

Dighton PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: March 10, 2014

Meeting called to order by: Jennifer Fyfe at 7:00pm

Location: Dighton Elementary School Library

Attendance: 20

• **Officer Reports**

- President - Jennifer Fyfe
 - No report
- Vice President - Jessica Hirschy
 - No report
- Secretary - Sarah Horrocks
 - Approved February Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer – Alicen Adams
 - February Report, reviewed and approved
 - Teacher Requests, Mrs. Grillo grades 2-4 SPED reading. Teacher request approved. See attached.
- Communications Secretary – Sarah Bettencourt
 - No report

• **Principal Reports**

- Mr. Wheeler – Dighton Middle School
 - Discussed upcoming events including: PARCC, spirit week, MCAS, and silent auction.
 - Mr. Wheeler discussed plans for eight grade graduation, exact date not yet set.
 - See principals newsletter attached
- Dr. Manchester – Dighton Elementary School
 - Discussed upcoming programs and events including: PBIS, RTI, grade updates, Study Island Challenge. Included in principals report is upcoming events for March, including MCAS dates.
 - See principals report attached
- Mrs. Fullen – Vice Principal for DES and DMS
 - No report

• **Teacher Report**

- Mrs. Rourke – 2nd grade presented class ideas for sweetheart dance, including letter written by class.
- Mrs. Rourke also presented two teacher requests for New Bedford Explorium to come to the class with animals and for reading a-z. Both teacher requests approved, see attached.

• **School committee members**

- Budget Q&A
 - Sue Lorenz and Eliza Kutcher present to answer questions about the school committee and district budget. Parents and teachers engaged in discussion around next years budget. Parents encouraged to voice their opinion to selectmen and finance committee. DR Parents United (FB page) shared as resource for information. Stephen Patrick, teachers association also present.

- **Updates and Events**

- Sweet as pie – DINE-OUT Feb 25-March 1st
 - \$82 profit. Great success with attendance.
- MCAS power snack on testing days.
 - All supplies purchased. Peer leaders helped sort for elementary school. Thank you to peer leaders!
- Silent Auction – March 21st
 - Donations are coming in, people encouraged to donate services or other items. Typically 75 attendees, 25 tickets have been sold.
- Read-a-thon – April 7th – April 17th
 - Winners will be getting scholastic money to spend at book fair.
- Fun Fitness – April 5
 - Multiple stations for kids to rotate between, including Zumba, Karate, and nutrition. Will be charging \$5 per child in order to cover costs of custodian. Mechanics bank will be donating tee shirts again.
- Parents night out – April 11
 - Karate studio instructor will be providing lessons.

- **Committee Reports**

- Book Fair – May 2nd
 - April 28th- May 2nd. Books will be set up for the week with the book fair event on May 2nd. Each teacher will be able to select recommendations for parents.

- **Parent and Teacher Ideas**

- Open discussion
- Suggestion made for coupon book fundraiser to be run again.

President (Jennifer Fyfe) _____

Vice President (Jessica Hirschy) _____

Treasurer (Alicen Adams) _____

Secretary (Sarah Horrocks) _____

Communications Secretary (Sarah Bettencourt) _____

Minutes compiled by: Sarah Horrocks

- **Adjourn**

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

- Jenn Fyfe closed meeting at 8:24pm

