

Dothan Brook School PTO

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date & Location:	November 12, 2015 at DBS Classroom
Attendees:	Rick Dustin-Eichler, Sue Knapp, Jodie Davi, Tim Irvine, Jaime Peyton, Tessa Johnson, Amber Nielson, Marty Irvine, Jodi Tierney, Rebecca Barwood, Kelly French, Jen Krom, Heidi St. Peter, Shevie Brooks, Katie Ouelette
Teacher Representatives:	Nichole Vielleux (Librarian/Media Specialist)
Next Meeting:	December 10, 2015, 6:00-7:00 p.m. @ DBS Library

Parent Workshop: SBAC Testing

1. Welcome and Introductions: Meeting called to order by president, Shevie Brooks, at 5:57 p.m.
2. School Directory: The school directory project is complete and is ready to be sent to print (off site). It will be ready for school-wide distribution on the 11/20.
3. Red Barn Fundraiser Update: Our fundraising efforts raised roughly \$2300 profit. The orders are set to arrive the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Jen Krom will try to narrow down the time of delivery but it will likely be before 1 pm in effort to avoid bus and after school traffic. Jen and Tessa will organize the packages by room. Items will be available by Dec. 2nd and there will be options for pick up time. Small orders can be sent home with students.
4. Family Movie Night: Dates: 11/13 and 1/29. This Friday, Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs was the winning vote. One film will be showed in the gymnasium due to Book Fair supplies in the library. The cafeteria will be off limits due to the fabric sale. Book Fair will be open at the start of the event.
5. Operation: Warm & Cozy Update and BoxTops Update
 - Operation: W&C: There was a line at the door this year at the start of the event. This year we had 2 boxes of hand knit hats and scarves donated by an HPD contact. Jamie will ask Diane at HPD if she knows the donor so we can send a thank you note. We had a lot of donations to bag up and donate to SEVCA and HCRS. HCRS has a clothing table available each season to support clients in need. In the first week, all items sent to HCRS from our coat drive were taken by clients. Thank you to all who donated their gently used winter outerwear to share the warmth.
 - BoxTops for Education: Our first submission of the school year earned \$735. The 2nd grade classrooms won the challenge and earned a popcorn party.
6. Upcoming Events
 - Holiday Concert: 12/3

- Dartmouth Hockey Concessions fundraiser: 2/13 and 2/19 and a possible 3rd date. Volunteers are needed for this event. Its a FUN event so please consider volunteering. PTO has extra Otters Don't Bully t-shirts for volunteers to wear on the job.
 - WRE PTA wreath sale: DBS PTO and WRE PTA will both sell Henderson's wreaths and split the profits. Shevie has had contact with the WRS PTA and will get paperwork tomorrow to distribute in student folders. Wreaths will be available for pick up at WRE on a date TBD.
7. Community Events
- Fabric Sale benefiting Second Growth 11/14
 - Gingerbread Festival on 12/5 at Tracy Hall in Norwich to benefit The Family Place: We have committed to submitting 15 houses for the auction. Volunteers are needed for baking, assembling, and assisting classrooms with decorating. Email Jen Krom or the PTO if you are interested in helping or if you have any questions. Decorating in the classroom will happen the week after Thanksgiving break. Houses should be made and delivered to DBS or Jen prior to Thanksgiving (don't worry about freshness). Decorated houses will be displayed during the holiday concert and delivered to Tracy Hall on the 4th.
 - Empty Bowl Project 3/22: Mrs Trimpi and the 5th grade is organizing this project to benefit hunger prevention. Proceed will benefit the Friday Food Bag Program. Volunteers will be called upon as we get closer to the event. Details will also be available as we near the event date.
8. New Business
- Hartford-Norwich Holiday Basket family sponsorship opportunity: DBS PTO was asked to sponsor a family in need for Christmas. There was some discussion from the group about what we are being asked to donate specifically. The group agreed that this seems like a good fit for the PTO and we can utilize VolunteerSpot to help with gift giving. Katie will seek additional information with regard to gift cards or specific toys, etc.
 - December parent workshop: SBAC
9. News from Rick
- Whaleback Ski Program for grades 3-5: lessons on Thursdays; leave school at 1:45 for 1.5 hour lessons. DBS needs parent coordinators to organize student paperwork, be sure children arrive and leave, handle the "off snow details". Please contact Rick directly if you are interested in volunteering.
 - Report Cards
 - Grades 3, 4, 5 to attend Dartmouth Basketball Game on 12/12
 - School Doors are now locked from 8:14-2:30. There is a camera/buzzer system in place to be let into the building.
10. Parent Workshop 6:30-7:00: Cyber Safety presented by Nichole Vielleux
- Common Sense Media: <https://www.common Sense Media.org>
 - Family Media Agreement
11. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.
12. Minutes submitted by Katie Ouelette