**Dighton PTO Meeting Minutes**

**Date: March 6th, 2018**

**Meeting called to order by: Terri Fredericks at 7:00pm**

**Location: Dighton Elementary School Library**

**Attendance: 7**

* **Call to Order**
* **Officer Reports**
  + President – Terri Fredericks
    - Welcome!
    - Next month at our April meeting, we will have officer nominations. The PTO by-laws were reviewed for re-elections and each board member spoke briefly about their positions (in a nut-shell):
    - Terri- Fun Run
    - Jen- Book Fair, Spirit Wear, 5th Grade Involvement
    - Tiffiny- Kindergarten Meet and Greet
    - Julie- Bake Sales
    - Kathryn- Monster Mash, SSW, Sweetheart Dance, oversee all communications and fliers for all events.
  + Vice President – Jennifer Cabral
  + Secretary – Tiffiny Beaulieu
    - February Minutes Approval-motion was approved.
  + Treasurer – Julie James
    - February Treasurer Reports Approval-motion was approved.
    - Teacher Requests:
    - DES gym teacher, Mrs. Corvi requesting $600 for a new climbing rope. To be used for all of K-4th grade. Motion to approve, was approved.
    - DES, Mrs. Ulmschneider requesting $100 for 12 balls, 12 jumping ropes and chalk for K-4 outdoor recess area. Motion to approve, was approved.
    - DES, 2nd grade, table for the 2nd time 2 touch screens…TBD.
* Communications Secretary- Kathryn DeAmaral
* **Principal Reports**
  + - Mr. Wheeler – Dighton Middle School
    - Apologized that he wasn’t present last month.
    - DMS news as follows…
    - Discussed children being late to class. The kids did a practice week having a signed hall pass when they are going to be late.
    - Flu Season, tips to know if your child should stay home or go to school.
    - The tragic event that happened at Parkland, FL. DMS did a lock down and it went very smoothly. It took about 25-30 seconds to have all kids in a locked location and about 4 minutes to check all the locked doors in the building!
    - MCAS Next Generation testing, refer to Principal newsletter.
    - MCAS dates are very important! Please be sure student arrives to school that day. If absent, student receives a 0 and that really hurts the overall scoring for the school.
    - Mrs. Dessert – Dighton Elementary School-not present

* + **Invited Guests**
  + **Accomplishments**
    - Providence Bruins- PTO had 2, ½ sections. Everyone had a ton of fun!!
* **Discussion**
  + - MCAS snacks-every year the PTO purchases snacks for all students taking the MCAS in both DES and DMS. Capri Sun and Nutri-Grain bars are purchased from WB Mason.
    - The PTO is looking for volunteers at the DMS to separate and prepare the snacks for each class that is taking the test that day.
* **Upcoming Events**
  + - Sweetheart Dance- Saturday March 10th from 5-7pm. Chestnut Hill Studios will be ready to begin photo taking at 4:30pm. Kung Fu Chris will be our special guest D.J. and “Poppy” from Trolls will be stopping by for a visit!
    - Scholastic Book Fair, “Paws for Reading”, reading challenge and pencil grams will be running from April 9th-23rd and animal shelter donations will be accepted April 2nd-May 3rd. Volunteers are needed for “selfie” frame making, games and activities. Volunteers will also be needed for set-up and during the running of the actual event. More details to come!
* **Parent and Teacher Input**
  + - A parent emailed Terri who couldn’t make it tonight and asked that her letter be read aloud on her behalf. The letter was in regards to school safety and potentially organizing a public town meeting to discuss.
* **Adjourn-8:26**

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Vice President (Jennifer Cabral) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer (Julie James) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary (Tiffiny Beaulieu) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Communication Secretary (Kathryn DeAmaral) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_