

Dothan Brook School PTO Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2014, 6-7 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions – In attendance: Jen Krom, Sue Knapp, Ray Garcia, Jodie Davi, Marty Irvine, Heidi St. Peter, Jen Durgin, Nichole Vielleux, Rick Dustin-Eichler, Jaime Peyton, Tessa Johnson, Shevie Brooks.
2. School Directory update – It will be printed and sent home with students during the first week of December.
3. Review of the DBS PTO Bylaws – The PTO Board is updating the bylaws. We began this process by distributing and reviewing our current document, which was dated 2009. A first draft of streamlined and simplified bylaws was also distributed. We will accept all comments. Reminders will go out to the PTO email list in early December. The plan is to vote on revised bylaws at the December 2014 meeting.
4. News from Rick
  - Unity Day report – It was terrific! Many more kids and parents gathered at Datamann to walk to school. End of day assembly was good, even though live web streaming did not work out.
  - Giant screen in gymnasium update – It looks great! (It was used successfully for Family Movie Night on Nov. 14.) Next project is to upgrade the sound system. Rick to check to make sure the quote is up to date. He'll get a new quote if needed.
  - Brain O'Mania – Aiming for late February (so it doesn't conflict with drama club performance). The DBS staff wants to try to re-energize this event and will consider a 100-day celebration tie in.
  - Winter Family Movie Night – Perhaps consider late January. The PTO Board will work with the school to determine a date.
  - Vermont Education Secretary Holcomb will be visiting in late November to do some filming for a program on Cable Access.
  - Vermont Public Radio also reported on DBS's award for the PBIS work with the children (the story aired on 11/24/14).
  - Assessment Testing at DBS – Rick provided an overview:
    - Grade 3-SBAC—Testing Window: Mid-march to June—Reading and Math
    - Grade 4-National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)—Early February
    - Grade 4-SBAC—Testing Window: Mid-march to June—Reading and Math
    - Grade 4-NECAP Science—May
    - Grade 5-SBAC—Testing Window: Mid-march to June—Reading, Writing and Math
  - March 4, 2015 – Read Across America Day
5. Upcoming school events – Holiday Concert on December 4. Parents can help their children practice; the words to the songs are online. Check the music blog, which is linked from the DBS website. Work is underway to better accommodate a large crowd.
6. Parent Workshop on Google Apps in School – Nichole Vielleux showed us how the students are learning to create documents, using applications, and, in general, using computers to do their school work.
7. The PTO meeting was streamed live on YouTube. You can watch the archived video at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C3doZP1tyHs>