

DALE STREET PTO MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Jessy Nejm, Nesse McCabe, Kristen Storer, Steve Grenham, Jodi Bills, Nicola Tessier, Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke, Michelle Taylor, Dr. Marsden

- **Principal Update (Grenham)**

- Mass Cultural Grant achieved for \$5500 (Seed to Science Program). Need \$7200 to run the program, looking to secure remaining \$1700 via a local donation/grant.
- Can only apply for 1 Mass Cultural Grant per school year – program will be for 4th grade. Still looking for funds for 5th grade (\$7200).
 - Action item: PTO to reach out to Needham Bank and other community members in the science field.
 - For future consideration: Create a couple \$5K grants to have in reserve for future programs?
- SEL assemblies are going great. Hero Day assembly (PK-5) last week was facilitated by StuCo. Hero writing was optional this year, next year will be in the curriculum. (Ketanji Brown Jackson's nephew at Dale!). End of January will be sponsored by Ms. Condon's class.
- MedfieldTV/Daily Dale – program run by Julie Lowry and Joe Ahern. 5th graders can apply via an audition tape and film during recess. MedfieldTV came in and visited with the kids during filming.
- Dale Street Toy Drive/Flea Market - \$5100 raised for Medfield Home Committee. StuCo and student body collected new and unused toys – box was overfilled. Giving is always better than receiving!
- MLK assembly – thank you to PTO for funding. One storyteller visited from RI Black Story Teller, met with teachers before to appropriately tailor content to 4th/5th grade curriculum.
- First band concert – fantastic! Strings concert is 1/18, 1/24 is chorus.
- Math Pilot (Envision)– Reveal (first phase), Illustrative (second phase, finishing now), Stepping Stones (third phase). Once complete, recommendation goes to Marsden/SC for review/approval.
- After school enrichment programs are coming out next week (12 programs). Puzzles, newspaper, volleyball, etc.
- All communications can be put on weekly blog
 - Action item: PTO/Nicola to be point person for future updates (bi-weekly or monthly)

- **Hospitality Update**

- Valentine's Day – TBD
- Conference Day – March 10th (conference day)

- **PTO Grants**

- 5th Grade field trip – Lowell Mills / Duck Tours
- 4th grade – TBD
- Root Robot – coding marker on white board. Family donated to DiPesa's classroom. Looking to fund more, Ali Abba/Karyn Healey have more info.

- **MCPE**
 - 2/8 trivia night, 3/28 spelling bee
- **Book Fair/Literacy Night**
 - 3/21 5:30-8pm
- **KNO**
 - Casual Dance – casual clothes, glow sticks, DJ teaching/organizing, snack (skinny pop?) and water, 6:30-8pm?
 - March 3 – 4th grade / March 10 – 5th grade
 - Action item: KNO group to regroup and finalize details to share with PTO/Grenham
 - Save the Date: KNO Carnival Night – 5/12 (4th grade), 5/19 (5th grade)
 - Action item: KNO group to regroup and finalize details to share with PTO/Grenham (prom does not conflict – 5/5)
- **Talent Show**
 - Details TBD but targeting early April. 5th grade only.
- **Treasurer Report (Storer):**
 - Fundraiser for holiday gift cards – covered all costs and made \$70. (\$395 total collected)
 - Room parent distribution – only received 2 requests so far. \$1750 line item – encourage room parents to submit expenses. \$25/per party can be refunded.
 - Action item: Add reminder to Dale blog
 - Holiday spirit wear -- \$2700 TVL, \$7,000 at tree lighting. Have \$4k inventory left.
 - Startup funds – 2 checks left to cash.
 - Thank You Fund – collected \$470 so far. Some teachers have used all.
 - Action item: Send a reminder out – Teacher Appreciation Week?
 - Rainbow Run – still need money.
 - Action item: Follow up with Townwide PTO re: check.

Next meeting: March 15, 2023 at 9:45am, Dale St cafeteria.