

January 29, 2015

Dear DCMST Family,

My name is Thomas Trimble and I'm the president for the newly formed DCMST Parent Teacher Organization. Since our formation at the end of last year, we have elected officers and begun work on a set of bylaws that will govern our group and its work. Your elected officers are:

President-Thomas Trimble  
Vice President-Amal Ghazi  
Treasurer-Louise Chadha  
Secretary-Jaleelah Ahmed  
8th Grade Liaison-Meryl Obermiller  
9th Grade Liaison- Shalika Robie  
10th Grade Liaison- Edith Mei  
11th Grade Liaison-Open  
12th Grade Liaison- Open  
Faculty Representatives-Deena Parks, Kim Shawver, Jennifer Gorsline

At our general membership meeting held this past January, we presented a draft of the group's proposed bylaws. At our next general membership meeting, scheduled for Monday, February 9, at 4:45pm in room 170, we will review the draft bylaws and hopefully consider a motion to approve the document. The draft bylaws are attached to this document as a PDF and can also be found on Google Drive at the following URL:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VmXkdQRa506XfR3ZakISqajfTL1o9tcf1i0jUgQrl6o/edit?usp=sharing>

After approval of the bylaws, our next order of business is to begin working on some of the issues voiced by both families and staff at the meeting held last year. At the top of this list are fundraising activities to fund DCMST field trips and the development of a mentoring program to support student projects. We are also looking to hear from families about other issues which our group might engage. Your voice and participation in this process are critical.

Please plan to attend our next general membership meeting on Monday, February 9 at 4:45pm in room 170. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [spiritcontrolmusic@gmail.com](mailto:spiritcontrolmusic@gmail.com) or by phone at (313) 414-6277. I also invite you to visit and bookmark the DCMST Parent Group's page on the DCMST website at <http://dcmst.dearbornschools.org/parent-group/>

Sincerely,  
Thomas Trimble  
President