

Dighton PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: February 4, 2014

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

Location: Dighton Elementary School Library

Attendance:

• **Officer Reports**

- President - Jennifer Fyfe
 - PTO expo – April 16th
 - Interested parties to contact Dighton PTO. Alicen Adams will attend.
- Vice President - Jessica Hirschy
 - Sweetheart dance, positive feedback.
- Secretary - Sarah Horrocks
 - January Meeting Minutes approved
- Treasurer – Alicen Adams
 - January Report, balance shared. January treasurer report approved.
 - Teacher Requests
 - Mr. Kucia, Aqua farm in classroom for all 8th graders. Teacher request approved.
- Communications Secretary – Sarah Bettencourt

• **Principal Reports**

- Mr. Wheeler – Dighton Middle School
 - See attached, "principals' news"
 - Spirit week will have a new twist this year. More activities and games. Will incorporate "Cradles to Crayons" project by Noah Avila.
- Dr. Manchester – Dighton Elementary School
 - See attached, "principals report".
 - Curriculum night now called, "Family engagement night".
 - Mrs. Maurer spoke about peer leader group (4th graders) and activities they have done and are doing. All are welcome to join Tomorrow Fund walk typically last weekend in April.
 - Science fair. Mr. Kucia shared reminder of membership to Recycling for Rhode Island Education (see attached)
 - School Committee meeting voting on new roof, which is much needed for schools. Encouraged all who can to attend.
 - Mr. Wheeler spoke about DR Superintendent search process.
- Mrs. Fullen – Vice Principal, absent

• **Updates and Events**

- Friendly DINE-OUT on Jan 16th
 - \$292 raised! Friendly's donated gift certificate valued at \$25 for raffle winner, Plutzner Family.
- DMS cash pull on Jan 15th
 - Great success, kids all had fun.
- Sweetheart Dance Jan 31st
 - Success! Many shared positive feedback. Discussed idea of having fourth graders have advance purchase option. Discussed issue around parking lights and need to have better

lighting. Mr. Wheeler shared information that if we have a crowd control certified officer (training available) we can avoid added expense of detail officer.

- Made approximately \$1200

- CD's put together by DJ photographer, sold for \$5 a piece.

- DES Curriculum night (family engagement night) Feb 13th

- DINE-OUT -- SWEET AS PIE – Feb 24- Feb 28

- MCAS breakfast

- Granola and juice boxes for every MCAS date. Best buddies, yearbook staff, and peer leaders might all be able to help. Suggestion made to ensure all snacks are peanut free.

- Silent Auction – March 21st

- Segregansett Country Club

- Donations needed

- **Committee Reports**

- “Parents night out” – April 11th

- Best Defense Karate studio will be running a program

- Looking for yoga or zumba instructor to also run a program

- Looking for volunteers and to start committee

- Book Fair – May 2nd

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- See if DRRHS marching band will come play music during

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- **Parent and Teacher Ideas**

- "Note to school" pad fundraiser, Jenn Fyfe to follow up

- School supply fundraiser idea shared

- Buddy Bench, DRRHS students willing to build benches for us and DES students could paint the bench.

- Mr. Kucia also shared resource of DRRHS students being able to work on car repairs.

- Mr. Kucia shared interest from teachers and students to run another apparel fundraiser

- Ideas for getting word out

- Jenn Fyfe to follow up

- Fun Fitness Day, April 5th (Saturday, typically 8-11)

- Mrs. Gentile shared that help is needed coordinating in order to continue this event

- PTO to appropriate \$500, if necessary for Fun Fitness Day. Request to appropriate funds approved.

- **Adjourn**

- Next meeting, Tuesday March 4, 7pm @ DES Library

Jennifer Fyfe closed meeting at 8:38

President (Jennifer Fyfe) _____

Vice President (Jessica Hirschy) _____

Treasurer (Alicen Adams) _____

Secretary (Sarah Horrocks) _____

Communications Secretary (Sarah Bettencourt) _____

Minutes compiled by: Sarah Horrocks

