

Dunbarton PTO Minutes - October 12, 2016

- Meeting began at approximately 7:05 PM
- Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted without edits or additions
- Treasure's Report
 - The license for our software was renewed
 - Field trips have been paid for
 - Book Fair did well, the "book money" will go towards classroom libraries
 - Autumn Festival broke even,
 - The goal of the event was to attendance, not fund raising
 - There was some carryover from last year's Harvest Moon Supper
 - This will be put toward expenses for Artist in Residence
 - The report was accepted as is
- Principal's Report - Mr. Harrington
 - Don't be too concerned about the mailed results of the Science NECAP, it is only one test
 - Pre-Registration for kindergarten will be earlier this year
 - November 15th date
 - This is to allow time for budgeting and space planning issues that may arise
 - Merrimack County Savings Bank Facebook email voting is still going on
 - Strategic plan update
 - Lucy Caulkins will continue as the writing program
 - EnVisions Math 2.0
 - The school will continue to follow the curriculum as written
 - At the end of the first year there will be a discussion on what may need to be tailored specifically for BES
 - The numbers for Student Counsel have gone up
 - Parents are interested in a curriculum night, specifically for math
 - There was some input from the PTO for what this should include
 - Input from parents about their needs for the curriculum night will be sought out
 - There is a goal to continue to improve communication amongst the staff
 - Competencies and rubrics are still being developed for measuring student progress
 - Why did BES switch from Everyday Math (EDM) to EnVisions
 - EDM had multiple versions
 - EDM had some positives, but also some weaknesses
 - EnVisions is a better fit for the school
 - Technology
 - Common Core
 - Visuals

- Less buzzwords, more functional language
- Homework policy is on the school board website
- Curriculum Night - the fist will be Math Night
 - There will be a discussion with parents about how EnVisions works in the classroom
 - The night may be broken up by grade levels
 - A goal will be to explain how the lessons work and how to access the online tools
- Committee Reports
 - The next book Fair will be in the Spring just before the Bunny Breakfast in April
 - CloseBuy wraps up on 10/14
 - Paper orders must be to CloseBuy by 10/21
 - There are more options on the website than there are in the catalog
 - Ordering online is available until November
 - Autumn Festival on 10/1
 - The festival was a success, even with having to move it inside because of the weather
 - Again the festival broke even, and fund raising was not a goal anyway
 - The Chili contest and grill were good additions to the event
- New Business
 - Class parties have been set and the parents have been emailed
 - The parties this year will be Halloween, Christmas & Valentine's day
 - The Halloween parade will be from 1:45 - 2:15 PM most likely, double check with Shelley Westenberg
 - Also check on times for costume changing and snack/parties
 - PTO will provide paper goods and drinks for the parties
 - Are all the teachers okay with the parties?
 - The Harvest Moon pre-sale is already open
 - Baskets so far are: Lottery, spa, date night and grilling
 - Still looking for more donations and possible cash donations from local businesses
 - Entertainment will be Mr. VeKay on the keyboards and a 3rd grader, Dominic, on drum accompaniment
 - For children there will be a card making station and a beading station
 - If attendees bring a canned good, there will be 1\$ off admission
 - PTO will ask Mr. Harrington to send out an email asking for volunteers, including the Signup Genius link
 - There will be a board displaying the logos of various supporting businesses
- Calendar
 - November 14th will be picture retake
 - Kids Holiday Shopping will be from 9:00 - 10:30 AM at school for a period of a week and a half

- The shopping will start on a Monday, so there will be setup on the Friday or Saturday before
- There will also be a need for volunteers to breakdown the event after the 2nd Wednesday
- December PTO meeting
 - Should the meeting be skipped or a party be held in place of the party?
 - The date currently schedule for the meeting is 12/10
 - The party would not have to be held on that date, there was a question of whether or not to hold the party later in January
 - Location suggested is the the Countryside Golf Club
- Looking for a crossover event with the Bow PTO
 - 5/6th grade dance will be held with the Dunbarton Halloween event
 - Bow has a large movie night they hold annually
 - The boy's and Girl's events wouldn't work, Bow rotates their event from year to year. So only one event is held each school year
- Next Meeting on November 9
- Last minute questions
 - Will there be a bake sale at the elections in November?
 - Will there be something for student to vote on?
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM