

Dale Street PTO Meeting

May 11, 2022

**Last Dale St. PTO meeting of the 2021-22 school year. This PTO meeting was held over zoom due to MCAS testing taking place in the building*

Welcome and Introductions: Steve Grenham (Dale St. Principal), Karen Seitz (5th grade Co-President), Jessy Nejm (4th grade Co-President), Lindsay Rogers (Treasurer), Jill Werner (Secretary), Ali Abba, Karyn Healey, Nesse McCabe, Jodi Bills, Kelly Scobbo, Jessica Harney, Nicole Drummond, Inger Kenworthy

Treasurer Update: Lindsay Rogers

-Lindsay shares updated Treasurer Reports–Dale St. is in a good place with a current bank balance of about \$49,000.

-Expected expenses in the next few months will likely be \$6-8,000 depending on funding of the 4th grade field trips. These expenses include: author visits, year end gifts, gift cards, water refills, hospitality, 5th grade shirts, and room parent reimbursement. And any other potential end-of-year celebration needs

-Kelly Scobbo from townwide PTO shared that she will be distributing around \$9,500 in dues, apparel sales, and auction funds to Dale St. PTO.

-Hope to raise \$10,000 per elementary school during Rainbow Run, so about an anticipated \$20,000 should be coming in

-There is a \$10,000 gift for a new school that was put aside a few years back. That gift is still outstanding and can be put to use.

-We are awaiting news on an MCPE grant proposal for \$1,500 for Hip Hop Presentation. There is a possibility that PTO may need to cover some of that amount.

-Lindsay shares the new budget proposal. The Board goes through the different line items and discusses needs for increasing or reducing amounts based on usage data over the past few years.

-Proposed new budget lands at \$28,450. Board votes and approves this new budget for the 2022-23 school year.

Fundraising Update: Jodi Bills

Rainbow Run will be rolling out next week. There will be a website that goes along with the launch.

-The fundraising goal for the Rainbow Run is \$30,000, to be split amongst 3 elementary schools

- There will be free t-shirts for kids who raise \$100 or more.
- There will be a running course with a few different fun obstacles.
- The Rainbow Run will be held at Dale on Weds 5/25 from 8:40-11:10
- There will be Rainbow Run Promotional Kickoff happening during Dale lunches next week on Tues 5/17/22.
- Kids are encouraged to wear bright colored gear.
- There will be a shaved ice truck if there is enough money raised at each of the schools
- We will need volunteers to help pull this off.

Hospitality Update: Kelly Scobbo and Inger Kenworthy

- Teacher appreciation week was a great success—lots of fun themes and the staff felt loved!
- End of year plans are still being figured out—The Hospitality team will either need to ask for more funding from PTO or ask for donations from Dale St. families.

Programming Update: Ali Abba and Karyn Healey

- June 1st—Hip Hop Presentation in the gym at 8:45am and 10am
- June 7th and 8th: Author visit: Scott SanGiacamo, author of BedHead Ted will be coming to speak at Dale. He'll do 3 presentations with 3 classes each on Tues and Weds dates.

Principal Update: Steve Grenham (*Mr. Grenham joined the Zoom for part of the meeting—he had MCAS and additional commitments occurring at simultaneous times*)

- It's a really busy time of year—MCAS is currently happening.
- Grade 4 SEED (science) lessons are finishing up
- awaiting news on MCPE support of Hip Hop presentation which was proposed by our programming chairs, Ali Abba and Karyn Healey
- At this time of the year and because they've needed the reminder, kids are being encouraged to make good, responsible decisions at school
- Huge thanks for all the special Teacher Appreciation Week lunches and treats. The staff loved all of it!
- Today is Nurse's Day and Dale will make sure Kathy Thompson is given the recognition she deserves for all that she has done.

-Incoming PIN will be Weds 5/18–this is for current 3rd grade families who will be moving to 4th grade

-Placement process is ongoing now.

-For 6th grade Placement, middle school guidance counselor, Matt Marengi, will come down to Dale to learn about classes and kids, Middle School Principal Nat Vaughn will visit Dale and talk with 5th graders. And on June 17th, the 5th grade class will go to the middle school for a transition day visit.

-For Elementary placement: elementary parents will get an email from their child's new teacher in the afternoon on the last day of school. That email will include a Padlet link with intros from all the kids in that class. Then in August, there will be an Open House where teachers will host a Meet & Greet with their new incoming class.

-5/16: The 5th grade celebration is scheduled for 9:30AM

MCPE Update: Jessy Nejm

-MCPE Blue Ribbon nomination program is winding down

-the MCPE Grant meeting was last night

-Annual meeting is next Tuesday 5/17

Community Service Update: relayed by Karen Seitz on behalf of Alice Jreige

-End of year timing is challenging, but a Dale Spring Clean up will be scheduled.

-there is a new "Community Service Initiatives" line item in the budget–will help with funding for future community service projects

New Business- Karen Seitz

-Proposed New Board for 2022-23:

5th grade CoPresident: Jessy Nejm

4th grade CoPresident: Nesse McCabe

VP: Kelly Scobbo

Secretary: Nicola Tessier

Treasurer: Lisa LaForte

-the additional programming roles are staying on

-Board votes to approve proposed board.

-Literacy Night/Book Fair is happening tomorrow night, Thursday, May 12th. There will be fun activities planned throughout the evening. Volunteers are needed.

-We're excited that Kids Night Out for 4th graders and then 5th graders is back this year– still need more volunteers for the upcoming nights, 5/13 and 5/20

-5th Grade Variety show promotions will be taking place—we have a perfect number of acts for the night—the Show will be on Thursday, 5/26

-the 5th Grade graduation celebration will be on 6/16 at 9:30 AM. T Shirts have been ordered. They are navy with white print. Should be available to the kids soon.

-Last topic of the meeting: Should we look into planning an end-of-year celebration for all Dale St. families—a family picnic with a visit from the ice cream truck? What date could work given all the schedule commitments in the last few weeks of school? Preliminary discussion of whether this would work and what date would work for hosting. Conversation to be continued.