**PTO Meeting Minutes**

**Date: October 1, 2019**

**Location-Dighton Middle School Library**

**Called to order at 6:59 by Erin Weafer**

**Attendance – 17**

* **Call to Order: 7pm by Erin Weafer**
* **Officer Reports**
  + **President** – Erin Weafer.
  + **Vice President** – Karen DaSilva
* Spoke about the upcoming weekly board game board club that starts on Tuesday, October 22 and the need for volunteers. There is a link on fb with a sign up.com. There is a tote full of assorted board games that can be left in the DMS library. Volunteers can do as many or as few Tuesdays as they would like.
* Working on an October event for 5 graders. We need to figure out what we plan to do on the week of the dance.
* November program 5th grade skate night includes $ 7 includes skates 7 to 10 pm
* We plan to start to form a committee for Santa’s Secret Workshop, we will need volunteers for the day of, Saturday, December 7th and the night before Friday the 6th.
* We will need volunteers for the bake sale, middle school volunteers to bring kids into the shop and Erin Weafer asked if anyone knew anyone or would like to donate to the raffle table.
  + **Secretary** – Cheryl Waterman
    - **September Minutes Approval,** motion to approve September minutes, motion approved.
  + **Treasurer** – Sonia Barron
    - **September Treasurers Report Approval,**  motion to approve September Report, motion approved.
    - **Teacher Requests –**
    - Mrs. Perry for 1st grade requesting $146.76 for Yoga balls for classroom. Balls need to be smaller for 1st grade students. Motion to approve, motion approved**.**
    - **Field Trip Request –**

3r Grade- Requesting $1485 for trip to Plimoth Plantation (99 students at $15 per student) motion to approve, motion approved.

* + **Communications Secretary** – Kristin Tavares
  + Informed everyone that she has set up a Facebook group for all levels except for grade 6th since Terri Fredrick has set one up for that class last year. She was looking for 2 to 3 moderators per grade level. “They are going good so far”
* **Principal Reports**
  + **Mr. Wheeler – Dighton Middle School**
  + Spoke about upcoming events at DMS, no school October 7th, Lifetouch picture day October 8th
* Informal presentation for parents of 5th graders, but will also welcome families that are new to DMS, meeting to help students and parents with middle school.
* Next thing vaping presentation soon – very concerned with amount of students that admit to vaping.
* Spoke about clubs and Base program. (Cookie club, scrapbook digital art, green, drama and floor hockey, guitar, programming etc. ) . $75 for year, but contact him if that is a finance hardship.
* Math and Debate is extra due to busing to competition.
* Boys and girls soccer.
* All announcements are being put on the website, they are relying heavily on electronic
* October 14(?) parent conference by invitation only.
  + Mrs. Dessert – Dighton Elementary School – Not Present.
* **Discussions**
* **Freezer Chest for DES**- we need to table for tonight. We may need to revisit later. Motion to table Freezer Chest discussion for now, motion approved.
  + **Grant research for Playground-** we have been looking into options- Sonia asked if anyone has any experience and would be willing to research and write a grant. Alicia Rapoza will look into since she has connections with the Somerset School that recently built a playground. Terri Fredrick will investigate local companies. Must be 1588 compliment.
  + **Funds for Board game club at DMS - $200-** motion to allocate $200 for board games for the DMS Board game club. Motion approved. Sonia also asked for donations of board games.
  + **Townline Redemption Center Fundraiser-** Supporters of the Dighton PTO can bring their MA redeemable bottles and cans to Townline Redemption center in the Alice’s Restaurant parking lot and have their money donated to the PTO – Motion to approve an account being set up, Motion approved. Talk of possibility of having a box put out for teachers and staff at DES and DMS.

* + **Thank you to Small Towne Creative Designs for donation of PTO meeting signs.** Everyone agreed that they were awesome and served as a great reminder of the meeting.
* **Invited Guest(s) NA**
* **Accomplishments**
  + Facebook Group for every grade great job.
* **Upcoming Events**
  + **Sullivan Dental E-raffle** – raffle will go live tomorrow. Proceeds will help DMS parent paid sports and will help offset the price for parents. A link will be posted, and ticket prices will be $25 for 1 and $40 for 2.
* **Fun Run & Color Run – Oct 2-15 – Terri Fredricks –**
* Our fun run and color run kicks off tomorrow with all 3 events. This includes a glow run, hero fit for Pre-schoolers. Detailed emails will go out explains everything. Date of run for run is Tuesday October 15. K -2 9:30 to 10:30. Grades 3-4 10:45 to 11:45. Color Run at 1pm.
* Middle school teachers are excited, last year about ½ the school participated, hopefully much more this year. Zig Zag Zack will be going over to the school to sign them up. $30 per student with a family max of $60.
* Pre-K will do a combination of laps and moves held in the gym. One for am and one for pm sessions. Thursday the 10th.
* Color run pretty good of volunteers; we don’t need as many due to teachers.
* If $30,000 goal is reached, Mr. wheeler, Mrs. dessert and Mrs. Fullen will get slimed.
* Someone donated self-locking foam mats for our wheelchair accessible track.
* **Monster Mash – October 25-** 
  + Forest Family Fun Center from 5 pm to 7pm.
  + Forms will be sent out Monday. Stacy Alves has offered to print out 500 forms. DRSepac will be there to set up a sensory corner. -they are looking for a pop-up tent.
  + Carpooling is encouraged due to parking issues.
  + Costume Contest- best, funniest, scariest and family
* **Spirit Wear-**  Erin Weafer for DMS and Cheryl Waterman for DES
  + We are working on new design and forms will be sent home soon.
  + Start day is October 25th
    - Dine Outs waiting to hear back from the 99 restaurants
    - Upcoming DRSEPAC meeting this Thursday dealing with Homework battles for Middle school, but 4th grade parents are also encouraged to come.
    - Game Board Club start October 22nd.
* **Parent and Teacher Ideas**
  + Open Discussion
  + Meeting adjourned 7:58