

Dighton PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: April 1, 2014

Meeting called to order by: Jennifer Fyfe at 7:00pm

Location: Dighton Elementary School Library

Attendance: 11

- **Officer Reports**

- President - Jennifer Fyfe
 - Jennifer Fyfe, reported on profits from sweet as pie.
 - Thank you card from Mrs. Grillo for A-Z program.
- Vice President - Jessica Hirschy
- Secretary - Sarah Horrocks
 - Sarah Horrocks presented March meeting minutes. Minutes approved.
- Treasurer – Alicen Adams
 - Alicen Adams presented March Treasury Report. Treasury Report approved.
 - Teacher request from Mrs. Collins. Mrs. DeMello present at meeting for request for first grade field trip to Capron Park Zoo. Request approved. \$800
 - Teacher request 8th grade asking for \$2,440.24 for field trip to Fenway for end of year celebration. Request approved.
 - Teacher request from Mrs. Trembly for scholastic art magazine. This will reinforce art curriculum. \$98.89. Request approved.
 - Teacher request from Kindergarten teachers to purchase living science materials and replacement habitats. \$299.41. Request approved.
 - Teacher request from Mrs. Pittsley for Kindergarten materials to support everyday math curriculum. \$77.09. Request approved
- Communications Secretary – Sarah Bettencourt

- **Principal Reports**

- Mr. Wheeler – Dighton Middle School
 - Mr. Wheeler, absent but provided Principals report, which is attached. Mr. Kutcher elaborated on current projects including aqua ponics greenhouse. Alicen Adams shared fundraising ideas specific for this project.
- Dr. Manchester – Dighton Elementary School
 - Dr. Manchester, absent but provided notes. ELA MCAS complete and boxes were shipped today. Dr. Manchester said thank you for the snacks donated by the PTO. MCAS Math dates: 5/6 and 5/7 for 3rd grade and 5/9 and 5/14 for 4th grade. DES chorus sang before the Harlem Globetrotters this past Saturday.
- Mrs. Fullen – Vice Principal for DES and DMS, absent

- **Updates and Events**

- Silent Auction – March 21st
 - Silent auction, profit was \$2,800. Many conflicting schedules with other events, but still a success.

- Read-a- thon – April 7th – April 17th
 - Read-a-thon flyer handed out. Tying in programs with book fair to increase student participation.
- Fun Fitness Day – April 5th
- Parents night out – April 11th
 - Parents night out, Jedi training. Americas Best Defense Karate studio will be doing a lesson. Pizza will be served.
- Teacher appreciation week May 5th – May 9th
 - Looking into having food catered again.
- 4th grade yearbook
 - 4th grade yearbook committee will be in to school to take candid shots of students. Additionally this year they are working with chestnut hill studios to include class photos from all previous years.
- 4th grade End of year Activities
 - 4th grade end of year activities. Cookout and step up day. Date is not set yet. Brick fundraiser was sent to 4th grade parents. These profits will be directed to 4th grade event.
- 8th grade End of year Activities
 - 8th grade end of year activities. Students will attend Francis Farm again as they did last year. This date has not been set.
- Teachers Retiring
 - Two teachers retiring at Dighton Middle School, Ms. Edminster and Mr. Donnelly
- **Committee Reports**
 - Book Fair – May 2nd
 - Book fair, May 2nd. Volunteers needed.
- **Parent and Teacher Ideas**
 - Open discussion
 - Brick fundraiser suggested for middle school aquaponics greenhouse project.
 - Fall catalog meeting will be scheduled soon. Encouraged those present to share ideas for improvements to fundraisers for 2014-2015 school year. Gift card fundraiser suggested, Sarah Bettencourt will be looking into details.
 - Suggestion from parent to do spring pictures later in spring.

Meeting closed at 8:03pm 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

