



Dale Street PTO Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2024

Attendees:

Nesse McCabe, Kristen Storer, Nicole Saulnier, Nicola Tessier, Steve Grenham

Principal Update - Steve Grenham

- Thank you to PTO for a great year – and thank you for funding Teacher Wishlist!
- Class placement - parents wrote narratives about their children if they wished to, teachers placed kids in 9 cohorts with no teacher attached. Steve will look at lists and assign teachers. Then he will read parent narratives for a second time. He will meet with teachers again during common planning time. Grade 5 teachers do not place into clusters. They meet with guidance counselors and they discuss students. Middle school staff form clusters.
- Walk/ride to school (Medfield climate committee) PTO assisted. Police department connection. Anyone who walked or rode entered into a raffle and 12 tokens were given out. Staff and PTO participated.
- ELA update - Piloting programs next year, Fish Tank and Benchmark. The team looked at a lot of programs to see which program would fit best. 3 teachers in each grade will be piloting. After the pilot, a recommendation will be made to the school committee / Dr. Marsden. Teachers will have the opportunity to visit and watch lessons of teachers who are piloting as well as discuss in common planning time.
- Flower Power - spirit day next Thursday, 23rd - collecting vases, kids bring in flowers and create bouquets and give them out. Last year was bus drivers. Nice random act of kindness.
- Mental health awareness month - every Wednesday during this month there is something on the Daily Dale related to mental health. Yesterday was Go Green Day and people wore green and the high school gave out bracelets to everyone.
- Budget - approved at 4.7% increase. For Dale - educational team leader Pam Tobin will be at Dale Street only (full-time). Also, capital budget was approved - a wall is scheduled to be put up between the library and makerspace (MCPE donated \$20,000), the library will be recarpeted, makerspace will be laminate floor, white tile in the hallway from M Hayes' room to K. Chamblin's room. Tile by the gym as well. Some repainting.
- MCAS update - one day left -Grade 5 STE test is a pilot - with simulations. Scores will only be based on Tuesday's test. Grade 5 had 6 tests and grade 4 had 4 tests. Use the data to examine possible gaps in curriculum as well as what we do well.
- SEED science - grade 4 PTO grant, grade 5 - MCPE grant - great program, lots of simulation (beach erosion example)
- End of year activities - calendar with many events, updated - on blog as well [Dale Street End of Year Activities 2024](#)

PTO Board for 2024-2025:

5th Grade Co-President - Nicole Saulnier

4th Grade Co-President - Jill Werner

Vice President - Nicole Crocker

Secretary - Kelly Behbehani

Treasurer - TBD

PTO voted on 5/15 - APPROVED

Proposed PTO Meetings for 2024 - 2025

September 18, 2024, 9:45am

November 13, 2024, 9:45am

January 15, 2025, 9:45am

March 12, 2025, 9:45am

May 14, 2025, 9:45am

Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget - Kristen Storer

- Made some minor changes to 2024-2025 budget (increased Steve's budget, KNO budget, start-up funds, decreased Enrichment, room parent distribution).

Spring Kids Night Out - Nicola Tessier

- Record high attendance for 4th grade – huge success. 5th Grade Carnival Night is this Friday (17th). Currently at 123 signups.
- Inflatables (Taylor Rental) to be picked up on Monday, 5/20 at 10am.

Medfield Madness Auction Update

- \$13K raised.

5th Grade T-shirts

- Need shirts by 5/23. Might have by field trips, but definitely by 5th grade celebration.

Yearbook Update – Nesse

- Ordering deadline is today, 5/15.
- Nesse to purchase teacher, angel, extra copies for reimbursement.

Upcoming PTO events to note:

- Shaved Ice Truck visit - 5/30 (2-3 volunteers needed)
- Author Visit - 6/6, 6/7
- 4th Grade Popsicle and Watermelon Party - 6/10 (Watermelon prep - afternoon 6/9 - volunteers welcome)
- Field Day - volunteer needs. Sign up genius to be created/distributed.

Next meeting: September 18, 2024 at 9:45am.