



Dale Street PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: May 10, 2023 at 9:45 AM, Dale Street Cafeteria

Attendees: Jessy Nejm, Nesse McCabe, Kelly Scobbo, Kristen Storer, Nicola Tessier, Steve Grenham, Inger Kenworthy, Ali Abba, Karyn Healey, Kristin Simonini, Nicole Saulnier

New Board Members:

Nesse McCabe – 5th Grade Co-President
Nicole Saulnier – 4th Grade Co-President
TBD – Vice President
Nicola Tessier – Secretary
Kristen Storer - Treasurer

Meeting Dates:

September 20, 9:45am
November 15, 7pm
January 17, 9:45am
March 13, 7pm
May 15, 9:45am

Principal Update: Steve Grenham

- Thank you to hospitality and PTO for this week for Teacher Appreciation Week
- End of year calendar – author visits 1st and 2nd. Book form also went out.
- Seed to Science starting next week for 5th grade. 4th grade has been fantastic.
- Shaved Ice – comes up at every StuCo meeting, kids love it. Potentially doing it on Transition Day (not field day).
- 5th grade MCAS happening 5/10 and 5/25. 4th grade MCAS on 5/11 & 5/12.
- Steering Committee (for Medfield Strategic Plan) – 22 people – currently looking at outputs from forums and surveys.
- Grant – book vending machine. Presented it last night – will keep PTO posted.
- Flower power day was a huge success – consistent across all 3 schools. Gave to bus drivers, lunch staff, and front office staff. Give Brothers a heads-up next year (same day as prom).
- March madness was a huge success. Great atmosphere and nice literature tie-in.

Treasurer Report: Kristen Storer

- 2022/2023 budget remains at a healthy level.
- Additional incoming funds: \$3200 coming from auction, ~\$1500 from spiritwear.

- Room parent distribution – only reimbursed \$75 this year. Make more of an effort at room parent meeting to explain the process for reimbursement.
- 2023/2024 budget proposed changes:
 - Principal fund from \$200 to \$500
 - Hospitality from \$2,000 to \$2,500
 - Year End Parties from \$300 to \$2,000 (shave ice truck, popsicles/watermelon)
 - Enrichment (formerly Lit/Tech/Performing Arts) from \$8,000 to \$18,000 which includes \$7,000 earmarked for SEED to Science
 - 5th Grade Shirts from \$1,500 to \$1,700
 - 5th Grade Yearbook from \$200 to \$650
 - LMC from \$200 to \$100
 - Crystal Rock Water from \$600 to \$0
 - Social Emotional Learning \$1,000 to \$0
 - Added Teacher Room Supplies, formerly Additional Teacher Supplies, \$500
 - Added Student Council Support \$500

Hospitality Update: Kelly Scobbo, Inger Kenworthy and Karyn Healey

- Teacher appreciation week is going well – lots of snacks/treats all week. Staff is always thrilled with PTO efforts.

Kids Night Out Update: Nicola Tessier

- 5th grade KNO on Friday, 5/19. Carnival theme with DJ, games, face painting, prizes, etc. 131 kids signed up. Need 15 more volunteers.
- 4th grade KNO on Friday, 5/12. 73 kids signed up. Need 13 more volunteers.
- Paul’s Rental delivery times—trying to deliver after 3pm on Friday but will know Friday AM. Nicola to coordinate with Dale St staff.

Grants:

- Speaker for Gym - approved. Nesse to handle purchase logistics.
- Bloxels grant - approved.
- Soccer net - to be discussed.

General Updates:

- Potential to create a “Green Team” to help keep Dale grounds clean. Karyn Healey to chair/find volunteers?
- PTO to reach out to Jen Sroka and Danielle Tata (MCPE Presidents) to discuss potential overlapping items (Seed to Science, etc.).

5th Grade T-shirts

- Field trip and graduation T-shirts are finished and ready for pickup.

Yearbook:

- The 5th graders voted on 2 yearbook covers (front and back). Thanks to Joe Ahern and Steve for creating an anonymous voting document.
- The yearbook team is finalizing details.

Supply Kits Fundraiser:

- Cost is going up significantly, 4th grade cost jumping up 30%, 5th grade increasing by 50%. Nesse to cut profit to make it more of a convenience vs. fundraiser due to high costs.
- Nesse/PTO to discuss needs with teachers – potential to eliminate some items that are not used.

Rainbow Run

- Fall 2023. Kelly/Jodi to sync up with Steve on timing.

Next meeting: Fall 2024. Have a great summer!