

# Dothan Brook School PTO

## Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date & Location:** February 11, 2016 at DBS Library

**Attendees:** Rick Dustin-Eichler, Amber Nielson, Marty Irvine, Jodie Davi, Kay Kasten, Sue Knapp, Tessa Johnson, Tracy Dustin-Eichler, Jamie Peyton, Jen Krom, Heidi St. Peter, Shevie Brooks, Katie Ouelette  
Also attending: Representatives from White River School and Ottaquechee School.

**Teacher Representatives:**

**Next Meeting:** March 11, 6:00-7:00 p.m. @ DBS Library  
Parent Workshop: Infinite Campus

1. Welcome and Introductions: Meeting was called to order by PTO President, Shevie Brooks at 6:00 p.m.
2. January meeting minutes approved and will be available online.
3. Family Movie Night recap: The movie event on 1/29 received \$118 in donations (2 movies: Minions and HOME). Thank you to volunteers who baked, donated snacks and their time.
4. Upcoming Events:
  - DBS Night at Dartmouth: March 4th against Penn. Discounted tickets available in the office.
  - Spelling Bee qualifier was yesterday; 40 kids tried out. Letters will go out tomorrow (2/12) for those who qualify. The spelling bee will take place March 11th at 1:15 (in-house only)
  - Empty Bowl Project: March 22nd, Volunteers needed (serving, clean up, etc); bowls are being made by students, kindergarteners are painting bowls made by local artists. Expecting to have 500 bowls. \$5 minimum donation. Cherie Torrey and Finnie Trimpi are coordinating this fundraiser.
5. Community Events
  - Dartmouth Hockey concessions: Friday, 2/13: we are looking for a couple more volunteers. Saturday, 2/19, several volunteers are needed. Shevie and Katie will bring orange shirts, donation jars and signs. This is a FUN event. Please consider volunteering (see VolunteerSpot to sign up)
6. New Business
  - March Parent Workshop: Infinite Campus with Bill Yates, speaker
  - Spring Fundraiser: Yankee Candle; Heidi will contact them for packets and dates
  - Spirit Wear
7. News from Rick:
  - Pre-k playground: DBS has some in the budget but will need some PTO support. Rick will follow-up when he has an exact quote including installation. Many companies require their own installation.
  - Rebecca Lallier named Vermont School Counselor of the Year. Congratulations Mrs. Lallier!!
8. Parent Workshop: A conversation with Superintendent Tom DeBalsi: school budget, hiring process for the middle and high school principals and other upcoming initiatives. Thank you to those who attended this workshop and participated in the conversation. Some parents from DBS, OQS and WRS attended this portion of the meeting.
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
10. Meeting Minutes submitted by Katie Ouelette