

Dansville Middle School Board Report:

During the first three weeks of January all DMS students engaged in FastBridge's Winter Screening for ELA as well as the Winter Screener for SpringMath. Data will be reviewed, and adjustments made to meet the needs of all learners.

On February 16, students met with their Houses to celebrate President's Day, work on getting to know each other, as well as independent read and finalize any mid-year testing that needed to be completed.

The DMS House named Passio lead by Dean Mr. Hodgson and House Leader Mrs. Tringal put together their House event and celebrated the unique date 2/22/22! Students dressed up for Iconic Due Twosday by connecting with another student to be Batman and Robin or Lilo and Stitch. Students then bonded by getting to know other House members' passions and then went on a school scavenger hunt. Events like this are not easy to put together, and always include student input. We attempt to connect the 7 Mindset for the month, which is Passion First, as well as continue to build our positive culture in the middle school.

Jeremy Beck was awarded a scholarship for the MACUL (Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning) conference. This scholarship will cover all of the costs associated with Jeremy attending this event. We are excited for Jeremy to be an ambassador for this event and share his expertise with Dansville staff.

We had to make the difficult decision to cancel this year's trip to Washington, D.C. due to decreased enrollment and increased costs. Please see the attached sheet for background information, data, and plans for next year's trip.

2022 Washington, D.C. Trip

Background: Due to Covid, the D.C. Trip originally scheduled for May 2020 was canceled. Then, due to restrictions and uncertainty, Dansville opted to not offer the DC Trip experience to students during the 2020-21 school year.

In order to still provide an opportunity for our all of our students, parents were surveyed, and the decision was made to offer this year's trip the week after school is out. This would allow any current student who missed out on previous trips an opportunity to attend.

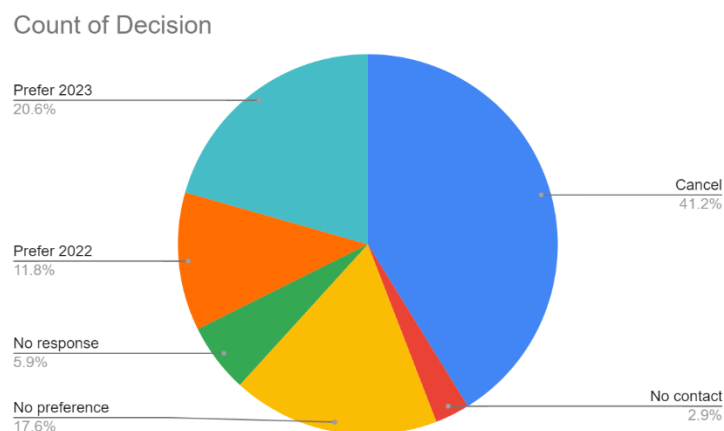
There was a trip organizational meeting in the Fall of 2021 for all any interested student in in grades 8-10. Information was shared by Bob Rogers Travel and students/parents started signing up for the trip. At that time, participants were quoted a price of approximately \$900 per person, with quad occupancy in the hotel.

Current Issue: The original price for the bus transportation was based dividing the total cost by the number of people attending. As the year progressed, we had some families decide they did not want to attend due to Covid restrictions and uncertainty. This caused a slight increase in the cost per person, as we still needed to pay for the entire cost of the bus transportation.

Trip director Linsey Ebert contacted me to say there was going to be another significant increase due to more people deciding not to attend. I called each family to share the information listed below.

- Percentage of students currently planning to participate is 19% (34% of 8th grade; 25% of 9th grade; 6% of 10th grade)
- Total number of participants = 62 (34 students; 22 parents; 6 staff)
- Current price per person = \$1219 per quad hotel occupancy (increase of \$140 since the last increase)
- Another possible increase = If we drop below 60 (lose three more people), there will be another increase of \$130 per person
- If people decide they would rather wait until next year instead of incurring the price increase(s), we would be willing to offer the trip to anyone who is currently signed up this year
- Cancelling the trip by March 1, would provide a full refund (minus \$65 for anyone who purchased trip insurance)

I spoke with each family (there was one family that could not be contacted), and recorded their responses after they learned the updated information.



You can see that 41% felt the cost was too high and they would not be able to attend this year. 21% said they preferred to wait until next year, however, they could make this year work if everyone else wanted to attend. There were 21% of families who still want to attend this year. Everyone I spoke to understands the situation and said they would be willing to attend next year, if that's what was needed.

Action Plan:

- Contact Bob Rogers Travel to officially cancel the trip
- Communicate information to families on how they will obtain a refund
- Communicate the total fundraising money in each student account, and offer options for future use (next year's D.C. Trip, annual Stratford field trip, Physics class trip to Cedar Point, etc.)
- Set date for next year's trip for the same time and begin communicating with families (current 7th graders and everyone signed up for this year's trip)
- Establish a May trip meeting date
- Work with Bob Rogers to require a significant deposit (approximately 20% of total cost) in September, with no reimbursement unless Trip Insurance is purchased by the parent. This larger deposit will hopefully prevent us from being in a similar situation next year.