**Dighton PTO Meeting Minutes**

**Date: September 12th, 2017**

**Meeting called to order by: Terri Fredericks at 7:04pm**

**Location: Dighton Elementary School Library**

**Attendance: 17**

* **Call to Order**
* **Officer Reports**
  + President – Terri Fredericks
    - Warm welcome to all the new faces! Brief introduction to our board members with an explanation of who we are and what we do.
  + Vice President – Jennifer Cabral
    - Discussed trying to implement more activities for the middle school kids; especially the 5th graders.
  + Secretary – Tiffiny Beaulieu
    - May Minutes Approval-motion approved.
  + Treasurer – Julie James
    - May, June, July, and August Reports Approvals-motion approved for all.
    - Teacher Requests:
    - Each grade level, K-7 gets $1,000 each with 8th grade getting a bit more (as these students are transitioning onto HS). The PTO is trying to change this so that all grade levels get money per child vs a broad grade level.
    - Grade 2—requesting $1,000 for a field trip to Four Town Farm, move to approve-motion was approved.
    - Grade 3—requesting $1,000 for field trip to Plymouth Plantation and Boston Tea Party, move to accept –was approved.
    - Grade 4—requesting $1,000 for the Gillette stadium field trip in October, move to accept—was approved.
    - Grade 4 requesting $414.95 for their planners, move to accept—was approved.
  + Communications Secretary – Kathryn DeAmaral
  + All has been updated, events and current information. Please be sure to check out both Facebook and our website.

* **Principal Reports**
  + - Mr. Wheeler – Dighton Middle School
    - A 5th grader came to Mr. Wheeler and told him that he thought this place (DMS) was awesome and that they have great food!
    - Mr. Wheeler spoke about lots of staff change due to budget.
    - DMS open house is a night to meet teachers and hear about the year’s curriculum. This is an event for parents only, no kids are allowed due to fire codes.
    - Mr. Wheeler was happy to report that soccer was saved! It was very close to being taken away.
    - For more information regarding DMS events and happenings, refer to their newsletter.
    - Dr. Bonneau / Mrs. Fullen – Dighton Elementary School—not present
    - Mrs. Sylvia is the new STEM teacher; she is requesting any help that folks can give with entering books into the SAIL system. Very easy to do and it would be a huge help!
    - Open house date TBD…
    - Entire building is now peanut/tree nut free in all classrooms.

* + **Invited Guests**
  + **Accomplishments**
    - Concert Bake Sales--DES made $280.50.
    - 4th Grade Step Up-DES PTO hosted a party for the 4th grade kids. They got to go over to DMS and tour the school. They then come back and had a barbecue, Dells lemonade, DJ, and lots of fun games. The theme for the event was Emoji’s.
    - Picnic in the Park-event went very well. All the new, upcoming Kindergartners had a chance to meet one another and enjoy free ice pops!
    - Kindergarten Picnic-Kindergartners had an open house at DES and then they headed over to the Dighton town hall to get together and do a meet and greet. A bus was present to allow the kids to climb in and on and check out.
    - BTS Goodies for Staff-coffee and breads were provided by the PTO for both DES and DMS. Staff was very excited to have that surprise!

* **Discussion**
  + - Volunteers-going to use the volunteer "sign up" this year. This is an online way to sign up to help with different events, super quick and easy! A reminder to parents that they need to have a current Cori check in order to participate inside the schools. They usually take about 6 weeks to process.
    - School Kits-PTO apologizes for any errors that folks might have had. It was a yearlong process to get things in order. Beginning with a supply list from teachers, grades k-8 to then eventually receiving the actual kits. A question was presented to the PTO, if there was another company we could order from instead? Motion made to find another company—motion was approved.
    - 4th Grade Yearbook –we are looking for volunteers that have kids in 4th grade that would like to help. Last year we used Shutterfly and they did an amazing job! Jessica Hershy spoke about it as she was one of the volunteers from last year.

* **Upcoming Events**
  + - Fun Run & Color Run-"Castle Quest" is the 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!
    - DMS is having the color run. 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. Kids are encouraged to come in their Halloween costume! There will be games, a costume contest and pizza/hotdogs and a drink are provided with ticket purchase.

* **Parent and Teacher Input**
  + - Open Discussion-a question was asked about re-upping our membership to RRIE: Recycling for RI Education. Question was tabled until next month’s meeting.

* **Adjourn-8:43**

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

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

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

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

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