

## Dighton PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: November 12, 2013

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

Location: Dighton Elementary School Library

Attendance: 17

### • **Officer Reports**

- President - Jennifer Fyfe
  - thank you note from 3rd grade team for helping with field trip
- Vice President - Jessica Hirschy (not present)
- Secretary - Sarah Horrocks
  - October Meeting Minutes presented and approved
- Treasurer – Alicen Adams
  - October Treasurer's report presented and approved
  - Teacher Requests:
    - Heather Fernandez, 3rd grade listening center needs replacements for broken parts, \$139.75, request approved
    - Mr. Badger, Accelerated reader program requesting \$180 for readmore award, grades 1-4, request approved
    - Cara Romano, grades k-2 speech and language materials \$84.97, request approved
    - Mr. Kucia, yearbook supplies for grades 5-8, \$262, request approved
    - Katie Grillo, grades 2-4 replace broken laminator (can be used by all teachers), \$244, request approved
    - Grade 4 request for field trips and for in school learning, \$1000, request approved
    - Mrs. Rourke spoke on behalf of Mr. Badger's writing group, a newsletter that goes out to 4th graders. Mrs. Rourke stated that Mr. Badger would like to continue this year, but needs financial support. Mr. Wiener reported that this is in next years budget. Tabled issue to gather more information for next months meeting in December.
- Communications Secretary – Sarah Bettencourt

### • **Principal Reports**

- Mr. Wheeler – Dighton Middle School (please see attached newsletter)
- Mr. Weiner – Dighton Elementary School (please see attached pictorial newsletter)
  - Parent teacher conferences coming up
  - Student of the week for modeling good behavior on the bus rewarded with a prize
  - Field trips
  - Dr. Paula Manchester will be starting on December 3rd new principal
  - Mr. Wiener expressed gratitude for experience for working as interim principal
- Mrs. Fullen – Vice Principal (not present)

### • **Updates and Events**

- Dine-out, Frates – Lobstober October 1-20<sup>th</sup>  
-\$7 raised and Frates increase amount to \$50
- Dine-out, Alice's Last Stop October 25<sup>th</sup>  
-final amount not in
- Snack Taxi Fundraiser  
-Raised \$134.66
- Bake sale from Nov 7th  
-Jillian Courcy- thank you, raised \$283.70
- Apparel Fundraiser, orders due Friday, November 15th
- Holiday Cash – Each homeroom gets \$25
- Dine-Out Night – Ruby Tuesday’s Flyer handed out, will run November 19 – 21<sup>st</sup>
- Lunch for Teacher Conferences (DES 11/21 & DMS 11/20)
- Volunteers, still needed for:
  - 4th grade – yearbook and step-up day  
-suggestion made for 4th grade teacher point person
  - Art Room – once a week to help get projects ready, Ms Rubano – brubano@drregional.org
  - Library – once a week to help get project ready and put away books, Melanie Hayden, mhayden@drregional.org -Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:30-9:30 regular, -drop in Monday 10:30-11:20, Thursday 12:15-1:15, and Friday 11:15-12:30

- **Committee Reports**

- Santa’s Secret Workshop – December 7<sup>th</sup>  
-Alicen Adams, Committe Chair, reports committee has met, donation and raffle coming in.

Looking into volunteer for Santa. There will be a new format this year with greeters and signage to help make transition easier. Apparel fundraiser pick up will also be on this day. Mr. Kucia will help with 8th grade volunteers. Set up will be on Friday starting at 3 and on Saturday at 8am. Volunteers needed.

- Sweetheart Dance – Need to make a committee, hoping to host event late January or early February.

- **Parent and Teacher Ideas**

- Gift card fundraiser, Jennifer Fyfe to follow up to consider as fundraiser for future years
- Dighton lights on November 30th shared by Terri Fredericks, Mrs. Castanguay coordinating peer leaders.
- Mrs. Castanguay does toys for tots at DES
- DMS does toy drive as well.
- DMS currently does competition for food drive
- Mr. Wiener, appreciation gift idea discussed. Idea proposed to ask him join next meeting.

- **Adjourn**

- Next meeting, Tuesday December 3, 7pm @ DES Library

Jennifer Fyfe closed meeting at 8:12pm

President (Jennifer Fyfe)

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Vice President (Jessica Hirschy)

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Treasurer (Alicen Adams)

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Secretary (Sarah Horrocks)

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Communications Secretary (Sarah Bettencourt)

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*Minutes compiled by: Sarah Horrocks*