

January 10, 2018  
Dale Street PTO Meeting Minutes

❖ **Introductions:**

- Principal Steve Grenham, 5th Grade PTO Co-President Kiersten Cole, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade PTO Co-President Heather Boyd, Vice President Cathi Thomas, Secretary Patti Kelly, Community Members: Mary Frasier (MCPE), Amanda Spears.

❖ **Principal Update:**

- Principal Steve Grenham thanked the PTO for the Animal Adaptations presentations. The presentations have been very enjoyable for the students.
- Mr. Grenham and Mrs. Cowell are running a morning intramural program at Dale St. called SWAT - Students Working to Advance Technology. The intramural runs from 7:45am to 8:25am. The students have been working on probotes as well as helping to inventory the Dale St Chrome book inventory.
- The Dale St. School Geo Bee winner is Carl Kirchoff (second year in a row!).
- The annual Flea Market and Holiday Mall raised over \$2700.
- The next student led assembly for 4th and 5th graders will be about Respect, led by students and teachers Amy Scott and Mike Mason.
- Google will be visiting Dale St school to get student feedback about the new View Finders.
- The Dale St Council meeting will be working on the school improvement plan for next year. The improvement plan is available on-line.
- Mrs. Cowell is going to be running a March Madness/Tournament of Books. The bracket of books will decide the most popular book(s) that students like to read.
- The 5th grade Adolescent Changes meeting for parents will be on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7pm in the Dale St. cafeteria.
- NAPE testing will take place on January 21, 2108. 4th graders are randomly selected to take a 1-2 hour test on math or science.
- A committee is working to create a consistent, standards based report card across all elementary schools. Other towns' reports cards have been evaluated as part of the process. The rollout will take place in 1-2 years.
- Dale St. school has been selected by the state to rebuild a new school. A feasibility study is the next step.
- Mr. Grenham will use his PTO Principal budget to fund raffle gift cards for staff meetings. The Holiday luncheon donations of gift cards were raffled at the luncheon.
- A future idea for a grant is a buddy bench at Dale St. School.

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❖ Co-President's Update:

- Winter Carnival: As a reminder, Dale St. School will be part of the Winter Carnival this year. Dale St. School will be responsible for selling spirit wear and items in the lunchroom (e.g., cotton candy, slushies, etc.). A contest will take place where Dale St. students will design a thank you/recognition certificate to be used as a thank you card for vendors and volunteers.
- Yearbook:
  - Dale St. PTO is using a new vendor for the yearbook this year called TreeRing.
  - Personal photos can be uploaded directly to TreeRing's website.
  - Kiersten to contact Peggy Tirrell to send out additional communication to 5th grade parents to purchase a yearbook and to upload their student's baby picture.
- School Supply Kits: Dale St. School needs a representative for school supply kits. A Town Wide Chair for this fundraiser is TBD.
- Snowman Supply Fundraiser:
  - Mr. Grenham will hand out 10 mittens to teachers and specialists at the next faculty meeting. Teachers and specialty teachers are encouraged to fill them out with supplies that are needed for the classroom such as kleenex, clorox wipes, expo markers, etc.
  - Parents and students can then take a mitten and donate the item(s) to the teacher or specialist.
  - The supply mittens will be available from February 26, 2018 to March 23, 2018. Parents will have an opportunity to take a mitten during conferences on March 15th and March 20th.
  - Student parent Melissa Ross is the chair for this event.
- 5th Grade Kids' Night Out will be held on Friday, March 16, 2018 from 7-8:30pm. Michelle Barrett is the chair for this event.
- 4th Grade Kids' Night Out will be held on Friday, March 23, 2018. A chair for this event is needed.
- Movie on the ½ Day will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. The event will take place in the gym. Patti Kelly is the chair for this event. Movie TBD.
- **Treasurer's Update:**
  - A financial update will be given at the next meeting.

❖ Secretary Update:

- A motion to decrease the blanket sale price from \$30 to \$25 was put forth by Patti Kelly. Kiersten Cole, Heather Boyd and Cathi Thomas all voted yes.

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- Hat and blanket sales have been ongoing. Jim James at Park St. Books offered to sell items in the store which is extremely helpful to have as a distribution channel. Approximately 150 hats and 60 blankets have been sold.

❖ **Vice President's Report:**

- Boxtops: Dale St. School needs a volunteer to collect and redeem box tops. Cathi Thomas recently tallied the boxtops collected so far this year and Dale St. School will receive \$134.20.
  - Boxtops can be redeemed twice a year in December and April.
  - A classroom competition will take place at Dale St. School. The winning class will get extra recess or time in the LMC's makerspace.
- Yankee Candle: total profits this year are \$2302.40.

❖ **MCPE Update:**

- Mary Frasier provided a MCPE update. MCPE reached its \$75,000 fundraising goal during its appeal. MCPE was at \$55,000 and a single donor provided a check for the additional \$20,000.
- Last year, MCPE funded Dale St. School with \$9500 for Google expedition glasses which are virtual reality view finders. There are 30 view finders in the LMC.
- Starting on January 25, 2018, MCPE will sponsor its Teacher Experience Auction where parents can bid on activities such as bowling with a teacher. The auction will run through February 2, 2018.
- MCPE's grant cycle runs through April if an individual or group wants to submit a grant.
- The Annual Spelling Bee will take place on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 for grades 2 through 5.
- MCPE is seeking potential candidates to be on their Board. If interested, contact a current member of the MCPE Board.

❖ **Future Meetings:**

- *Wednesday, January 17, 2018 - Winter Carnival meeting, Memorial Library, 7pm.*
- *Wednesday, February 14, 2017 - Dale St. volunteer meeting, Public Safety Building, 10am.*
- *Wednesday, March 14, 2017 - PTO meeting with Mr. Grenham at Dale St School.*