

**Dale PTO Meeting**  
**January 15, 2025**  
**9:45am Dale Cafeteria**

**Attendees:** Katie Morray, Jenny Bolton, Erin Keysor, Nicole Saulnier, Michelle Kirkby, Kelly Behbehani, Steve Grenham, Meg Cabezud, Jill Werner

**Enrichment Update:** Jenny Bolton

- Jenny and Darcy have been researching enrichment options for 4th grade, 5th grade, and the whole school. Here is what they have come up with so far:
  - **5th Grade:** Science related programming from the Acton Discovery Museum. Physical Changes in Matter class workshops on 3/31, 4/1. 45 minutes per class. Hands on workshop. Cost is roughly \$2k.
  - **Whole School:** Hip Hop Promotes Positivity-Whole school assembly focused on working together, diversity, and anti bullying. Late March. Cost is roughly \$2k
  - **4th Grade:** Still deciding, but they are hoping to bring in something related to Greek Mythology, or science.
- Maybe MCPE can fund the 3 enrichment grants?

**Principal Update:** Steve Grenham

- Thank yous:
  - Thank you to the PTO for the holiday luncheon before the break.
  - Thank you to Jenny and Darcy for all of their hard work looking at enrichment opportunities that align with 4th and 5th grade standards.
- New School Update: We got admitted into MSBA! We are moving forward into their program.
  - Medfield will have to pay for the feasibility study this time.
  - Add/reno or brand new building still needs to be voted on. But the school will be at the Dale Street School location.
- Hero Day Assembly this Friday-every classroom selects one student to read his or her hero essay. Fully student run assembly by the student council.
- Kids Night Out: Student council will create a list of songs that kids requested for KNO.
  - We need to check in with KNO committee about what time they need to get in to set up since we need to coordinate with MAP since they are using more of our building.
- Music concerts are happening in January-students are doing a great job! (Chorus, Orchestra, Band)
- Positive Referral Breakfast is on Thursday morning (1/16)

- April 14th is the author visit from Rob Buyea
- Site Council Meeting 1/21-in the process of drafting our school improvement plan for 2025-2027
- March Madness free throw competition
  - New this year, all members of the team must be present to take their free throws.

#### **Variety Show Update-Meg Cabezud**

- It will be Meg's last one. She has done 10 variety shows! Thank you, Meg!
- Tentative Date: April 10, 2025. It will start between 6pm-7pm and last about an hour. Steve will put it on the district calendar.
- Location: Meg would love to do it at Dale. Maybe Chris Allen can help with lights and sound.
- Maybe just do 5th graders so it's a finale type thing. And they also have a variety show in 3rd grade. It would be nice for Meg to have a 4th grade parent shadow helping her. Jill Werner can help, but we should also put it out on the 4th grade facebook page.
- They will have to coordinate with MAP because they will need to do one rehearsal at Dale after school.

#### **Kids Night Out-**

- 1/24 4th grade and 1/31 for 5th grade.
- Sign-ups are out for the event and for volunteers.
- Steve got a question about what Kids Night Out is. We can post more details on the FB pages.
- KNO will make a little bit of money. The cost is \$15 per ticket. People will Venmo or pay cash at the door.

**Recess Equipment Inventory Check**-Recess bags are going well. But maybe we can pump up the balls. Jill and Steve can connect and do an inventory.

**Yearbook Update:** 92 yearbooks are ordered. We can put the ordering reminder in Steve's blog.

- What I Want to be When I grow photos have been taken.
- All Grade Photo-did we already do it? Or should we schedule it for the spring?

**Treasury Report**-Not a lot of expenses since we last met.

- Income:
  - School Supply Kits: \$1,873
  - Rainbow Run: \$18,000
  - Room parent reimbursement is \$25 per party.
- Amanda Skinner is leaving-she has \$240 in her thank you fund. She asked if we could distribute it to other 5th grade teachers?

**School Building Committee Update-Michelle Kirkby**

- Budget hearing on 1/30 at 6pm in auditorium
- We have been reinvited to MSBA. Our official date is 4/1. We need to decide whether we want a new build or add/reno.

**Literacy Night:** Can literacy night become more like a curriculum night and include math, science, and social studies?

**MCPE Dates:** Spelling Bee is March 12th. Trivia night is 1/30 @ Dover Legion

**Fundraising:** Do we need a small fundraiser in place to cover expenses/contributions to our class fund?

- Fundraising Ideas: Scratch ticket raffle, lawn signs (M).