



DTS Partners in Education

Meeting Minutes

Feb 8, 2023 PAR

Moira GaNun	John Perone
Scott Lipson	Debra Lubitz
Jenna Haxton	Julie Luster-Roell
Dawn MacDonald	Kyla Glassner
Diana Rumage	Danielle HartDorn
Jes Stahl	Jen Holden
Angie Mikula	Christina Sulewski
Olena Brophy	Cindy Russo

1. Welcome-Julie praised our volunteers and reiterated that we are a volunteer organization
2. Minutes – Approve January 2023 minutes
 - a. Dawn motions to approve, Jenna seconds
 - i. 10 approve; 0 no votes; 2 abstain
 - ii. Minutes approved
3. Financial Update – Cindy Russo
 - a. Financial Snapshot - Total: \$79, 818.50
 - i. Checking : \$ 49, 810.45
 - ii. Shoprite : \$29, 773.09
 - iii. Games of Chance: \$234.96
 - b. Bank CD (Unity): Discussion that with rates as they are to move funds as a way to generate additional income; no penalty to withdraw early just wouldn't earn income;
 - i. Settled on the following amounts: \$20,000 from checking in 6 month CD at 3.5 % and \$10,000 from Shoprite in 15 month CD at 4.25%; Diana motions to approve, Jes seconds
 1. 11 approve; 0 no votes; 3 abstain
 2. Approved
 - c. Taxes completed and filed for 2022
 - d. Budget to actuals: \$ 1,000 over expected income raised to date highlights from the following:
 - i. Holiday Shoppe: Budgeted \$300, raised \$1,700
 - ii. Program Fee was \$ 2,000 over budgeted: \$13,799
4. Committee/Events
 - a. Current Committees
 - i. After-School Enrichment- Jen Holden and Dawn MacDonald
 1. Started Feb 15th and will run 4 weeks
 2. 12 classes on each Wednesdays and Thursdays
 3. Total of 277 students signed up
 - ii. Fundraising
 1. 50/50 Raffle at Firehouse raised \$385; \$60 in just donations and winner of 50/50 donated \$100 back to PIE

- 2. Well attended event; Julie mentioned that help was needed selling tickets
- 3. Spring Spirit Wear: end of March
- iii. ShopRite Gift Cards - 1 new order as a result of the updated form;
 - 1. Suggestion of having them on hand to sell at events but challenged with PiE would have to front the funds to purchase and how many people have funds to purchase
- iv. Faculty Grants
 - 1. Faculty Grant: Moira GaNun present information about Angie Mikula and Sherry Laman's Global Fest Grant proposal
 - a. Includes 8th Grade Investigate students reading multicultural books to younger students on March 2nd, Read Across America and teaching students about different cultures leading up to Global Fest (May 10th)
 - b. Performers at Global Fest, dancers: possibly \$2, 000; contacting a Dance School was suggested
 - c. May 10: Concert, Art Show with Art from around the world and families sharing food from their cultures
 - 2. Field Day: Brian Smith requested PiE's help: volunteers and possible a Bounce House- possible grant
- v. Assemblies - Kyla Glassner & Emy Drew
 - 1. March 6th Vital Dance Crew: requested by Ms. Lally
 - 2. Skateboard assembly, May 8th, planned pre-COVID
- vi. Green Team
 - 1. Weather Station for the school has arrived
 - 2. Students can use weather station to report the forecast on the school broadcast
- vii. Book Bingo:
 - 1. Approximately 70 children attended
 - 2. Large quantity of books donated: leftover books currently in PiE closet
 - 3. Student council sold snacks
 - 4. Possibly another round in March
- xiii. Author in Residence- started and preceding well, changes program every year
- ix. Spring events: Family Improv Night, Spring Spirit Wear, You Take the Cake, Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, and Plant Sale
- x. End of Year Student Discussion
 - 1. Awards: How much money is given for each award? Question of why some awards receive monetary awards and others do not?
 - 2. 8th Grade Dance: still working on contract
 - 3. 8th Grade trip: PiE increased budget to help, may not be needed

5. New Business

- a. By Laws need to reviewed and possibly modified
- b. Looking for a Co-Chair for Book Fair for next school year
- c. Kindergarten play dates, possibly continue into other grades; suggestion of HR partners reaching out to parents to see interest

6. Community Reports

- a. Supervisor's Report- Scott Lipson
 - i. Bingo and Roller Skating both well attended events
 - ii. Author in Residence and Storytelling programs going well
 - iii. QSAC- review by the state of curriculum, finances etc..
 - iv. SEPAG-Special Education Parent Advisory Group- new and this year and hoping to grow membership
 - v. Upcoming events/dates:
 - 1. February 17th PD Day for staff

2. Middle School had a Zoom presentation with a Genocide Survivor in cooperation with RVCC
 3. Pre K-3 Dental Assembly
 4. Hunterdon County Library Assembly
 5. March 3rd Middle School Play
 6. March 15th End of the Marking Period
 7. April 20th Earth Day
 8. May 42th Kindergarten Orientation
- b. DTS BOE Report- Jes Stahl
 - i. Taking bids for summer roof work
 - ii. Budget Review
 - iii. Teacher contract negotiations starting
 - c. DTAA Report
 - i. Baseball, softball, and soccer sign ups are open
 - ii. Softball and baseball Clinics and happening
 - d. DT Recreation Commission Report-Jes Stahl
 - i. April 1st Egg Hunt at Dilts at 11:00 AM
 - ii. April 22nd Kite Fest, Gear Swap, and Bike/Sewing Machine Collection- new date
7. Motion to Adjourn-
 - a. Cindy motioned to adjourn, Jes seconds