

Darien High School Parents Association
February 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Welcome/Call to order by Joan Kanlian at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of minutes from Jan 28: Anne-Lise motioned; Sarah Neumann seconded; all approved.

Co-Chair report: Upcoming programs: Senior Send-Off is May 15. Auction is LIVE.

Committee Reports and Announcements:

CCC - College Fair is March 30. Students will have the opportunity to meet colleges during lunch waves.

Programs: 3/30 Scarlett Lewis; 5/20 - financial literacy

Student Life: Community Council is sponsoring the 100 day Dinner for DHS Seniors on March 12. Students have a link to register in the DPS emails.

Nominating: Please consider volunteering with the DHSPA. The season has started with plenty of openings check out the slate - dhspa.net.

Joan turned it over to Marina Carey and Kelly Scallon, MPA Co-Chairs, to introduce the program

Program: The ABCs of LGBTQ+ Navigating the Expansive Gender Landscape

Anna Burns, Community Educator for Triangle Community Center

Lots of information really quickly... things are dynamic and evolving ... keep your minds open.
Discussion of gender and sexual identification and expression; pronouns.

Peter Tromblay, DHS counselor, co-advisor for GSA (Gender and Sexuality Alliance). Each year the club focuses on different objectives. For example, this year the students want to educate their peers, especially about hurtful language. Couple events: True Colors conference in March at UConn, Day of Silence in April to raise awareness for those who feel they can't express themselves; silence is broken with a speaker at an assembly.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Williams
DHSPA Secretary