

Memorial PTO Meeting
March 6, 2024, Zoom

In Attendance: Natalie Tordiglione, Kelly Behbehani, Meredith Lambert, Missy Bilsborough, Stephanie Goodwin, Jayme Lavalley, Kayla OBrien, Ali Spidalieri, Lauren Geary, Leah Ciccone, Nikki Anello, Aamir Mian, Briana McAuliffe, Sophia Viglas, Casey Worth, Sunita

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Principal's Report – Missy Bilsborough

- a. Busy time of the year right now, Reading Across America is in full swing
- b. March Madness activities are happening for the staff
- c. Teacher conferences are this week
- d. Kindergarten registration runs through the 29th of this month
- e. Some curriculum initiatives that are continuing, looking to try and find a K-12 curriculum so the social emotional learning is cohesive
- f. ELA committee in full swing
- g. Literacy professional development is in full swing as well and there has been great feedback from the teachers
- h. Thinking about the placement process for next year, there will be a webinar March 27th
- i. Digital learning day coming up in April
 - i. The focus will be Artificial Intelligence
- j. Special Olympics April 26th and is the first time Memorial will be participating.
- k. Field trips are coming up soon too!

3. Upcoming Events/Important Dates

- a. Read Across America- March 4th - 8th
- b. Spring Field Trips
- c. Flag Day-May 29th from 9:30-10:30 am (May 30 Rain Date)
- d. Art Show-May 21st from 5-6:30pm
- e. Field Day-June 6th (June 7th Rain Date)

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. Teacher Refresh Checks
 - i. Talked to the bank again today and if the new checks aren't here by Monday the bank will provide temporary checks
 - ii. Each teacher will get \$50
- b. Payment for spring field trip busses
 - i. Field trips keep getting more expensive and it's instrumental that the PTO helps with this expense, it really helps with the cost that families have to pay.

5. President's Report – Kelly Behbehani

- a. Discovery Museum Traveling Science program for K & 1
 - i. 1st grade will be getting a Light and Discovery workshop

- ii. K will get a Force and Motion workshop
- b. Playground Update
 - i. Rope climber purchased
 - ii. New basketball hoop? Thoughts?
 - iii. Briana's father will be donating his time to make new lines on the courts
 - iv. There are other families interested in donation for improvement of the actual hoop
 - 1. Should we add another hoop?
 - 2. Replace just the net? Etc.
 - v. Beautification committee had sent out a teacher survey and the exterior playground as well as the basketball court were brought up in almost all the responses.
 - vi. Funnel ball is another suggestion

6. Spring Fundraisers

- 1. Spring Stay and Play-Can we find a date?
 - a. May 15th was suggested to the staff today, so far we have 5 teacher volunteers.
 - b. We can send out an email asking for parent volunteers as well.
 - c. We are aiming to have 75 kids for the Stay and Play, with a 5:1 ratio, so about 15 adults.
- 2. Caregiver/Child Paint Night with Patti Allen and Studio 109-Tentatively scheduled for Friday 5/10. However, there is a conflict with a Parks and Rec event. Thoughts on trying to move?
 - a. This is the only date that Patti can do so we may just keep it this date.
- 3. Raffle/Food Truck Night @ the Memorial Art Show
 - a. Last year we had the hot dog wagon, ice cream truck, raffle etc.
 - b. If anyone wants to join the fundraising committee just let Kelly know

7. Committee Updates

- a. **Kindergarten t-shirts** – We have a committee working on this. Order forms should be out soon!
 - i. These are worn on Field Day which will be in June
- b. **Hospitality**
 - i. March - A "power up" station for the conferences, which will be a trail mix bar.
 - 1. Gift Card Collection for Teachers for Missy to Raffle Off
 - a. If anyone would like to donate a gift card please drop it off to the Memorial Main Office before March 15th
 - ii. May - Teacher Appreciation Week - something fun every day!
 - iii. June - Desserts to accompany the K-8 Funded luncheon
- c. **Beautification**-Ali Spidalieri and Stephanie Goodwin-
 - i. Spring Decor
 - ii. Playground updates
 - 1. All the branches will be cleaned up

2. New Basketball net will be added
3. Sand tables, playground balls and other play things will be added
- iii. We are going to be able to paint the columns in the front of the school to add more color and life to the front of the building
 1. We will create an event for families to be able to come and be a part of it.
 2. Date and design TBD, but it will be this spring.

d. **Family Fun -**

- i. Paint Night with Patti Allen
- ii. First Grade celebration?
- iii. Art Show Night

e. **Fundraising**-see above agenda item

f. **School Supply Kits**-Memorial School's Share from last year's school supply kit sale: \$2,314.89.

g. **Student Assemblies**-Discovery Science Traveling Programs are booked for the spring.

- i. TBD on whether we have any other assemblies

8. Open PTO Positions for Next Year:

- a. Memorial Open Positions-Kindergarten Co-President, Secretary
- b. Wheelock Open Positions-2nd Grade Co-President, Secretary
 - i. We would love to have the new board in place by the May Meeting.
 - ii. Most positions are a two year commitment

9. MCPE Update-Ali Spidalieri

- a. The board is a 3 year term and meets once a month with various events throughout the year.
- b. The application is online
- c. Spelling Bee is March 18th, 2-4th graders

10. School Committee Update-Michelle Kirkby

- a. We have submitted again to the MSBA to get funds for the Dale Street School
- b. There is a school committee meeting tomorrow night and they will be discussing the start time of school.
- c. Town meeting May 6th and will be voting on the school budget for next year.

11. Closing discussion

- Should dues be included in the Rainbow Run money raised next year?
How will Field Day be led next year, will there be parent volunteers? TBD

Next and Final PTO meeting of the year- May Thursday, May 9 th at 9:30am @ Memorial