**Dighton PTO Meeting Minutes**

**Date: October 3rd, 2017**

**Meeting called to order by: Terri Fredericks at 7:03pm**

**Location: Dighton Elementary School Library**

**Attendance: 15**

* **Call to Order**
* **Officer Reports**
  + President – Terri Fredericks
    - Welcome all attendants!
    - Motion to move the November PTO meeting to Tuesday, the 14th due to the first week of November being very busy. Motion was accepted.
  + Vice President – Jennifer Cabral
    - Was in contact with Deb Hanatow, discussed doing a 5th grade skate night, details to come.
  + Secretary – Tiffiny Beaulieu
    - September Minutes Approval-motion was approved.
  + Treasurer – Julie James
    - Budget approval, motion to approve, was approved.
    - September Reports Approval, motion to approve, was approved.
    - Teacher Requests:
    - 5th grade, Andrea Cabral requested $163.57 for 3 all science based programs; Mystery Science, Quizlet, and Edhelper. Motion to approve all 3 was approved.
    - Kindergarten requesting $1,000 for field trip to Chamberlin Farm. Motion was approved.
    - Kindergarten, Deena Bellevance requesting $165.00 for 18 scoop seats for her classroom. Motion was approved.
    - Julie drew raffle tickets for the raffle that was held at the DES open house. Gift card to Target was won by Jessica Matthews, Tickets to Kid Bop were won by Lisa Eed and free tickets to DES Monster Mash were won by Kerri Perra!
* Communications Secretary- Kathryn De Amaral
* Website was updated for the Fall and a flyer was created with all the upcoming DES information.
* **Principal Reports**
  + - Mr. Wheeler – Dighton Middle School
    - A.C.E. Program (activity clubs for enrichment)
    - LOTS of afterschool activities will be available to the kids at DMS. There is a one-time fee of $75.00 (see DMS newsletter).
    - Parent Portal is up and running, the portal has been very successful and the kids really enjoy being part of their grades.
    - Students are late at 8:00…MA state law, DMS is focusing on the importance of having your child at school and on time!
    - Technology, your kids and online safety. Please make sure you are communicating with your children about online use.
    - Massasoit League: Boy+Girl Basketball Teams, Boys’ Soccer and Baseball. Girls’ Soccer and Softball. Stay tuned for Debate and Math teams.
    - Being a responsible and respectful parent because your kids are watching you!!
    - Hints for homework, getting our kids organized and keeping stress low!
    - For more information regarding DMS events and happenings, refer to their newsletter.
    - Dr. Bonneau / Mrs. Fullen – Dighton Elementary School—not present

* + **Invited Guests**
  + **Accomplishments**
    - DES Open House, PTO had a table that held flyers and a raffle. Trying hard to get our message out to all parents!!
* **Discussion**

* **Upcoming Events**
  + - Fun Run, “Castle Quest" is this year’s theme. The BoosterThon reps are coming to the school for 7 days leading up to the run. They will talk about topics in a PBIS form with all the kids in the school and help out in any way possible--EVERY child gets to participate in this event!! No child is left out!
    - Parents/Family can donate either a flat rate or a per lap amount. Donations can be done right online to streamline the process! PTO is looking for volunteers to help pass out water. The total distance is 2 miles, most of the kids will complete the entire run without evening knowing how far they actually ran!!
    - DMS is having the color run. The color is cornstarch with color added to it. There is also an option to run in the “safe zone” if the child doesn’t want to get color on them). The students just need 1 sponsor, who could be their parents in order to run!
    - This event is replacing our conventional fundraiser that we have traditionally held!
    - Monster Mash-to be held on October 27th at Forrest’s Family Fun Center from 5-7pm. Similar to last year, kids are encouraged to come in their Halloween costume! There will be games, a costume contest, pizza/hotdogs and a drink are provided with ticket purchase.
    - Spirit Wear-Graphic Inc. is working to create a more online friendly ordering process. We are hoping to offer different color and style options than in years past. Stay tuned!
    - Santa’s Secret Workshop-will be held December 2nd at DR High School. We are in need of volunteers to help out at this event! Stay tuned for more information!!

* **Parent and Teacher Input**
  + - Request to continue Dine Out nights.

* **Adjourn-8:27**

President (Terri Fredericks) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Communication Secretary (Kathryn DeAmeral) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_