

Dighton PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: October 7, 2014

Meeting called to order by: Jennifer Fyfe at 7pm

Location: Dighton Elementary School Library

Attendance: 16

- **Officer Reports**

- o President - Jennifer Fyfe

- Welcome and introductions

- o Vice President- Jessica Hirschy

- o Secretary - Sarah Horrocks

- May 2014 meeting minutes presented and approved.

- o Treasurer - Alicen Adams

- June, July, August, and September reports

- 16k in account, explained expenses and fundraisers. 4k for teacher requests for DES and DMS. Budget for field trips 1k per grade.
 - Alicen reviews treasurer reports, attached.
 - June treasurer report approved. July treasurer report approved. August treasurer report approved. September treasurer report approved.

- Teacher requests

- Third grade- request for field trip trip for entire third grade to Bog Hollow. Cost \$1000. Request approved.
 - Mrs. Rourke request for scholastic supplemental materials for social studies and science curriculum. Cost \$631.40. Request approved.
 - Mrs. Comeau for purchase word sort books for spelling program. Cost \$358.78. Request approved.
 - Kindergarten team request for field trip to Chamberlain Farms. Cost \$932. Request approved.
 - Mrs. Bosco request for phonemic awareness instant learning centers, meet the common core math standards learning center, and rubber stamps. Cost \$303.49. Request approved.
 - Mrs. Corvi request for \$3,500 for assemblies, workshops, art supplies and a mural. Suggestions made for writing a grant, fundraisers within school, having high schoolers paint. Jennifer Fyfe will coordinate with Mrs. Corvi. Request tabled.

- Mrs. Silva request \$90 for new bins for storage in her new first grade classroom. Request approved.
 - o Communications secretary - Sarah Bettencourt
 - Happy Birthday to Jenn Fyfe!
- Principals Report
 - o Mr. Wheeler - Dighton Middle School
 - Mr. Wheeler absent. Mr. Kucia presented on new information. New grading system, similar to one used at high school system. Welcome to new art teacher. New parent portal for homework appears to be helpful. New roof will be started soon. Ice bucket challenge at DMS for ALS raised nearly \$500. This Friday, October 10th is pink day in recognition of breast cancer awareness. Khan academy is recommended for all students.
 - o Dr. Manchester - Dighton Elementary School
 - Dr. Manchester presented on happenings at Dighton Elementary. See attached principals message.
 - o Mrs. Fullen - Vice Principal, absent
- Accomplishments
 - o School kits
 - 120 kits sold! Plan to run again next year.
 - o Bricks
 - Additional bricks sold have been installed.
 - o 5th grade locker Aug 28th
 - 50-60 kids attended out of about 80 total 5th graders. Great success!
 - o “smart cookies” - Sept 2nd
 - Cookies for teachers on first day back as a welcome back, appreciation gift.
 - o Kindergarten picnic September 3rd
 - Jessica Hirschy spoke about success of event and ideas to improve for next year.
 - o T-Scape inc. Donated mulch for Dighton Elementary School playground. Thank you!
 - o Welcome back Carnival Sept. 13
 - Thank you to 8th grade volunteers. Huge success! Great community event that was very well attended.
 - o Friendship Directory at DES

- Online directory up and running. If you haven't signed up and would like to send email to dightonpto@drregional.org. Discussed features that should allow for improved communication.
- Open house - DMS Sept. 18 and DES Sept. 16
- Fall catalog fundraiser Sept. 17 - Oct. 15
 - Due next Wednesday October 14th. Pick up will be Friday November 21st after school and at parents night out.
- Frates dine-out Sept .23
 - Total donation \$200 from Frates. Thank you!
- **Upcoming events**
 - Harvest Hoedown Oct. 17
 - Fall games and activities, pizza, and DJ. Hoping for great turnout. Need volunteers.
 - Spirit wear for DES and DMS
 - Order forms will be going out end of October. Pick up will be at Santa's Secret Workshop.
 - Parents night out "JEDI TRAINING" Nov 21st
 - Pick up for fall catalog will be that same night. America's Best Defense provides class and PTO will be providing pizza.
 - Fall fundraiser pick up day Nov 21st
 - 2:30pm-8pm
 - Santa's Secret workshop - December 6th
 - Need volunteers for this event. Please sign volunteer sheet or contact Alicen Adams.
 - Teacher conference - lunch for staff (DES Dec 10th and DMS November 20th)
 - PTO provides lunch for teachers. Looking for parents to bake cookies for teachers.
 - Volunteers Needed
 - Art show - Nov 2rd and Art room once a week to get projects ready
 - Contact Mrs. Rubano
 - 4th grade committee --Yearbook and step-up day
 - Chorus bake sales (4 people) 2 concert during the school year at DES 2 concert at DMS
 - Accelerated Reader Volunteers - before school in the computer room

- Mrs Hayden will be running accelerated program this year. Looking for volunteers to help run this program.
 - Library - once a week to help get projects ready. Contact Mrs. Hayden
 - Coupon book
 - Cost will be \$25 for the book. More bristol country businesses included this year.
 - Yankee candle fundraiser suggested to run again. Link will be emailed out and posted on Facebook.
 - Araujo's will be running a winter themed event and donations will be generously given to Dighton schools.
 - Suggestion made for painting and wine night at Araujo's
- Adjourn
 - Jennifer Fyfe closed meeting at 8:40
 - Next meeting scheduled for Thursday Nov 6, 7:00pm @ DES Library

President (Jennifer Fyfe) _____

Vice President (Jessica Hirschy) _____

Treasurer (Alicen Adams) _____

Secretary (Sarah Horrocks) _____

Communications Secretary (Sarah Bettencourt) _____

Minutes compiled by: Sarah Horrocks