

Dighton PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: October 4th, 2016

Meeting called to order by: Terri Fredericks at 7pm

Location: Dighton Elementary School Library

Attendance:

Officer Reports

President - Terri Fredericks

- Notes of Appreciation
- Received amazing thank you cards from multiple classrooms for the new slide!
- CORI Forms were made available to meeting attendants, their importance was stressed. All volunteers/helpers/etc., coming into the building need to have a current CORI.

Vice President - Jen Cabral

- Middle School Notes
- Jen discussed wanting to come up with activity ideas for the Middle school kids. The potential activities would hopefully be held in November and sometime before January.
- Suggested ideas were board games in the library, volleyball in the gym, an ice-cream social...the board members were open to any other ideas/suggestions.
- Considering splitting the grade levels to do 2 dances.

Recording Secretary - Tiffany Beaulieu

- September Meeting Minutes approved

Treasurer – Julie James

- Treasurer Report Approvals
- No income made for September
- Teacher requests--
- Mr. Kucher made a request for Recycle for RI Education \$215...with a membership you can make purchases for the classroom, great resource for STEM projects (can get all types of

supplies from string, markers, foam, books, bobbins, etc.). This is something both DMS and DES can use.

- Mrs. Bellavance requesting \$1,000 for a Kindergarten grade level field trip to Cumberland Farm.
- 3rd grade field trip to Bog Hollow Field
- Mrs. Cabral requested \$100 for incentives for 5th grade students who had done summer reading.
- Mrs. Ulmschneider requested \$42.17 for a cassette player for reading groups in her classroom.
- Mrs. Silvestre and Mr. Kucher requested \$3,080 to take 8th grade students to the Body Worlds Vital Exhibit at Convention Center in RI—they felt this would be instructional and informative for the children to see some of the "unhealthy" organs, as well as the many layers of the human body. Following the BWV exhibit, the kids are going to the Riviera restaurant for a cultural food experience.
- PTO approved borrowed monies needed for this trip pending approval from School Committee as well as tax exempt number for the restaurant.

Communication Secretary - Kathryn DeAmaral--absent

Principal Reports

- Mr. Wheeler – Dighton Middle School-absent this evening, sent his apologies
- Mr. Kucher shared on his behalf...
- Clubs: Art, Running, Yearbook, Newspaper, Guitar, Drama, Cookie cooking, these are part of the ACE program. \$75.00 one-time user fee allows students to participate in all of the clubs. Additional programs may be offered in the future based on student interest.
- Teams: Math, soccer, baseball, softball, basketball, debate. There is a fee to participate in each team program. The average fee is \$100.00 per team. This helps defray the cost of transportation, umpires and judges.
- DMS also offers Student Council. (Free to all students) this is due to all of the volunteerism hours they participate in during the school year.

- First dance of the year was a huge hit! Kids had a great time.
- Mr. Kucher felt DMS is having a great start of the year!

- Dr. Manchester – Dighton Elementary School
- Presented Mr. Michaud's new book, The Ring of Carnac
- Went through upcoming events (see attached newsletter), lots of great things happening!
- Explained the need to read and sign the volunteer handbook for our new volunteers.
- Brought extra Cori forms for attendants to fill out if needed-good for 3 years. Also brought extra applications for free/and or reduced lunches.

Invited Guests

None present

Accomplishments

- Fall Fundraiser - Sea Creatures were a hit!
- Wednesday the 5th is the last day to get sea creatures and the fundraiser is due.

Discussion

- 4th Grade Yearbook--Jessica Hirschy and Sarah Horrocks volunteered to oversee work done, would still love other helpers.
- Dine Out Fundraisers—First one will be held on November 2nd at Uno's in Taunton. They will be donating up to 20% of your check.
- Every other month would be ideal...requested attendants to let PTO know of any restaurants.

Upcoming Events

- Monster Mash – Friday, October 28, 2016
- The event will be held at Forrest Family Center in Taunton.
- 2 issues were mentioned--parking (maybe folks car-pool) and food speed-Forrest has 2 new pizza ovens which will help the wait time.
- Dine Out Night – Uno's Taunton, November 2, 2016
- Fundraiser Pick Up – Thursday, November 10, 2016

- 3-7pm is the pick-up time. This is the **only** pick-up time which is very important due to the frozen food.
- Jedi Knight Training – Tentative – Friday, November 18, 2016
- Santa’s Secret Workshop – Saturday, December 3, 2016
- Looking for lots of volunteers
- Mr. Kucher will get 8th grade helpers to go into the shopping area with the kids that are purchasing, as we have done in past years.
- Multiple Bake Sales
- Discussed possibility of having a bake sale on Election Day at DES, need to discuss with the town first.

Parent & Teacher Input

- Open Discussion

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm

Next meeting, Tuesday November 1st, 7pm @ DES library

President (Terri Fredericks) _____

Vice President (Jennifer Cabral) _____

Treasurer (Julie James) _____

Secretary (Tiffany Beaulieu) _____

Communication Secretary (Kathryn DeAmeral) _____