

Dighton PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: November 1st, 2016

Meeting called to order by: Terri Fredericks at 7pm

Location: Dighton Elementary School Library

Attendance: 9

Officer Reports

President - Terri Fredericks

- Discussed purchasing a PTO Banner—6 foot by 30 foot, all weather, hemmed with grommets, multi-color with our logo. Price would be \$145, motion approved to purchase banner.
- Thank you card from the Riviera restaurant for our business, which was the 8th grade field trip.
- School kits were brought up, it was mentioned that if we sign up earlier with school kits, we will get more money for free kits.
- We received a 4th grade teacher complaint that the school kits aren't as exact as they would like...PTO is going to try and get the companies ordering catalog to make ordering easier and more precise for the teachers.
- Motion to continue ordering school kits was approved.

Vice President - Jen Cabral

- 5th Grade skate night is going to be held at Forrest Family Fun Center in Taunton on December 2nd at 7pm for a reduced rate of \$5 per person. Alicen Adams and Sarah Bettencourt are the contacts for this event.

Recording Secretary - Tiffany Beaulieu

- October Meeting Minutes approved

Treasurer – Julie James

- October Reports Approvals were approved
- Teacher Requests:

- 8th Grade, Mrs. Sylvestre is requesting money for the bus transportation-\$1,211.64 for the Body field trip-motion to table this until we receive the bill from the bus company.
- Dr. Manchester & Mr. Wheeler are requesting \$9,700 for 10 mount kits to be used in DES and DMS. These would be used in 20 classrooms for the projectors and smart boards. The next Technology Committee meeting is on November 10th at 8pm. Both the PTO board and Dr. Manchester encourage parents to get involved and network different ideas/opportunities to raise monies needed to fund this request. PTO moves to table this request until more information can be gathered.
- Mrs. Duarte requests \$1,000 for the 4th grade field trip to Slater Mills on November 21st.

Communication Secretary - Kathryn DeAmaral

The PTO website and Facebook are continually being updated and viewed by an increasing number of our community.

Principal Reports

- Mr. Wheeler – Dighton Middle School-absent this evening, sent his apologies
- Mr. Kucher shared on his behalf...the field trip to the Body Worlds Vital Exhibit and restaurant were a huge success!
- Soccer has ended, basketball will be beginning soon. All clubs are up and running.
- Dr. Manchester – Dighton Elementary School
- She spoke about many upcoming events and the grade level happenings-please refer to the DES newsletter.
- PBIS activists for 10 hours of volunteer work.
- A huge thank you to the Dighton Police Dept. for visiting our classrooms and talking to our children about Halloween safety.
- Another thank you to the Dighton Fire Dept. for showing our children a few of their trucks and teaching them about fire safety.
- Halloween parade on Friday was a successfully great and fun day!

- Pumpkin stroll on Monday went very well, all the kids enjoyed looking at all the carved pumpkins.

Invited Guests

None present

Accomplishments

- Fall Fundraiser - \$12, 817.49 was raised!!
- Monster Mash- \$500 was raised!!

Discussion

- Spirit Wear is due by November 10th
- Dine out fundraiser ideas...
- Uncle Tony's in East Providence offered to participate to do dine-out with us, possibility to set-up for January.

Upcoming Events

- Dine Out Night- Uno's in Taunton on November 2nd
- Election Day Bake Sale-\$1.00 donation per item, coffee and donuts in the morning and other baked goods in the afternoon. 7-10am and 4-7pm, looking for donations of both food and volunteers to be at site.
- Fundraiser Pick-Up will be from 3-7pm in the DES cafeteria
- Santa's Secret Workshop will be held on Saturday, December 3rd
- SSW Planning Committee meeting at Terri Frederick's house at 6pm
- Mr. Kucher will organize getting DMS kids to volunteer in the workshop as in years prior.
- Jedi Night Training/Parents Night Out will be held on Friday, December 9th at 6:15-8:15 pm, \$10 per person which includes pizza, drink and light saber
- Bake Sale to be held at Holiday chorus concert-need to organize donations and volunteers to assist that evening.

- **Parent & Teacher Input**

- Open Discussion

Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm

Next meeting, Tuesday December 6th at 7pm @ DES library

President (Terri Fredericks) _____

Vice President (Jennifer Cabral) _____

Treasurer (Julie James) _____

Secretary (Tiffany Beaulieu) _____

Communication Secretary (Kathryn DeAmeral) _____