

Dighton PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: April 5, 2016

Meeting called to order by: Jennifer Fyfe at 7:05pm

Location: Dighton Elementary School Library

Attendance: 18

• **Officer Reports**

- President - Jennifer Fyfe
 - Terri Fredericks will look into grants for us to replace broken playground slide.
- Vice President - Jessica Hirschy
 - Nominations for next PTO board all accepted and are as follows.
 - President- Terri Fredericks
 - Vice President- Jennifer Cabral and Rachel Dingus (also running for school committee and will withdraw nomination if elected to school committee).
 - Secretary- Tiffany Beaulieu
 - Treasurer- Julie James
 - Communications- Kathryn DeAmaral
- Secretary - Sarah Horrocks
 - March Meeting Minutes approved.
- Treasurer – Alicen Adams
 - March Report approved.
 - Teacher Requests
 - 6th grade requests \$1,000 for their field trip to the Museum of Science. Approved.
 - 1st grade requests \$1,000 for their field trip to Buttonwood Zoo. Approved.
 - 8th grade requests \$2,300 for end of the year field trip (\$300 was donated for this purpose by family). 8th grade also requests \$2,000 for end of the year activities. Both requests approved.
 - 5th grade requests \$1000 for field trip to Boston tea part museum. Approved.
- Communications Secretary – Sarah Bettencourt, absent

• **Principal Reports**

- Mr. Wheeler – Dighton Middle School, absent
 - MCAS happening last week and this week. Softball and baseball has started. Middle school will be doing a couple movie nights as fundraisers and will also be having another dance. Brain ware is being piloted by grade 8 to help increase ease of learning.
 - Agreement has been reached regarding teacher negotiations, which will go to vote on Wednesday, April 13.
- Dr. Manchester – Dighton Elementary School, see attached newsletter
 - Kindergarten screenings will be done first week of May. Incoming kindergartner families encouraged to contact office for more information.
 - Step up day will be on June 6 and will include incoming kindergarten students.
- Mrs. Fullen – Vice Principal for DES and DMS, absent

- Special guest speakers
 - Roger from Janine fundraising presented information for fall fundraiser. Additional products have been added and website has increased options.

- Accomplishments
 - Yankee Candle fundraiser raised \$3,058.89
 - Sweetheart Dance 525 people attended, profit of \$1,973. Positive feedback, with only concerns around parking.

- **Upcoming events**
 - Parents night out “ autism awareness” Teamwork in Somerset. 25 children are signed up.
 - Read-a-thon – March 25 – April 13
 - Every child who participates will get a ticket for the Pawsox game of 5/27. All kids will be called onto the field and recognized.
 - Book Fair – April 25th - April 29th
 - Teacher appreciation week May 4th – May 8th
 - PTO will be providing lunch
 - 4th grade End of year Activities
 - Step up day on Monday, June 6
 - Yearbook
 - Teachers retiring
 - School Kits
 - Order forms will be going home first week of May. Kits will be delivered week of August 14. Kits were rounded up in cost by approximated \$2 in order to cover costs for children who can't afford them.

- **Parent and Teacher Ideas**
 - New PTO email ptodighton@gmail.com

- **Meeting adjourned by Jennifer Fyfe at 8:21**

President (Jennifer Fyfe)	
Vice President (Jessica Hirschy)	
Treasurer (Alicen Adams)	
Secretary (Sarah Horrocks)	
Communications Secretary (Sarah Bettencourt)	

Minutes compiled by: Sarah Horrocks