

## **DA General Booster Meeting 8/22/24**

### **7pm**

Co-President, Joda

Went over Calendar dates on the agenda

Link in Google chat for docs

There will be an additional Constellations show on Thursday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm

10/1 – students and fam invited to the 5pm College Fair

Thespian auditions on 10/8 are tentative

Next Booster mtg on 10/17 (with guest Vocal Coach/therapist for vocal health) Speech Language Pathologist works on vocal techniques and health

Intros:

Welcome Freshman parents in attendance

Guest Speaker: Jennifer King-Fields (Austin Fields' mom) and clinical social worker to talk about overall wellbeing and health.

It's common for our kids to get stressed and feel overworked. She provided things to look out for as parents. She has resources and will post on social media.

Look out for: changes in behavior, sleeping more/less, avoiding activities – huge red flags mood swings, isolation is a red flag, changes in school performance also warrants a conversation to see what's going on. Expressing negative thoughts, using substances, suicidal statements are big red flags. Mental Health emergency line 988 is the # to contact. If you have any concerns, always reach out to school counselor, they will check in with the student. They also have school counseling sessions in resiliency for freshmen. Duval has therapists at school. If your child doesn't want to see one of our counselors for any reason, there is also Hazel telehealth. DA has DA Ambassadors for change – mental health-based club whose goal is to raise awareness. Slay Your Mental Health Summit in March by DA is held by DA Ambassadors for Change. QR code will bring you to Duval County Resource list on the district website. If you need info you can also reach out to Jennifer directly as well. Lots of resources available for self-coping.

Q- re: therapists, they were looking for someone permanent.

A - they are hoping to have someone soon, they have someone rotating to assist right now. Hazel health is an option, offers services in school great experiences have been shared re: Hazel health

SJC has other resources.

Jennifer will share the resources on FB (she's also our FB coordinator)

Q -Do the kids have to be the ones to sign up for it or can the parent do it

A - it can be done by parent, student or if teacher notices they can also refer with approval Shared approved fidgets

Need votes on budget

Reviewing Budget – Karen Carrol (see budget sheets provided at meeting)

10/1 – discount fee available for enrichment fees till then. After, fee bumps up to \$250. Please contact [DAtheatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:DAtheatreasurer@gmail.com) for questions regarding budget or enrichment fees.

Biggest line item that changes for us is Printing – we had it free last year. \$5200 additional this year that we didn't have to pay last year.

Been brainstorming regarding fundraising ideas poinsettias has run its course

Motion to pass annual budget: Katie Eastman motioned, Melanie Moore second, motion passes.

## Operations

Danielle – Patrons

Thank you to all who've become a patron so far. Other than enrichment fees, patrons help add to budget. Lots of options for Patron membership levels (pls see Booster website).

We will have master class instruction for patrons 9/19 in evening – patrons only (any patron FCFS – 25 max) – will be an edible flower/charcuterie workshop.

8/27 deadline for Patron seats at shows and selections (need show dates and seats by this date)

Helps with show support with selections and streamlines process to help meet your expectations.

8/29 seats will open for Velveteen Rabbit

To make sure you get what's in your package, we need to know 2 days before

## Volunteer Needs – Ivette

Sign up genius hasn't gone out yet.

We always need concession stand donations, must be Pepsi products.

Need volunteers for box office, merch and concessions.

You will receive a credit if you opt to. We prefer your money for enrichment fees.

\$20 volunteer credit per volunteer shift.

Volunteer hours don't roll over

Patron dinner for Velveteen Rabbit, is on Saturday @ 4:30 between the 2 shows

## Education – Rashada (couldn't be here)

Headshots with Darnell in August went well. Should receive headshots by September. If you missed it, reach out to her about the possibility of him coming back later in the year.

Per Kemper, if your kid is a senior they need to get headshots.

Wed/Thurs of next week, Heather is offering to do headshot for your child (property of DA unless you purchase a packet with her). If they can't do it during school, just reach out to her to coordinate a time. The ones during school are property of school, you can purchase via appt.

Senior students need professional headshots for auditions and applying to schools for BFA. Seniors absolutely need a headshot for college showcase.

Kemper will work with seniors to get them set up for prescreens (see calendar for dates)

Fundraising – Silvia Ortiz

Silent Auction

The fundraising solicitation letter is now available.

She has 7 donations so far (Jax sharks and alligator farm)

Always ask restaurants if they'll be willing to donate.

Silent Auction donations are needed by Oct 18 – contact Silvia to coordinate drop off of donations.

Silent Auction will be held during Hadestown.

Families can put together a basket for donations.

Silvia has a big list of businesses she targets,

Merch store is live and online

DA sweats/ teal tees

Corporate Partner program

Alhambra & Dancewear

Strong armed her hubby

3 tiers 500/1000/2500

Events and hospitality

College Showcase

2 back to back shows –

we are going to help run a hospitality space and we will feed them 1 breakfast/lunch and 1 dinner.

Sign up geniuses will go up.

One classroom is turned into a hospitality suite.

Sept 27-oct 6 save open for volunteering to assist if possible

Sign up geniuses will go up for supplies and volunteering. We have a blueprint of what will be served. We just need manpower.

Only show volunteer hours will count toward enrichment fee credit

College showcase is sponsored by PTA

Show support

2 shows back to back

When they need help, they will ask. Awareness – working with a professional printer so we need more lead time. One program due date, no wiggle room. Jackie will have beautiful show shirts that she is designing. Show shirts haven't been shared yet but the cast will receive a link for students and families to purchase. Student shirts will be at cost, friends and family will purchase at retail price. Carol offered to do videography for all the shows. Updates will be given as we get closer.

Melanie – Communications

Website is 100% updated – if you go on it and notice deviances, please let us know

Social media – please like our posts as it drives engagement. The more you like and comment the more visible it is

Share as much as you like from the public pages – Datheatre on IG and Douglas Anderson on FB. You CANNOT share from our private booster theater pages on FB and IG.

We only let parents and students on the booster pages

Please fill out contact form on our website if you are not receiving newsletter

Pls notify us if you move

Request, please share important information on posts vs stories

Emily puts the stories in highlight reels for later reference and large information pieces in posts

DAtheatre IG is run by Kemper as a marketing tool

Our booster IG page is private, only followers of the page can see

Vocal coach list (per Kempers's request)

Approximately 13 ppl on list that will go on the website

By-Law Review and Vote

Changes: minimal – we can have co-presidents

Added info regarding cast and crew meals was moved to show support

Patron program moved

It's reorganizing the functions of each group

Motion – Kerry to pass, heather second

Bylaws are on the website

Jackets/water bottles for NEW incoming freshmen or new students – need sizing

Hope to order 1 big order by second /third week of September to receive by October

Reach out to Joda with sizing

Any questions?

Hold sept 27-october 6<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.