



## DTS Partners in Education

### Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2023 PAR

Melanie Buck	Pat Pillon
Jenna Vecchinone	Debra Lubitz
Jenna Haxton	Julie Luster-Roell
Dawn MacDonald	Kyla Glassner
Alexandra Aiello	Danielle HartDorn
Samantha Squashic	Liz Hermoso
Emy Drew	Christina Sulewski
Olena Brophy	Cindy Russo

1. Welcome
2. Minutes – Approve March minutes
  - a. Dawn motions to approve, Liz seconds
  - b. 10 approve; 0 no votes; 3 abstain
  - c. Minutes approved
3. Financial Update – Cindy Russo
  - a. Financial Snapshot
  - b. Checking : \$ 19, 904.07
  - c. Shoprite : \$29, 172.04
  - d. Games of Chance: \$779.96
  - e. Total: \$ 49, 855.80
  - f. Unity Bank CDs: \$ 20,000 from checking and \$10, 000 from Shoprite in two separate CDs
  - g. Enrichment: due to increases enrollment we were over budget; possibly increase budget for next year
4. Committee/Events
  - a. Current Committees
    - i. Teacher Appreciation luncheon
      1. Will be May 8th-12th
      2. Something special each day: breakfast on Tuesday, Lunch on Wednesday, snacks on Thursday and Gift Card Raffle on Friday
      3. Emails sent about Gift Cards and baskets donation
      4. Friday also possible teacher gifts of potted herbs
    - ii. Faculty Grants
      1. Dorney Park
        - a. Music in the Park from Gina Scialla asking \$1,800, double from last year

- b. Reminders for next year: apply earlier and itemize grant with number of students
  - c. Julie motions to approve, Jenna seconds
  - d. 12 approve; 0 no votes; 3 abstain
  - e. Grant approved
- iii. Green Team
  - 1. Julie wrote a letter of support from the PiE that highlighted enrichment offerings
  - 2. Earth Day Fair: April 20th; PiE will have a seed planting booth
  - 3. Fair will be similar to last year, Middle School will have an activity to increase engagement
  - 4. Asked PiE for \$50 donation for soil for booth, approved
- iv. Book Bingo
  - 1. Not as well attended as first; remainder of books will be donated to Library Book Sale
- v. Nominating Committee
  - 1. April 16th due date for nominations
  - 2. VP of Middle and Elementary School
  - 3. A few people have been nominated
- vi. Bylaws
  - 1. Reviewed/discussed proposed changes as group
- vii. Spirit Wear
  - 1. 60 orders
- viii. Plant Sale
  - 1. Will be May 12th
- xiii. Paint Nights
  - 1. May 23 for grade 5-8; May 21 for grades prek-4
  - 2. Still working on designs, sign ups currently low for grades 5-8
- ix. Color Run
  - 1. May 20th, rain date May 21st: similar to last year, color stations, food donations from Shoprite and fire truck
- x. 8th Grade Awards
  - 1. Community Service Award: email will be sent to parents, committee will select winner
  - 2. Jenna, Julie and Deb will be on committee
  - 3. Regular Awards- PiE will award Art and Education Association will award Social Studies
- xi. Field Day
  - 1. Obstacle Course rented from Air Castle
  - 2. Will purchase ice pops from Maschio's; cost 80/\$40
- xii. Penny Wars
  - 1. Last full week in May; money will be donated to Fisherman's Mark
  - 2. PiE received a thank you from Flemington Food Pantry for last donation
- xiii. End of Year Gifts
  - 1. In need of updated custodial list, PiE provides gifts to custodians as thank you
- xiv. Shoprite Gift Cards-nothing new
- xv. Assemblies
  - 1. May 8th-Skate for Life
- xvi. Homeroom Partners-nothing new

5. New Business

- a. Tool Kit and Zoom Meeting Invites
  - i. Zoom can send out invites that add meeting to calendar
  - ii. Membership Toolkit- could link email, sign ups, etc together
  - iii. \$500/year, could possible get a year free
  - iv. Idea of using SignUp Genesis for entire year of signups in beginning of school year
- b. Meeting for next year
  - i. Thinking of having some meeting completely virtual and other completely in person
- c. Parents Night Out
  - i. Having it at the Sergeantsville Inn or another location
- d. Events to consider for next year: Science Fair, Middle School Experience, Parent/Teacher Volleyball game, Playdate/Ice Cream Socials
- e. School Wide Mural
  - i. Kyla, Julie and Scott will meet with artist Caren Olmstead to discuss
  - ii. Project takes a 3 week minimum to complete and will need support of the BOE

6. Community Reports

- a. Supervisor's Report- Pat Pillon
  - i. Possibility of PiE supporting the school Plays with faculty grants next year as enrollment increased
  - ii. Field Trips are happening: 1st grade planetarium, 4th Franklin Institute etc
  - iii. Read Across America successful
  - iv. Stem Expo on May 30t at 5:30; there will be race cars competitions
  - v. 8th Grade Trip
- b. DTS BOE Report- no representative present
- c. DTAA Report-no representative present
- d. DT Recreation Commission Report-Jes Stahl
  - i. April 22nd Kite Fest, Gear Swap, and Bike/Sewing Machine Collection
  - ii. May 13th fishing derby 8-11
  - iii. July 5-July 21 Summer Rec camp

7. Motion to Adjourn-

- a. Liz motioned to adjourn, Cindy seconds