Dighton PTO Meeting Minutes – March 2019

Date: March 5, 2019

Meeting called to order by Jennifer Cabral @ 7:04pm

Location: DES Library

Attendance: 7 (plus 4 board members)

* + - * **Call To Order**
      * **Officer Reports**
        + President – Jennifer Cabral

Nominations – for 4 of our members, term is up. We need members to step up for the board. Nominations start next month in April and voting is in May. PTO holds a summer meeting to transition everything to the new board. Duties of each board member was reviewed.

* + - * + Vice President – Erin Weafer
        + Secretary – Tiffiny Beaulieu – NOT PRESENT

February Minutes Approval-motion was made to approve, motion approved.

* + - * + Treasurer – Julie James

February Treasurer Reports Approval-motion was made to approve, motion approved.

Only a few more field trips to pay out this year, maybe only 3 more grades. 8th Graders are going to Patriots Place instead of Canobie Lake Park this year. Buses were too expensive.

Teacher Requests:

Tom Kucia - 8th grade – 8th Grade Patriot Place field trip + Francis Farm social = $3000 requested. This was too little because they can get more than that as it’s per person, not 1K for 8th grade. 107 students = $3605 new total. Motion made to approve additional funds, motion approved. Check should be made out to Dighton Middle School.

Tom Kucia – 8th grade – requests $24.98 for Amazon Basics, end of the year slideshow & dvds. Motion made to approve, motion approved.

Jill Castergini – Occupational Therapy – requests $27.77 to purchase visual timer. Timer is used to signify end of break. Motion made to approve, motion approved.

Brian Michaud – DES Music – requests $404.25 for alto xylophone, used for all students. He ALMOST has enough instruments for all students to play in class which is why he is making the request. Motion made to approve, motion approved.

PTO received card from Mrs. Maurer’s students saying thank you for everything that was received from their wish list.

* + - * + Communications Secretary – Kathryn DeAmaral

* + - * **Principal Reports**
        + Mrs. Fullen (for Mrs. Dessert) – Dighton Elementary School

Everyone is happy to be in the modulars. Pre-K coming to the school has been awesome. Kids are more conscious in the hallways, sharing bathroom space.

Upcoming dates:

March 13th – early release

March 23rd – STEAMposium 10am-2pm, science/technology, center for kids, presenters, etc.

MCAS ELA – April 8&10th for 4th grade // 9&11th for 3rd grade, makeups 23rd & 24th after April vacation

MCAS Math – May 13&14th for 4th grade // 14&16th for 3rd grade, makeups 17th and 20th

* + - * + Mr. Kucia (for Mr. Wheeler) – Dighton Middle School

Softball & baseball season is starting – starts the 11th – must have mdical forms in prior to trying out.

8th Grade is trying to plan another field trip to the Museum of Science.

School wants to plan something about the dangers of vaping, sponsored by CBS.

Newscaster – Julianne Peixoto – visited the 6th grade. She is a former student.

MCAS are coming up, dates are insane. They are not on the calendar yet.

DMS had featured speaker whose mother was in the concentration camps during WWII. 8th Grade are doing a unit in English about concentration camps, WWII and Hilter. Speaker was very moving.

* + - * **Guest Speakers**
      * **Accomplishments**
        + UNO’s Dine Out – Erin has not heard how much we made on the event yet. We usually receive a check about 2 weeks post-event. Event was only a week ago.
      * **Upcoming Events**
        + Sweetheart Dance – everything is going well, over 500 people already registered. Kung Fu Kris (from last year’s Boosterthon) will be returning to DJ & MC.
        + DES Book Fair – Reading challenge logs have been sent out, ends Tuesday the 26th. Each winner gets medal & $10 Scholastic money. Book Fair can now be in the library. Theme is Dino-mite Book Fair. Friday night event will be in the gym. Plan to have 2 nights open until 5pm, kids will cycle through with their teachers. Parents will know when their child’s class is attending. Jen is putting together a volunteer spot and should have it ready by next week. Friday event is 6pm-8pm. Pencilgrams – we will need to make up a flyer asking for volunteers as well. Pencilgram – send in $1 (try to pay it forward and send in $2) – students get a pencil & a note from their parents the week after the Fair. All money from the Pencilgrams go towards “All For Books”. We are usually able to get $500 – which allows each teacher to reaceive 2 books off their wishlist. Attendee asked if Pre-K will be able to go? Mrs. Fullen said yes, they should be able to work it out so they can attend with Kindergarten. Mrs. Fullen will ask Pre-K teachers first to see how they feel about it. Jen asked Cheryl & Jessica if they could do frames. They said yes.
        + Harlem Globetrotters – Confirmed that is for DMS chorus only.
        + 4th Grade Yearbook – Committee had planning meeting, everything going well. Karen contacted teachers and sent home info to 4th grade parents. Kristin (not present) reached out to Lifetouch, disk being delivered next week to office in Kathryn’s name. Mrs. Fullen said she would let office staff know.
        + MCAS Snacks – Jen is going to reach out to Terri. Erin can email her rep at WB Maston too. Last year’s totals were $371 for DES and $1187 for DMS. We provide Nutri-grain bars & Capri-Sun. We need to determine class #s to get competing quotes. Mrs. Fullen provided class #s: Grade 3 – 86, Grade 4 – 90. Total for DES = 176 // Grade 5 – 104, Grade 6 – 99, Grade 7 – 111, Grade 8 – 107. Total for DMS = 421. Mrs Fullen suggests that it make be cheaper to go through Winston (cafeteria food service).

* + - * **Parent and Teacher Ideas**
        + Attendee (Cheryl Waterman) – question about playground equipment. Mrs Bosco & Mrs Bellevance had asked about it at previous meeting. Did anything ever happen? Response – no, because it was so old, we did not have information on the equipment. Mrs Fullen said she may be able to assist with getting the information. There was talk about a possible grant? Playground repair may be something we want to revisit.

* + - * **Adjourn @ 7:56pm**

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

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

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

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

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