



ers in Education

Meeting Minutes

Feb. 16, 2022; 7 p.m.

Jenna Haxton	Cara Cerullo
Emy Drew	Pat Pillion
Jess Stahl	Cindy Russo
Maegan Harrington	Julie Luster
Dawn McDonald	Kyla Glassner
Jen Holden	Danielle HartDorn
Christina Sulewski	Liz Hermoso
L Bennett	

1. Welcome
2. Minutes – Approve Jan.19, 2022 minutes
 - a. Dawn motions to approve, Cindy seconds
 - b. 10 approve; 0 no votes; 2 abstain
 - c. Minutes approved
3. Financial Update – Cindy Russo
 - a. Financial Snapshot
 - b. Operating :\$63, 325
 - c. Shoprite : \$42, 203. 58
 - d. Games of Chance: \$534.96
 - e. Total: \$ 106, 063.54
 - f. Helping Hands – budget increase
 - i. Board votes and approved 8th grade trip: \$307
 - ii. Book fair and holiday shop: Mr. Lipson and Ms. Lally handed out gift certificates to students who receive free and reduced lunch or had hardship

- iii. Money amount was rolled in the event costs with no money our directly
 - iv. Increase overall budget to \$500
 - v. Liz motioned, Dawn second
 - vi. 13 approve, 0 no; 0 abstain
- g. March on Litter donations
 - i. Received \$445 in donations
- 4. Committee/Events
 - a. Assemblies - Kyla Glassner & Emy Drew
 - i. Assemblies to date:
 - 1. Feb. 8, 2022 – Brain Wash Game Show (Middle School)
 - a. Well received, trivia style game
 - 2. STEAM Museum – 2/17/22 (Elementary School)
 - 3. March 10th Jump Rope Assembly
 - 4. March 25th rescheduled Bash the Trash Assembly
 - b. Roller Skating Nights – Julie Luster-Roell/Jenna Haxton
 - i. This Sunday - 2/20/2022 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2-hour parties; updated requirements; snack bar and skate rentals are attendees’ costs
 - ii. Well attended; fun had by all
 - c. Author in Residence – Rebecca Burns
 - i. with Peter Catalano; 3rd grade
 - d. Teacher/Staff Thank you – Maegan Harrington/Julie Luster-Roell
 - i. Keurig Machine – Teachers’ Lounge – Dawn MacDonald
 - ii. Decided to donate PiE Keurig to staff lounge
 - iii. Discussed more eco friendly alternative to K-Cups
 - iv. Pillion will poll teacher to see their thoughts
 - v. Discussion of providing lunch for teachers on March 17th
 - e. HR Partners – Liz Hermoso
 - i. Send Liz email if any info
 - f. Green Team – Liz Hermoso
 - i. PiE will provide letter along with Enrichment packet and assembly information
 - ii. Points for Grant looks good
 - iii. Earth Day celebration April 14th
 - iv. Holding Learning Garden PD
 - v. Solar Panel pushed back until next year
 - g. Faculty Grants – Jess Roethel
 - i. Storytelling for 2nd grade very successful
 - ii. Students really enjoyed
 - iii. Mrs. Browyn Bird from Storytelling Arts
 - h. After-school Enrichment – Dawn MacDonald
 - i. Starting March 21st; Tuesday/Wednesday
 - ii. 17 confirmed classes
 - iii. Online signup in next few weeks
 - i. Magnets/SWAG – Julie Luster-Roell
 - i. Still working on
 - j. ShopRite Gift Cards – Diana Ramage
 - i. nothing new to report
 - k. Weekly Newsletter through School – Jenna Haxton
 - i. Please have info to Jenna by Tuesday morning

