



**Partners in Education
Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting – May 19, 2021**

Attendees:

1. Diana Rumage
2. Julie Luster
3. Kyla Glassner
4. Jes Stahl
5. Maegan Harrington
6. Dawn MacDonald
7. Jess Roethel
8. Danielle HartDorn
9. Liz Hermoso
10. Alexandra Aiello
11. Laura Hornby
12. Marion Fusi
13. Christina Sulewski

1. Welcome

- a. Diana called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

2. Minutes - Vote to approve April minutes

- a. Jess motions to approve; Julie seconds
 - i. 13 Approve / 0 Oppose / 0 Abstain
- b. April minutes approved

3. Slate – Vote to approve the Slate for PiE Board AY 2021-22

- a. President – Julie Luster-Roell
VP MS Programming – Emy Drew
VP ES Programming – Kyla Glassner
VP Fundraising – Dawn MacDonald
Treasurer – Kate Smith
Corresponding Secretary – Maegan Harrington
Recording Secretary – Danielle HartDorn

- b. Maegan motions; Jes seconds
 - i. 13 Approve / 0 Oppose / 0 Abstain
- c. Pie Board AY 2021-22 approved
- d. Jes to contact Kate for Treasurer training
- e. Jes to contact Unity Bank about signatures for checks.
 - i. Need 3 Board member signatories
 - ii. Diana and Jes need to be removed as signatories
- f. There will be transition and budget meetings scheduled for this summer.

4. Financial - Jes Stahl

- a. Account Balances:
 - i.

Operating	\$46,205.97
ShopRite	\$47,131.27
Games of Chance	\$134.46
TOTAL	\$93,471.70

5. Committee / Events

- a. Spring Plant Sale
 - i. PiE's annual plant sale took place on 5/7.
 - ii. Total sales cannot be calculated yet as we may be getting a refund from Ace Nursery and 1 payment is outstanding, but the estimate is \$800 in revenue.
- b. Teacher and Nurse Appreciation Week
 - i. Doggie Style Gourmet Food Truck provided lunches for about 65 people.
 - ii. We received lots of thanks and positive feedback.
 - iii. Kyla had cookies made and left for the teachers in their mailboxes.
 - iv. Diana brought flowers to Ms. Verma.
- c. Full Day Back 4/26
 - i. Thanks to Heidi and Julie for setting up the breakfast for the staff on their first full day back this year.
- d. Tech Talk 5/11
 - i. No one in the meeting was at the talk, but there were other organizations invited.
- e. Community Service Award - Diana Ramage
 - i. Diana sent out letters to the 8th grade parents.

- ii. Jes and Julie will review the submissions with Diana.
- f. Field Day
 - i. Diana will reach out to the administration to see if there will be a field day and if PiE can provide the students' treats.
- g. Parental Involvement
 - i. Liz would like to set up playdates for the incoming 1st graders since they didn't get them last summer and few parents know each other. Jes to reach out with info from past playdates.
 - ii. Julie will look into the possibility of a Bingo Night. We can use Scholastic Dollars to get books for prizes.
- h. Kindergarten Play Dates
 - i. Deb Sulewski will be organizing the playdates. Brit will provide her with the contact info.

6. New Business

- a. N/A

7. Community Reports

- a. Supervisor's Report – No supervisor present.
- b. BoE Report (Laura Hornby)
 - i. DTS will have a new Principal starting July 2021.
 1. His name is Scott Lipson.
 2. He comes to DTS from a K-6 school in Mount Olive, NJ.
 3. He would like to set up a scavenger hunt at the playground with clues about himself.
 4. He plans to write a weekly newsletter to the DTS Community.
 5. There may be a Meet and Greet at the school next month. The Board may reach out to PiE for assistance.
 - ii. There had been 50-60 applicants for the Principal position. Interviews were completed with 6 of those applicants.
 - iii. The NJ School Board Association gave a presentation on strategic planning at the May 18th meeting. BoE needs to discuss and consider which method to proceed and finalize a decision in the Fall.
 - iv. A new music teacher has been hired. He may bring string instruments to the curriculum.
 - v. Mary Lyons is ramping up the Green Team. They will meet on May 25th to brainstorm sustainable initiatives to incorporate at DTS such as solar panels. The NJ Sustainable School program gives guidance.

- vi. The 8th Grade Girl Scouts read statements requesting the BoE investigate and invest in sustainable programs at DTS.
 - vii. Laura confirmed that the budget was approved to keep class sizes similar next year to this year (e.g., 3 classes per grade).
 - viii. There was a change to our current calendar: June 17, 2021 will be a half day for 8th grade promotion.
 - ix. Students will report for AY 2021-22 classes on September 8, 2021.
- c. DTAA Report (Jess Roethel)
- i. The Year-End Celebration will take place on Friday, June 18, 2021. There will be no BBQ, but people are welcome to bring a picnic and there will be a Kona Ice truck (free to attendees).
- d. DT Recreation Commission Report
- i. Plant Swap will be held on Sunday, 5/23 from 9-11am at Dilts Park's pavilion.
 - ii. The Summer Rec program has been cancelled for 2021.
 - iii. The Great Crate Race has also been cancelled for 2021.
 - iv. The Yard Sale last weekend was a success.
 - v. A fishing derby for this summer, and fireworks and Block Party this fall are being planned by the commission.

8. Motion to Adjourn

- a. Julie motions to adjourn at 8:09pm; Julie seconds.