

Dighton PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: January 5th, 2017

Meeting called to order by: Terri Fredericks at 7pm

Location: Dighton Elementary School Library

Attendance: 12

Officer Reports

President - Terri Fredericks

- Happy New Year to all attendees!
- No new business to discuss, see more details about upcoming events in Discussion and Upcoming Events sections...

Vice President - Jen Cabral—nothing to report

Recording Secretary - Tiffany Beaulieu

- December Meeting Minutes Approval--Approved

Treasurer – Julie James

- December Reports Approval--Approved
- December was a very busy month financially due to Santa's Secret Workshop and Spirit Wear.
- The Dighton Lions donated \$300 to the PTO, thank you so much!
- Deposit was paid for the Fun Run
- Teacher requests—
- Grade 4 requested \$25 for each classroom and they pooled all monies for a grade level pizza party.
- Kindergarten requested \$19.88 for their Christmas Around the World celebration.
- Mrs. Fernandes in Grade 3 requested \$25 for their Holiday party.
- Grade 8 requested \$125 for their holiday parties
- PTO paid \$226.54 for all Holiday requests

Communication Secretary - Kathryn DeAmaral—website is doing well, nothing new to report.

Principal Reports

- Mr. Wheeler-Dighton Middle School
- MCAS dates are coming up, very important that all students attend and are not absent, testing is going to be on Chrome books.
- Debate Team's first meet is March 3rd, the students and staff are very excited!
- Running club has been shut down due to cold weather.
- Math team has their first competition January 27th.
- Students and staff are going to be volunteering a food kitchen in Fall River.
- Nick Santos has been selected as the DMS Ambassador to Project 351.
- Winter Band/Chorus concert was an awesome evening!
- Very excited about homework not controlling a student's life—working on re-working how we approach homework workloads. More information to come after upcoming meeting happens.
- Dr. Manchester-Dighton Elementary School
- MCAS dates are coming up, testing is going to be on either computers or Chrome books. We may need to have additional days for testing to be sure we have enough computers available.
- Spirit days were a ton of fun for both students and staff! We did have some parents voice concern about the 10-day length and we will take that into consideration for next year.
- Sock Drive, Animal Shelter Drive and the Can Food Drive were a hit!! The kids really got involved and we had a fun school wide competition that all enjoyed.

Invited Guests

None at this meeting.

Accomplishments

- Holidays!! We got through them successfully and with smiles!!

Discussion

- Technology...
- Smartboard mounting hardware—approx. \$540 for both mounting kits per each class...
- Ceiling mounts would be the priority at this point in time.
- Recommended that PTO consider matching funds with the school committee to obtain certain technology needs in both DES and DMS—this would act as an added incentive to gain said technology.
- Jim Pauly and Ryan McGonagle have been going through the buildings to determine what technology needs are and what will take priority.
- PTO moves to table technology discussion until February 7th, once we have more information from Jim and Ryan.
- Feinstein School funding—both DES and DMS would be interested in filling out applications
- Parental support at school committee meetings is VERY important for parents to be involved in the meetings. Parent support makes a HUGE difference!

Upcoming Events

- Providence Bruins- February 12th
- Sweetheart Dance, Forrest Family Center-March 11th
- Parents Only Night Out, silent auction, cocktails, \$30-40 per ticket-March (date to be determined)
- Red Sox-Friday, April 14th
- Fun Run is happening October 26th-November 6th, which is the date of the run, more information to come.

- School Kit contract has been signed and more information will be coming.

Parent & Teacher Input

- Open Discussion

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Next meeting, Tuesday February 7th at 7pm @ DES library

President (Terri Fredericks) _____

Vice President (Jennifer Cabral) _____

Treasurer (Julie James) _____

Secretary (Tiffany Beaulieu) _____

Communication Secretary (Kathryn DeAmeral) _____