**Dighton PTO Meeting Minutes**

**Date: December 5th, 2017**

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

**Location: Dighton Elementary School Library**

**Attendance: 18**

* **Call to Order**
* **Officer Reports**
  + President – Terri Fredericks
    - Welcome all attendants!
  + Vice President – Jennifer Cabral
  + Secretary – Tiffiny Beaulieu
    - November Minutes Approval-motion was approved.
  + Treasurer – Julie James
    - November Reports Approval-motion was approved.
    - Teacher Requests;
    - Erin Taylor, DES TLC, requesting $462.96 for bean bags, weighted blanket and conversation cards. Motion to approve, was approved.
    - Amanda Ferreira, DMS Grade 7, requesting $81.00 for MobyMax online program to benefit 103 students. Motion to approve, was approved.
    - Carl Richard, DMS, Grade 7, requesting ear buds for read aloud program, cost is $23.92. Motion to approve, was approved.
    - Mr. Kucher, DMS, Grade 8, requesting head phones for 120 students, cost $120.00. Motion to approve, was approved.
    - Mrs. Silvestre, DMS 5th-8th Grade Cookie Club requesting $200.00 for cooking supplies. Motion to approve, was approved.
    - DMS, Grade 7 requesting $1,454.00 for a field trip to the Zeiterion Theatre to see Freedom Riders on February 13th. Motion to approve, was approved.
* Communications Secretary- Kathryn DeAmaral
* **Principal Reports**
  + - Mr. Wheeler – Dighton Middle School
    - Pay it Forward stocking stuffer giving tree, has been done every year. Very successful!
    - DMS has a new daily calendar. All new after school events are being posted each and every day.
    - Reminder about how to find out about delays and no school announcements.
    - 5th Grade Movies! DMS will be hosting a movie night.
    - Parent Portal, a fantastic way to parents to be in the know about their child’s education, grades, tests and report cards.
    - Talking to Children about Terrorism, kids are expressing their concerns.
    - Mindfulness, breathe deeply, mindfulness is a state of active, open attention on the present.
    - Holidays are wonderful, but can be very stressful. The DMS newsletter has some great advice to making the holiday as stress free as possible.
    - PTO fundraiser was a success!! Staff and students had a blast!!
    - Solar project is under way. Work on the Dighton campus will be starting on Friday, December 8th and should be completed by January 15th.
    - Mrs. Dessert – Dighton Elementary School
    - Please dress your child in appropriate clothing for colder weather.
    - Reminder about being patient in regards to the solar project. It shouldn’t impact the pick-up/drop-off procedure.
    - Looking forward to our Holiday Chorus concert.
    - Refer to the newsletter for upcoming Spirit week theme days.
    - DES wants to make sure that all our kids have the resources they need to learn.
    - Technology updates are very important and getting our kids comfortable on these pieces of technology. MCAS testing is all held on the computer.
    - Stressed the desire to reach and help each and every child in our school!

* + **Invited Guests**
    - Dr. Azar- Superintendent, Dighton Rehoboth Regional School District
    - District Updates; spoke about folks that hide behind a “sudo” name for the sole purpose to create trouble within the school community.
    - In the Fall, we know that DES is going to need more space within our building.
    - Modular add-ons vs. brick…recommendation for modular in light of needing a new building in the future.
    - Spoke about the DR high school needing a new roof in the near future.
    - Palmer River getting a new roof, solar project is beginning, new keyless entry systems being put into place in all the schools.
    - Lots of great updates being put into place to improve our district!
    - Learning walks being done at all the schools so we can see what our schools need.
    - Needs based budget, we are not a business creating a product. We are dealing with children and what their needs are.
    - First goal is student achievement, 2nd goal is meeting these goals within our district (Rehoboth, Dighton).
    - Parents are encouraged to speak with their building principals to find out how they can be involved with school committee meetings and to be kept in the loop of discussions about changes within the district.
    - Dr. Azar encourages communication via emails and phone calls if need be.
  + **Accomplishments**
    - Santa’s Secret Workshop-Raffles were incredible! $1,480 was earned!
    - Thank you to Cheryl, great job setting up the vendors, we had a full house!
    - Thank you to Miss Sheri from Champions!
    - Suggestion to make signs telling you where to go when you enter high school and then where to go once inside the building.
* **Discussion**
  + - Dine Out-Uno’s has reached out to us. They are hoping we will be having another dine out night with them.
    - Christmas cash-PTO allocates $25.00 towards each classroom for their holiday celebration. Teacher request needs to be sent in.
* **Upcoming Events**
  + - Spirit Wear-Very large order, about 220+/-, there will be another opportunity to order again in March.
    - P-Bruins, February 11th, reminder that the DES kids are not performing this year. Last year approximately 500 people attended. This is not a fundraiser, just a fun event for our DES kids.

* **Parent and Teacher Input**
  + - Budget changes-PTO wants to try and make field trips more equitable based on a per child dollar amount versus $1,000 per grade level.
    - Our base line per child right now is $11.00
    - Option 1: Increase per child to $15.00 K-7 and $30.00 per 8th grade student. Motion to approve, was approved.
    - Option 2: Receive less Christmas cash for both DES and DMS. Motion to approve, was approved.
    - Option 3: $1,878.04 for 2 chrome carts, one for DES 1st grade and the DES library. Motion to approve, was approved.
    - Table discussion until next meeting in regards to next year’s Fun Run/Color Run.

* **Adjourn-9:00**

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

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

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