**Dighton PTO Meeting Minutes**

**Date: January 9th, 2017**

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

**Location: Dighton Elementary School Library**

**Attendance: 6**

* **Call to Order**
* **Officer Reports**
  + President – Terri Fredericks
    - Welcome all attendants and Happy New Year!
  + Vice President – Jennifer Cabral
  + Secretary – Tiffiny Beaulieu
    - December Minutes Approval-motion was approved.
  + Treasurer – Julie James
    - December Treasurer Reports Approval-motion was approved.
    - Only $376.70 of Holiday cash was used last year. This year we have used $947.55, which is great!!
    - Boosterthon Fundraiser, both DES and DMS events raised a combined total of $24,732.82!!!
    - Teacher Requests:
    - DES principal, Mrs. Dessert requesting $2,633.92 for 490 KleenSlate Deluxe Dry Erase boards- motion to approve, was approved.
    - Kim Furness, DMS, 5th grade requesting $34.99 for Quizlet- Motion to approve, was approved.
    - Laura Ouellete, DES reading teacher requesting $25 for whiteboards and accessories- Motion to approve, was approved.
* Communications Secretary- Kathryn DeAmaral; Suggestion was made to use reminder app.
* **Principal Reports**
  + - Mr. Wheeler – Dighton Middle School-not present, Mr. Kucher spoke on his behalf.
    - Solar panels are in the process of being put in.
    - Keyless entries have been added to the building to enhance security.
    - MCAS dates have been set.
    - Debate team has their first meet coming up on Friday, January 12th.
    - Math team has their first competition on January 26th
    - School Council is looking for input from our parents.
    - DMS kids will be working at the food kitchen in Fall River on January 23rd-this is a very uplifting event that deeply moves both staff and students!
    - Project 351 has selected an Ambassador, Elianna Raposa!
    - DMS winter chorus concert is January 10th at 7pm.
    - How you can recognize ADHD in your child.
    - Homework tips to help both parents and students.
    - Mrs. Dessert – Dighton Elementary School- not present

* + **Invited Guests**
  + **Accomplishments**
    - Spirit Wear- Long sleeve shirts for DES were in the wrong color, but the company corrected the problem. Extras were ordered for both DES and DMS to have on hand. They will be sold at some upcoming events.
    - The Holidays! Congrats, we got through them!!
* **Discussion**
* **Upcoming Events**
  + - Dine Out- Uno’s- Thursday, January 11th in Taunton location- you can bring the paper or they will honor the flyer on your phone as well. We were promised that they will have plenty of staff on hand!
    - PBruins- Sunday, February 11th-Flyers went out to both DES and DMS. This year the kids will not be singing. A hat, popcorn and drink is included with your ticket price.
    - 5th Grade Skate Night, $7.00 a ticket, rentals included at Forrest Family Center.
    - Sweetheart Dance, Saturday, March 10th from 5-7pm at Forrest Family Center. Chestnut Hill studio will be taking photographs. The theme this year will be “Trolls”! Poppy will be making an appearance! The PTO is going to reach out to Kung Fu Chris to see if he could also make an appearance. More information will be coming!
    - Book Fair-There are Scholastic dollars available. We are hoping to give each grade level Team Leader $500 to use for their classrooms. The theme for this year’s book fair is “Paws for Books”! We are going to do the pencil grams again this year. They will be sent home versus being sold at the event. We are also going to do a read-a-thon. One top girl and one top boy from each grade will win a Paw Sox ticket and award! We are also going to reach out to the Taunton Animal Shelter to get some staff to speak to the kids about animal care/animal information. A committee will be set up to work/volunteer at the fair.
* **Parent and Teacher Input**
  + - PTO received an email from a parent asking why do we need to continue to do fundraisers, didn’t we already raise enough money with the Fun Run?...In response to this question, there is a difference between all the events, fundraisers, and dine-out’s that we do. We always need to run events to raise money. This is a continual effort that is made throughout the year, every year!
    - This Friday, donations can be made for the food pantry (cash or food) for the DMS trip to the food kitchen in Fall River.
* **Adjourn-8:10**

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

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

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

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