

Dighton PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: November 5, 2015

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

Location: Dighton Elementary School Library

Attendance: 18

• **Officer Reports**

- President - Jennifer Fyfe
- Vice President - Jessica Hirschy
- Secretary - Sarah Horrocks
 - October Meeting Minutes approved
- Treasurer – Alicen Adams
 - October Report approved
 - Teacher Requests
 - Third grade field trip to Plymouth Plantation for \$1000. Request approved.
- Communications Secretary – Sarah Bettencourt

• **Guest speakers**

- Blues for Schools– Nov 28th at DRHS concert
 - Bob Sloane, president here to discuss organization, Blues for Schools which will have artist perform for fundraiser at high school on November 28. Started organization to help raise funds for schools. For a sold out show, donation to school is for approximately \$5,000. Currently DRRHS has 1 show scheduled and will possibly schedule additional shows. Tickets can be purchased at www.BluesforSchools.org. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the DR Seekonk Thanksgiving football game. Johnny A will be signing autographs and available for a meet and greet.
- Mrs. Duarte – Presenting information from action committee with the Teachers union.
 - Teacher's association presidents, Tim Kelly (tkelly@drregional.org) and Steve Patrick (spatrick@drregional.org). Parents are welcome to contact Tim Kelly, Steve Patrick, or any of the teacher liaisons for teachers association with questions.
 - Teacher's association is still negotiating contracts and will be moving to mediation for lack of agreement with school committee.

• **Principal Reports**

- Mr. Wheeler – Dighton Middle School, absent.
 - Mr. Kucia asked for families to send in military photos which will be displayed for Veteran's day. Basketball try outs begin tomorrow for boys and girls team. Grade 8 will be going up to high school for tour first week of December. Parent teacher conferences. Dance on November 13, which is anticipated to be well attended. Halloween costumes can be donated at front office. Project 351 student has been chosen, more information will be available soon.
- Dr. Manchester – Dighton Elementary School
 - School improvement plan presented and attached. Principal's message is also attached with current events. School will be trained in ALICE for safety protocols, which allow for 4 different options, rather than limiting option to lock down. Envisions math program and

changes from last year were discussed. Mr. Kucia recommended Khan academy, learn zillion and photo math.

- Mrs. Fullen – Vice Principal, absent

- **Accomplishments**

- Fall fundraiser catalog- pick up on Nov 13st
 - Profit was \$11,685.11 this year. Volunteers needed for pick up from 3-7:30 in cafeteria. Suggestion was made to ask for help from peer leaders for sorting delivery.
- Family game night and pumpkin stroll
 - We made \$360.92 in profit. We had between 60-70 in attendance and had Girl Scouts volunteer to learn games and help teach others.
- Wal-Mart grant – DES
 - Terri Fredericks wrote grant and we were awarded \$1,500 for technology committee which is working towards having chrome books and cart for each grade.
- Recycling for RI education membership renewed.

- **Upcoming events**

- Santa's Secret Workshop Dec 5th
 - Several donations have already come in. We will be having it at the high school from 9-12.
- Spirit wear pick up on Dec 5th
 - Order forms have gone home for both DMS and DES. New this year we will be offering s women's cut tee shirt and long sleeve t shirt.
- Holiday Cash – Each homeroom gets \$25
- Lunch for Teacher Conferences (DES 12/11 & DMS 11/19)
 - We will be looking into catering options through MaRaffa's.
- AR volunteer needed to help run program for grade 1 and 2.

- **Parent and Teacher Ideas**

- Harlem wizards fundraiser where they will play against teachers. Monday, March 28 is available for high school gym. Martial arts fundraiser: \$99 for 6 weeks of unlimited classes at Premier Martial Arts.

- **Meeting adjourned by Jennifer Fyfe at 8:57pm**

- Next meeting, Tuesday December 1, 7pm @ DES Library

President (Jennifer Fyfe) _____

Vice President (Jessica Hirschy) _____

Treasurer (Alicen Adams) _____

Secretary (Sarah Horrocks) _____

Communications Secretary (Sarah Bettencourt) _____

Minutes compiled by: Sarah Horrocks