Dighton PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: December 4th, 2018

Meeting called to order by Jennifer Cabral @ 7:07pm

Location: DES Cafeteria

Attendance: 8

* **Call To Order**
* **Officer Reports**
	+ President – Jennifer Cabral
		- Welcome and Happy Holidays to everyone!
		- We will be having a discussion further into the meeting about the teacher requests that were made.
	+ Vice President – Erin Weafer
	+ Secretary – Tiffiny Beaulieu
		- November Minutes Approval-motion was made to approve, motion approved.
	+ Treasurer – Julie James-
		- November Treasurer Reports Approval-motion was made to approve, motion approved.
		- Teacher Requests: All tabled until next month
		- Communications Secretary – Kathryn DeAmaral
			* + Website and facebook are both up to date with all current information

* **Principal Reports**
	+ Mr. Wheeler – Dighton Middle School
	+ Vaping, 15% of 8th graders have admitted to doing it. Kids can be addicted in as little as a week! Usual starting age is 12-13 years old. DMS kids have admitted to doing this right in the classroom. It is almost impossible to detect. It is important to pay close attention to any hand movements near the child’s face and if you notice a sweet smell in your child’s breath.
	+ Students looking forward to Spirit week and Wacky Olympics!
	+ Mrs. Dessert – Dighton Elementary School
		- We are very excited to see the modular units coming together. We have been working hard to get all the supplies needed to create working classrooms for the kids to go into. Currently we have rooms that are literally just 4 walls. No shelves, no closets or storage space to speak of! These rooms have to outfitted with everything to make them a usable classroom space.
		- Mrs. Dessert was very concerned about the teacher “wish list” requests that had been submitted and the importance of the requests being a direct benefit to the students. She and Jen Cabral were going to review all requests together and teachers were going to be asked to re-review their lists and prioritize what they really needed to directly enhance the learning in their rooms.
		- Students and staff looking forward to our up-coming Spirit week. This is the tip off to our Holiday break.
		- The chorus will be performing their Holiday concert, they will be doing a performance for the students in the afternoon and again in the evening for the parents and family members.
		- Artist, Bren Battaclan will be coming to our school again to do another mural with the kids. The mural will be in the gym. He will be with us for the week before we leave for vacation. Can’t wait to see what he creates for us this time!

* **Invited Guests**
* **Accomplishments**
	+ - Santa’s Secret Workshop was a hit! Kids and adults had a fantastic time! Thank you to the DMS students for volunteering their time to help the younger kids shop. We even had a few 4th grade students helping out as well!
		- Spirit wear orders were placed. We will be looking for volunteers to help sort them.
* **Discussion**
	+ - There was an extensive discussion in regards to the teacher “wish list” requests. Quite a few requests came back to us (the PTO) with a cost of approximately $7,000 if each request was to be approved. Per a discussion with Mrs. Dessert, the board decided to table all requests until the following meeting. The requests were going to be sent back to all teachers with a note asking them to prioritize the importance of what they wanted and to be sure that the items had a direct impact to enhance the learning for all students in the classroom.
* **Upcoming Events**

* **Parent and Teacher Input**

* **Adjourn @8:00**

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

Vice President (Erin Weafer) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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