

## **DBS PTO Meeting Minutes**

May 14, 2015

6-7 p.m.

1. Welcome & Introductions: Rick Dustin-Eichler, Jaime Peyton, Shevie Brooks, Jodie Davi, Jen Krom, Katie Ouellette, Jen Durgin, Heidi St Peter, Tessa Johnson
2. Treasurer's Report: \$6,018.24 currently in bank; expecting another \$120 from EBA's, and another small Yankee Candle check. Additional expected expenses before end of the school year:
  - Yearbook (Mr. Burns in charge, 1 approx. \$750)
  - VIP raffle gift, \$300 approx.
  - Retirements: Ed Hill, Custodian; Mrs. Thompson, 4<sup>th</sup> grade; cards, cake for staff lounge, June 12 @ 1 pm assembly – Jaime Peyton
  - Receipts for staff appreciation week, \$200 approx.
3. Planning for PTO-hosted pre-K and kindergarten summer play dates – Jen Krom will coordinate with Rick to find suitable dates in July and August
4. Parent Mentors: This is an idea from last year that did not get off the ground; coordinated by Rick with help from the PTO; any new parent/family – email to send out to current parents to get a list of mentors; Parent Panel should be scheduled in October.
5. New Board Election: unanimous “aye” votes for:  
  
Shevie Brooks for President  
Jen Krom for Vice President  
Heidi St Peter for Treasurer  
Katie Ouellette for Secretary
6. Upcoming Events and Other News:
  - June 4, PTO ice cream social 6:30 pm – we had a discussion about logistics and details to coordinate the event. PTO will send an email soon to recruit volunteer scoopers (who should bring their own scoops).
  - Cathy Newton is new principal at OQS
  - Walk & Rides have been amazing – 80+ students each time
  - Still need a Fall W&R coordinator: Jen Durgin will step in.
  - Spring concert will be on Thursday, May 21 at 6:30 pm
  - Lots of field trips coming up
  - Field Day June 11, need lots of volunteers (dunk tank is gone, Shevie will look into possible replacements)

- The Old PTO Board will consider an appreciation gift for Becky Wood as a thank you for all of her help throughout the year
- The New Board was advised to meet with Becky for introductions, information

Action Plan presentation by Rick Dustin-Eichler

- No data from NECAP or SBAC scores yet; cannot compare them; expected SBAC scores to be low because new, first time, learning curve
- Math scores are decent, but have flat-lined – the plan is to focus more on math and math discussions in the classroom
- All kids in Hartford will participate in Number Corner
- Big focus on looking at data and numbers; Rick continues to discuss this among the staff, and they he's working to build framework for discussing this data
- Hartford recently hired new assistant superintendent in charge of curriculum (from Rutland)
- June 10 school board meeting re: DBS action plan