



Douglas Public Schools

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School Committee Agenda Item Summary

Date: July 20, 2022

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Reviewed By: Paul Vieira, Superintendent

Subject: Updates to Student Activity Accounts for DMS and DHS

Background

M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 47, governs student activity funds, along with procedures and audit guidelines as promulgated by DESE. Student activity accounts must be established by vote of the School Committee.

Discussion/Analysis

Josh Romano, High School Principal and Bob O'Brien, Middle School Principal reviewed their student activity fund accounts. They have several that have had no activity. The DESE audit guidelines require that student activity accounts with no activity for a year or two be closed out. The respective Principals are recommending the elimination of the Junior National Honor Society (current balance \$688.11) in the Middle School Student Activity Fund and the Home Economics Club (current balance \$993.49) and International Club (current balance \$233.17) in the High School Student Activity Fund. We are recommending that the balances in these accounts as of June 30, 2022 be transferred to the SAF Principal's Account as of June 30, 2022 to be used for overall student activities. These funds shall be used for the benefit of the student body and cannot be used for anything for the academic day related to school day curriculum.

The name of the former Best Buddies club was changed to Tigers United. The high school was not using any of the Best Buddies resources. The fee charged to the students for belonging to Best Buddies was \$350 and they received no benefit from this. The original intent of the club remains the same to promote peer relationships and activities between the regular education and special education students.

Financial Impact

None

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Recommendation

If the School Committee is in agreement, the following motion is recommended for approval:

MOVE to close the following Student Activity Accounts and transfer the balances as of June 30, 2022 to the Principal's Account in the Student Activity Fund as of June 30, 2022:

DMS: Junior National Honor Society Club

DHS: Home Economics Club & International Club

Also, move to change the name of the former Best Buddies Club to Tigers United Club as of June 30, 2022.

Attachments:

None

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