- l. Website –Jes Stahl
 - i. Noting new
 - m. Spring Spiritwear – Dawn MacDonald
 - i. Sale will be end of March
 - ii. Delivery will be by end of April
 - n. Color Run – Dawn MacDonald
 - i. Looking at May
 - ii. At Dilt or School
 - iii. Possible connection; Kingwood had one; check to see how they ran it
 - o. Spring Penny Wars – Kim Weisel
 - i. Possibly April
5. New Business
- a. Science Fair
 - i. Earth Day replaces it this year
 - b. Meetings next year – switch weeks?
 - i. Still discussing
 - c. Middle School Experience – Amy & Emy – postpone for 2022 given planning challenges; target 2022-23 school year
 - d. Teacher Appreciation in spring: voted to bring back Take the Cake
 - e. Mother’s Day Plant Sale Mother’s Day -one day (5/6) plant sale as we did last year with no presale.
 - i. Some talk about also trying to incorporate a craft around the plants at another event, but not sure where that stands.
 - ii. If we will proceed Jess will submit a facilities use and begin the process
6. Community Reports
- a. Supervisor’s Report- Pat Pillion
 - i. Thanked us for supporting 8th grade for Washington DC Trip
 - ii. Brain Wash Assembly a bug hit, Mr. Lipson won
 - iii. BOE voted to make masks optional as of March 7th
 - iv. Still required on buses
 - v. Lunch will return to the cafeteria only; separating the lunches did help mitigate
 - vi. Covid numbers are decreasing
 - vii. There was an outbreak with the boys basketball team, quickly resolved
 - viii. NJSLA will take place end of April- beginning of May for grades 3-8
 - ix. Summer Academy will run 8-10, Rec will run 10-1
 - x. Will be 3 weeks, starting the week of 4th of July
 - xi. Will be open to all, but preference will be given to teacher recommended students
 - b. DTS BOE Report
 - i. Mr. Lipson reported on a Student Self Assessment of Anti Bullying Bill of Rights
 - ii. Scored 68/75
 - iii. Mask Optional for all students and staff as of March 7th
 - iv. Looking to modify close contacts- waiting fo new guidelines
 - v. Looking to ass new bleachers to the gym
 - vi. Accepting retirement letters from Mrs. Weil, Mrs. Bennet and Mrs. Blair
 - c. DTAA Report

- i. Baseball, Soccer and Softball registration is open – Discount on Baseball and Softball closes on 2/28. There was some “noise” regarding why soccer does not discount. Part of the decision both this year and in past years to do discount is to encourage early sign up. In a normal year it takes at least 2-3 weeks for uniforms, this year will likely be even worse. Any player not registered by middle of March will likely start the season without a uniform. Soccer will have less of an urgency for this as their uniforms are much simpler.
- ii. Bonds for Baseball and Softball – Prior to COVID we had a really difficult time staffing the snack shack. And some families do count on that being open for their burger or dog that evening. Given that we cannot just hire students to staff (liability reasons with insurance, open flame etc); we need to bond high and make assignments to verify that we have someone working. Additionally, if you do not submit a bond check by the time we disseminate uniforms, your player(s) will not play. We understand this is aggressive but it is necessary to keep our programs running. While we do have funds, every penny received in registration literally covers uniforms, equipment, field needs and umpires. Snack shack and fundraiser are our key income. If there are any questions about bonds, please email dtaasports@gmail.com
- iii. Tentative Field Prep/Park Prep – April 2nd (weather permitting): This year we are contracting a sports field company to regrade and clay our 4 baseball/softball fields. Part of bonding is to participate in this volunteer duty.
- iv. Opening Day and Pictures – April 23rd
- v. Soccer will likely start around 4/9 also weather permitting
- vi. Closing Ceremonies and BBQ – June 18th– this is for all 3 sports
- vii. Fundraiser – May 21st 3-9pm: Cornhole Tournament, Silent Auction, 50/50 – bbq and beer at Dilts park. If anyone would like to sponsor this event or make a donation to auction please email dtaabandb@gmail.com or call/text Jess at 609-577-2695. Anyone interested in playing in the tournament can also email dtaabandb@gmail.com. Please come out and support both DTAA and the Twp Rec committee by being a part of an event at our park. Ticketing and tournament pricing will be determined in the next few weeks. We are still getting pricing on caterers, etc.

d. DT Recreation Commission Report

- i. BOE allowing adult sports in building again
- ii. Sport gear swap March 26, 9-11 at Dilts
- iii. Easter Egg Hunt April 9 at 11, at Dilts
- iv. Great Crate Race back on July 4th

7. Motion to Adjourn

- a. Jenna first, Liz seconds

b. 12 approve, 0 No, 0 Abstains

Reminder – next meeting Wednesday, March 16th, 7 p.m. – Virtual