

## Dighton PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: January 7, 2014

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

Location: Dighton Elementary School Library

Attendance: 12

**Tom Kucia shared demonstration of new software purchased showing pictures from Santas Secret Workshop.**

- **Officer Reports**

- President - Jennifer Fyfe
  - Discussed topic of continuing DES newspaper. Dr. Manchester is working directly with Mr. Badger.
  - Mr. Michaud did signing and event at Readmore. He offered to share profits from this event.
- Vice President - Jessica Hirschy
- Secretary - Sarah Horrocks
  - December Minutes approved
- Treasurer – Alicen Adams
  - December Report approved
  - Teacher Requests:
    - Tammy Collins first grade for a deluxe chart stand, see attached. Approved teacher request.
    - Gina Maurer third grade for headphones, see attached. Approved teacher request.
- Communications Secretary – Sarah Bettencourt, absent

- **Principal Reports**

- Mr. Wheeler – Dighton Middle School, absent
  - See attached newsletter. Tom Kucia spoke about Project 351 and congratulated Noah Avila for being selected as the ambassador. Floor hockey is a success. New computer programming after school program run by Mr. Kucia in room 217, computer lab. 5th and 6th grade sports will be starting soon.
- Dr. Manchester – Dighton Elementary School
  - MCAS dates will be sent in newsletter this week. 4th grade: March 18, 20, 26 and May 9, 14. 3rd grade: March 25, 28 and May 6,7
  - Peer leaders participated in many volunteer opportunities
  - January 30th curriculum night
  - Newspaper starts this week
  - Chorus started this week
  - Suggestions made for other fundraisers (orange leaf)
- Mrs. Fullen – Vice Principal, absent

- **Updates and Events**

- Santa Secret workshop
  - Alicen Adams: Huge success, lots of help. Thank you to middle school volunteers. Pull winning tickets ahead of time list winners on board. Project winners on excel spreadsheet behind on stage.
- Bake sale on Dec 11<sup>th</sup> for DMS music department. Raised \$167
- Friendly's in Swansea dine-out January 16<sup>th</sup>
- DMS cash machine pull will be on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> as follow up from fall catalog. Top seller from each grade will have a turn.

- **Committee Reports**

- Sweetheart Dance –Jan 31st
  - Jennifer Fyfe: Rain date will be February 7th, Araujo will be making silk flowers, DJ will be the same as previous years, and we will be selling picture CDs. Mr. Kucia will be looking into ways to do copy and format CDs.
- Silent Auction
  - Gretchen Coleman and Deb Thompson co chairing, looking into March 28th. Coordinating with Segreganset Country Club. Deposit is \$500 to secure date. Ask for donations for products, services, etc. Gretchen reports previous years have made about \$4,000. Tickets are \$20, cash bar and passed appetizers. Not formal- jeans and jewels. Posters up at sweetheart dance. DJ will likely be there again.

- **Parent and Teacher Ideas**

- Thursday the 16th 5:30-7:30 ocean explorium in New Bedford. free event, exhibit on thermal patterns- communicate with coast of Mexico.
- Buddy bench, parent shared information. Look into having high school CTE program build it or Brisol Plymouth. May need to present to school committee. Parent to take lead on this project.
- National grid fundraiser suggestion. They will provide assembly to children for free and all profit goes to us. Jennifer Fyfe to follow up.
- Sweet as pie fundraiser idea discussed.

- **Adjourn**

- Next meeting, Tuesday February 4<sup>th</sup>, 7pm @ DES Library

Meeting closed at 8:07 by Jennifer Fyfe

President (Jennifer Fyfe) \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President (Jessica Hirschy) \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer (Alicen Adams) \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary (Sarah Horrocks) \_\_\_\_\_

Communications Secretary (Sarah Bettencourt) \_\_\_\_\_

*Minutes compiled by: Sarah Horrocks*

