

Dothan Brook School PTO

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date & Location: September 15, 2016 at DBS Library

Attendees: Rick Dustin-Eichler, Jaime Peyton, Heidi St. Peter, Jen Krom, Amber Nielson, Teresa Wilson, Colleen Cooper, Kelly French, Katie Ouelette

Teacher Representatives:

Guest Speaker:

Next Meeting: October 13, 2016 - 6:00-7:00 p.m. @ DBS Library
Parent Workshop: Bullying Prevention

1. Welcome and introductions: PTO meeting was called to order by Jaime Peyton at 6:05 pm.
2. Financial Update: Heidi offered an update on the PTO bank account. We are starting the year with \$4800 in the bank.
3. Color Run update: Collection packets went out last Friday. This event is a collaborative effort with OQS and HMMS. If we raise \$7500 or more as a group, we get more money in return (70% vs 50%). OQS PTO is taking the lead on this event. Rick will put the Color Run link on the DBS FB page. Volunteers are needed for this event (throw color, checkpoints, registration, etc). Tessa will add that SignUp.com (formerly, VolunteerSpot).
4. Movie Night: November 18th and February 3rd 6:30 p.m.; donations accepted, volunteers for baked goods, and concessions.
5. Fall Fundraiser: Once the Color-A-Thon is over, we will have time for a late-fall fundraiser. The PTO is considering wreaths and spirit wear. Spirit wear didn't yield a big return to the PTO last spring but doing it pre-Christmas will create a break between fall and winter fundraising and may make a great gift for the holidays.
6. Sign and/or Sound: The DBS Sign next to the road is in dire need of replacement as it is falling apart/rotting. Rick received a competitive quote from Hartford Signs and we can include a PTO tag line. Sound system can wait. The PTO can look at signs made by the same company in the Upper Valley to see what style is preferred and give input to Rick who will select one based on our donation amount.
7. BoxTops: Teresa Wilson has volunteered to be the new coordinator and she will be seeking volunteers for cutting, counting, etc. She will start a BoxTops Race in early October.
8. Parent Workshop Brainstorm: STAR/SBAC/NECAP data; Tech Night/CyberSafety; Think 3D; Tom DeBalsi; Middle School principal (Tristan); Infinite Campus; F&P
9. Principal Updates
 - STAR assessments have started;
 - DBS is being honored as an Exemplar PBIS school for the 5th year; Rebecca is one of 5 finalists for the National Counselor of the Year (DC in January!!)
 - Winter Ski Program: expand to 2nd grade this year; volunteers will be needed and perhaps a coordinator (coordinator gets a free pass to Whaleback)
 - Parent Survey: Reviewed questions, offered suggestions.
 - DBS pre-k playground is nearly complete. Waiting for the fence installation. There is enough equipment in the playground at this time.
10. Meeting Adjourned at 6:58 pm
11. Meeting minutes submitted by Katie Ouelette