

Dighton PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: October 6, 2015

Meeting called to order by: Jennifer Fyfe at 7pm

Location: Dighton Elementary School Library

Attendance: 25

• Officer Reports

o President - Jennifer Fyfe

- Volunteer opportunities and sign up sheet shared with all in attendance.
- Introductions to board members

o Vice President- Jessica Hirschy

- Current boards third year and according to by laws PTO members can only serve for 3 years. This year we will be looking for new board members for next year.

o Secretary - Sarah Horrocks

o Treasurer - Alicen Adams

- Explanation of how budget is allocated and voted on.

- May, June, July, August, and September reports

- Treasurer reports reviewed. See attached. May report approved. June report approved. July report approved. August report approved. September report approved.

- Teacher request

- Kelly Slattery requested \$152 and shipping for cuddle swing for TLC and school wide. Request approved.
- Kindergarten requesting \$1000 for kindergarten field trip to Chamberlain farms. Mrs. Bellavance in attendance to discuss field trip. Request approved.
- Mrs. Bellavance requesting \$182.65 for pencil sharpeners and dough stammers. Supplies can be shared. Request approved.
- Mrs. Comeau request for \$1000 for field trip. Bog Hollow farm has suspended all events until further notice due to family emergency. Request tabled.
- 4th grade request for \$1000 towards field trip for duck tour and Slater Mill.

- Katie Brown Educational Program for DMS

- Christy Melo Caisse presented on program. Katie Brown Educational Program informational packet attached. www.kbep.org. \$50 per student, but program will be offered at discounted rate for first year and if program comes back for following year they will assist in grant writing.

- o Communications secretary - Sarah Bettencourt
 - Approve May 2015 meeting minutes
 - May minutes approved.
- **Principals Report**
 - o **Mr. Wheeler - Dighton Middle School**
 - Mr. Wheeler shared current events and information. First middle school dance happened last Friday and was well attended. ACE program information will be included in newsletter. Cost will remain at \$75 for user fee for as many clubs as students would like to participate in. Brochure will be coming out with information within the next few weeks. Newsletter will be weekly rather than monthly. Science and stem teacher from high school is supporting middle school curriculum by regular teaching. Student council meetings all are encouraged to attend. Many changes have resulted in cultural shift and fewer office referrals. X2 (grade information) is up and running. If anyone needs help with X2 parents can contact Sue Marsden
 - o **Dr. Manchester - Dighton Elementary School**
 - Absent
 - o **Mrs. Fullen - Vice Principal**
 - Absent
- **Accomplishments**
 - o School kits
 - Additional kits were able to be purchased for DMS and DES students in need.
 - o 5th grade locker Aug 26th
 - Well attended and an opportunity for students to gain familiarity with how lockers work before the start of school.
 - o “bucket of supplies” - Sept 2nd
 - School supplies given to teachers as a welcome back kit from PTO.
 - o Kindergarten picnic Sept 2th
 - Approximately 80% of incoming kindergarten students attended. Students were able to tour a bus and listen to a story read by Miss Lori from library.
 - o Open house - DES Sept. 10 and DMS Sept. 17
 - Information shared about PTO meetings.
 - o G. Lopes. - Mulch
 - Donated mulch for playground. Thank you for volunteers who came out to help.
 - o Fall catalog fundraiser Sept. 15 - Oct. 17

- Order forms are due tomorrow.
- Puppy dates Sept 23rd, Sept 30th, Oct 7th
- Harvest Hoedown Oct. 02
 - Thank you for the generous donations from Araujo Farms, Bettencourt Farms, and the Tetrault family and Dunkin Donuts.
- DMS band shirts
 - Chorus and band shirts will be available for \$10. Order forms were made available at instrument pick up night.
- **Upcoming events**
 - Family Game night - for DES Oct 16
 - We will have a max capacity of 145 people because of fire code and capacity limit in cafeteria. This will be an event limited to 2nd and 3rd grade along with their siblings. Form should be coming home with students tomorrow. Games will be available for purchase and 50% of proceeds go to Dighton PTO. Suggestion was made for order forms to be distributed to all grades.
 - Spirit wear for DES and DMS
 - Requests have been made for dry fit training shirt and women's fitted shirt. Orders can be picked up at Santa's Secret Workshop.
 - Fall fundraiser pick up day Nov 13st at DES for both school. Volunteers needed.
 - Santa's Secret workshop - December 5th
 - Volunteers
 - 4th grade committee --Yearbook and step-up day
 - Alicen Adams and Sarah Betterncourt are co chairing for yearbook
 - Jen Cabral offered to chair step up day
 - Chorus bake sales (4 people) 2 concert during the school year at DES and at DMS
 - Please see our PTO Facebook page, "Dighton PTO"
 - Yapp app is available for information about PTO events. Registration code- SSCMM3
- **Adjourn**
 - Next meeting scheduled for Thursday Nov 5, 7:00pm @ DES Library

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 by Jennifer Fyfe

President (Jennifer Fyfe)

Vice President (Jessica Hirschy)

Treasurer (Alicen Adams)

Secretary (Sarah Horrocks)

Communications Secretary (Sarah Bettencourt)

Minutes compiled by: Sarah Horrocks