

Dighton PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: September 13, 2016

Meeting called to order by: Terri Fredericks at 7 pm

Location: Dighton Elementary School Library

Attendance: 28

Officer Reports

President - Terri Fredericks

- Notes of Appreciation
- Donation received from Dighton Lions for playground mulch-\$300
- Donation received from Bay Coast Bank for new slide-\$1,300
- Volunteering
- Volunteer opportunities and sign-up sheet shared with all in attendance.
- A special thank you to our communications secretary, Kathryn DeAmaral for creating our new DES website.

Vice President - Jen Cabral

- Middle School Notes
- Increased effort to reach out to DMS and have better parent/student/PTO involvement.

Recording Secretary - Tiffany Beaulieu

- May Meeting Minutes approved

Treasurer – Julie James

- May Treasurer Report approved
- Explanation of Treasurer report and how it is voted on.
- No teacher requests

Communication Secretary - Kathryn DeAmaral

- Website
- Emphasis on spreading the word about the new PTO website. Continue to engage communication about upcoming events with our school community.
- Facebook has been very successful!

Principal Reports

- Mr. Wheeler – Dighton Middle School
- Absent due to School Committee meeting
- Dr. Manchester – Dighton Elementary School
- Absent due to School Committee meeting

- Dr. Manchester requested President, Terri Fredericks to share information about the new anti-food rule for birthday parties in the classrooms. Non-food items are welcome.

Guest Speakers

- After School Yoga Program - Jessie Beerman
- Presented information about a Yoga for Kids class. Program was approved to run at DES. The cost is \$75 for six weeks. The program will be held after school until 4:30; Monday K-2, Wednesday 3rd and 4th grade. Classes are 90 minutes long, Mrs. Beerman stressed that Yoga is a great tool to assist our students with balance and focus.

Accomplishments

- Autism Speaks
- Local businesses donated money in order to supply all students and staff with a free Autism Speaks tee-shirt.
- Picnic in the Park
- K session was in the morning, 2nd-4th grade was in the afternoon, complimentary water and freeze pops were handed out, Miss Lori from Dighton library read stories on the grass. The day was a success!
- School Kits
- School kit handout went very well, parents and kids were excited to pick them up
- Locker Day - 5th Grade
- Well attended and was a great way for the new 5th graders to practice doing combinations on the lockers. The students felt better prepared for their first day.
- DES Playground Mulch
- Volunteers were very excited that a "mysterious" helper moved 35 yards of mulch around the playground into much smaller and quicker to spread piles.
- Kindergarten Picnic
- This year was located at the Dighton Pavilion due to inclement weather. Complimentary water and freeze pops were supplied. Bus D1 was there for the kids to gain familiarity with bus procedures and Miss Lori from the library read a story. Parents and children were happy and felt it was a great introduction to Kindergarten.

Discussion

- Updated Bylaws Approval
Updated Bylaws were approved
- Every 3 years, need to have an updated Cori form submitted to the office in order to participate/volunteer.

Upcoming Events

- Fall Fundraiser
- Introduced Fall Fundraiser information, keychain incentive, kick-off incentive assembly will be held on Tuesday, September 20th for both DES and DMS.
- Monster Mash - Tentative

- Discussed creating a planning Committee, attendants were invited to join.

Parent & Teacher Input

- Open Discussion
- Parent knows head coach of the Providence Bruins, offered as a possible contact.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm

Next meeting, Tuesday October 4th at 7pm @ DES library

President (Terri Fredericks) _____

Vice President (Jennifer Cabral) _____

Treasurer (Julie James) _____

Secretary (Tiffany Beaulieu) _____

Communications Secretary (Kathryn DeAmaral) _____