enrollment: 477 Sharks, mentioned early release date. Advisory Board members in attendance indicated that they were not aware of that and more communication was needed to facilitate better understanding with parents. Cruickshank reminded all that the dates are in the handbook that each parent signed.

### **updated Master Calendar, Timeline for hiring additional staff, Academic Goals**

- ● **Athletic Director**- report sent to board prior to meeting

## VII. REPORTS STANDING COMMITTEES

- ● **Grant Commiee Drew Updates -Triumph, Impact 100**: Triumph Narrative in final work stages with **STONE, LOCICERO, CRUICKSHANK and PALMER** working on it. **WORTH** to review and edit. Impact 100 we've made it to final round.
- ● **Fundraising Sarah**: announced a \$100,000K donation to athletics from the Jones family. Publicity is in the works for first home game 10/7 to announce it. Family pledged \$1MILLION over 10 years. To be confirmed by **Stone**.

DISCUSSION: **LOCICERO** suggested the Jones be the Coin Tossers and to have VIP's do so for each home game with captains. This is a good PR move and fundraising perk. Board agrees.

**STONE** shared that the social media chatter about Sharks needing Free and Reduced Lunches may not be getting to all in need. Local business owner, Mary Ann Windes sent a check for \$1000 to start a "Shark in Need Lunch Fund." Business owners, Sheri Andrew and Mike Buckingham agreed to match Windes donation.

**STONE**: Is working on evaluating the money in Athletic teams fundraising accounts, so each coach knows what money they have to work with and there is full transparency to comply with Sunshine Laws and good governance. Will have Jeff with Red Apple create separate categories for each and reports.

**STONE**: Initial planning on an annual school wide fundraising event in the works. Will meet with her committee and report back with ideas.

- ● **PR Marketing Heidi**: Reported additional criticism on social media of our athletic Shark logo and work is underway to find an artist to refine some ideas for consideration to polish up the logo. Asked about the plan for City Council Baseball proposal, who would the speakers be, talking points, etc. Marketing outreach in the community continues.

**LOCICERO** reminded all board members, with regard to social media...if a topic comes up online, if it may be something we will one day vote on, only 1 board member can comment publicly on it. We can not have discussion about items that will come before the board for a vote, outside of the meeting space, to stay within FLORIDA SUNSHINE LAWS.

- **IT Chris Harris - IT and security:** Reported on equipment for Conditioning building, vendors paid and tech equipment arriving, with only a few back orders remaining. Explained the **Raptor** technology that we have to utilize within classrooms to promote DHS events and announcements to students and staff and most importantly the security aspect.

DISCUSSION: front desk team needed additional training and procedures to follow: friendly approach, security procedures followed, id checked, etc. **NOHRENBERG** indicated she arrived to check out her Shark and no id was requested or checked. Another AB member in attendance concurred. Cruickshank took notes and is going to review procedures to insure they are followed at all times. **PALMER** pointed out operation procedures for faculty and front desk team need to be followed. **HARRIS** said the DHS badge and RAPTOR will identify those NOT permitted on campus and showed an example of how it has stopped some in question already.

**STONE** asked if all employees, coaches etc were vetted and had teaching certificates following procedures. **CRUICKSHANK** said all currently were. Cruickshank asked going forward, if concerns arise on personnel and vetting, to immediately contact her via email, so she can investigate immediately, to eliminate the 2 week wait for next board meeting.

**HARRIS:** SRO Cameras are in and up. Extra cameras are going up and around and inside portable classrooms. Discussed new building tech needs.

- **Athletics Mitch:** Said he is maintaining ongoing communication with Dorn and feels things will approve one he had some additional help and baseball home field is determined. Had not seen the plan yet for City Council meeting, but planned to attend in support.
- **Facilities Denise-** progress on phase 2. Announced bond closed and construction to begin right away. More work need on portable classrooms.

**FOUNTAIN:** Donor Paul Owens to get a refund of \$150K lent to us to get us to close. Motion to authorize the payment back to him made by **PALMER** and seconded by **SILVER**. **PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.**

- **VIII. New Items Requiring Action**
- **Open Nominations for Vice President of Board**

**HARRIS** nominated **PALMER**, who accepted

**LOCICERO** nominated **STONE**, who accepted

DISCUSSION: Group discussion on **LOCICERO** suggestion of having 2 VP's with distinct duties and group determined only 1 was needed. **NOHRENBURG** agreed to take over as treasurer if **STONE** moved to VP.

VOTING TO TAKE PLACE AT NEXT MEETING

- **Venue Rental agreement will use the OCSA agreement going forward. CRUICKSHANK to implement procedures from PALMER/LOCICERO committee recommendations on how rentals to take place, who to call to book, when money is taken, deposits, security, etc.**

**FOUNTAIN** reminded group that due to ongoing discussion with Mattie Kelly, DHS needs to proceed with caution and assist them with rental needs, as we partner together to build the future. We can also offer discounted or trade rates to them as needed.

- **Authorized transfer 150,000 from building campaign account to the trustee for closing**
- **Naming Rights on the school building and classrooms policy moved to next meeting.**

**X. AD HOC COMMITTEES: NONE**

**XI. OLD/CONTINUED BUSINESS**

- **Culinary Program- updated Outstanding Needs**

GROUP DISCUSSION on the 2 local restaurants groups who were willing to help with the kitchen equipment needed. **STONE** is in discussion with each.

- **City Council Meeting September 19th 6:00-Baseball Field Vote, all asked to attend and spread the word amongst their sphere of influence.**
- **Awards Program -update from Principal: NOT COVERED in meeting.**

**XII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: NONE**

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**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (limited to 3 minutes)**

**PREBBLE RAMSWELL:** Expressed concerned over a sports team member, whose family currently has limited financial means and has not been given team items, as other members of sports teams were, because she did not turn in the money each team member was asked to raise. Said it is causing embarrassment for the Shark. **HARRIS** offered to cover half of students payment, if needed. **LOCICERO** said she would cover other half. **CRUICKSHANK** intervened and said she would like to

look into this further, as it shouldn't be an issue. Would report back if help was needed. Has a "Principal Fund" to help students in need and can utilize that if need be. **SILVER** proposed a "NO SHARK LEFT BEHIND FUND." Group liked the ideas, but not the name of FUND. **FOUNTAIN and CRUICKSHANK** to suggest new name.

**RAMSWELL** also shared exciting news about the 2nd annual SHARK FUN RUN, its sponsors and the day's activities. Invited all to share and attend.

**MEETING ADJOURNED BY PRESIDENT FOUNTAIN**