

Dighton PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: February 3, 2015

Meeting called to order by: Jennifer Fyfe at 7:03pm

Location: Dighton Elementary School Library

Attendance: 24

• **Officer Reports**

- o President - Jennifer Fyfe
 - PTO expo- March 11th
- o Vice President - Jessica Hirschy
 - La Familia parents night out instead of silent auction
- o Secretary - Sarah Horrocks
 - Approved December and January Meeting Minutes
- o Treasurer – Alicen Adams
 - January Report Approved
 - Eagle mascot costume purchased
 - Teacher Requests
 - Mrs. Castergeni request for kindergarten through second grade for handwriting without tears application \$15. Request approved.
 - Mr. Badger and Mrs. Bosco for technology committee present request for assistance in fundraising for technology that would be implemented school wide. These funds would be used to supplement money currently received from school budget. Scholastic dollars were discussed as a possible option for technology committee to consider. Game wright parents night and parents nights out were all considered as possible fundraisers. Alicen Adams will attend next technology meeting to brainstorm ways to help fund. Suggestions made from parents to have specific goals to achieve mission for advancing technology and funding goals that would allow to implement.
 - Middle school ELA and drama teacher, Mr. Noiseux looking for seed money to build drama program from scratch. Planning on doing Alice in Wonderland on April 10th and 11th full 90 minute production in high school this year. Contact Mr. Noiseux at snoiseux@drregional.org.
- o Communications Secretary – Sarah Bettencourt

• **Principal Reports**

- o Mr. Wheeler – Dighton Middle School, absent
 - Roof is almost complete at DMS. Dance last Friday was postponed due to storm.
- o Dr. Manchester – Dighton Elementary School, see principals report attached.
 - Budget request for 2 additional classrooms for next academic year, for kindergarten and second grade. Request also made for additional recess and lunch monitors and for professional development. School committee on next Tuesday, February 10th at 6:30 in media center at high school, when they will be discussing budget. Noticeable difference in how children are performing academically from implementation of full day kindergarten school wide this year. DES roof is still being completed, process has been delayed due to snow.
- o Mrs. Fullen – Vice Principal, absent

- **Accomplishments**
 - Friendly DINE-OUT on January 27th (changed to February 10th)
- **Upcoming events**
 - "Parents night out" April 12th 6-9pm at La Familia. Dinner and possible DJ.
 - MCAS breakfast for 3rd and 4th grade along with entire middle school for all MCAS dates.
 - Fun Fitness Day will have different stations that promote health and fitness.
 - Sweetheart Dance, Saturday March 14th. Capacity is 840 people so everyone should be able to attend. Chestnut studios will do formal photos for those who are interested. Dance will be from 6-8pm. Araujo farms will provide flowers for corsages.
 - Book Fair- April 27th through May 1st. The family event will be Friday May 1st "underwater adventure". Need volunteers for book fair.
 - School supply kits will be available at both DMS and DES- order forms will be sent home in June.
 - Yankee Candle fundraiser information is in Principals newsletters. Order forms are due March 2nd.
 - Approved \$250 towards future funding for Mrs. Carter in memory of late husband.
- **Parent and Teacher Ideas**
 - Open discussion
 - Middle school is considering a ski trip to look into ski club. Mr. Kucia and Mrs. Fullen will be running this.
 - Middle school bowling night was a success.
- **Adjourn**
 - Next meeting, Thursday March 3rd, 2015-- 7pm @ DES Library
 - Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm 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