



Dale Street PTO Meeting Minutes
Date: March 22nd at 9:45 AM, Dale Street Cafeteria

Attendees: Jessy Nejm, Nesse McCabe, Kelly Scobbo, Kristen Storer, Nicola Tessier, Steve Grenham, Jill Werner, Nicole Angell, Ali Abba, Jodi Bills

Principal Update: Steve Grenham

- Thank you to the hospitality committee for lunch from Cutlets – teachers were happy.
- KNO – thanks to the committee, parent volunteers, etc. Events ran smoothly with great feedback from kids.
- Band-o-rama was last week, String Fling is 3/22 (tonight).
- Literacy Night – Kudos to staff and Jamie Callahan. Jim James said the event doubled in size from last year. Huge success at the event as well as through the teacher wish-lists.
- Root robots/lab coats have been huge hits – money is being put to good use.
- Lowell Mills Field Trip is on Monday/Tuesday (5th grade)
- March Madness – 64 teams – fun event to tie in athletics with the “Battle of the Books”.
- Elementary Math Pilot – now entering “Stepping Stones” phase – meeting in 2 weeks to review surveys. Curriculum will go back to Envisions for the remainder of the year.
- SEL assembly – Miss DiPesa’s class is this Friday.
- Principal’s Placement Webinar is Wednesday (3/29) – will be recorded but please spread the word.
- Kathy Thompson (head nurse) is retiring at the end of the year – search committee has been formed to find a replacement. 6 applicants currently.
- Strategic planning– group is meeting regularly to create a draft in June which will outline what Medfield’s strategic plan will be – will include educational priorities, budget, etc. Surveys will be sent out to parents mid-April as an additional opportunity to provide feedback during the process.
- MCAS – April 4th (4th grade), ELA is 2 days for each grade level. 5th grade – one of science dates is going to change—second day will be moved to May 25th.
- StuCo – collecting arts and crafts and gift cards for Children’s Hospital. End of month.
- Read Across America + Neurodiversity Week – two great weeks at school with special programming.
- Seed Science – did apply for Citizens Bank grant in January (no movement). Like to start planning timing. Ballpark is \$7K – discussed in meeting and PTO will write grant for funding.
- Author visit – June 1 and 2nd – need Kristen/PTO treasurer to sign.
- Joe Ahern – reached out to PTO for grant for [Bloxels](#)- kids using technology to build games. Joe to reach out to Ali/grant committee once 7-day trial is complete.
- New Building Committee – underway again. 2 meetings so far and next meeting is Wednesday 3/29.

- Request for soccer net from student. \$420 for recess supplies in PTO budget. PTO to regroup to approve funding.
- Half Day Etiquette – potential opportunity for assembly to explain proper behavior.

Treasurer Report: Kristen Storer

- No major updates.
- Need proposed budget for next meeting.

Hospitality Update: Kelly Scobbo, Inger Kenworthy and Karyn Healey.

- Half day lunches working well – hot lunches are best as everyone receives same food all at once.
- Cutlets was successful last time.
- Next up: teacher appreciation (May).

Grants

- Bloxels – see above.
- SEED Science – Ali to write.

Kids Night Out Update:

- Party night 4th and 5th grade – huge success with great feedback. 132 4th graders, 120 5th graders. Served cotton candy, chips, and water. Glow themed with light up rings.
Excellent entertainment:
 - DJ - Ben Donovan - Once In A Lifetime Events - (617)968-2595 - djbendonovan@gmail.com- played for 90 mins (6:15-7:45)
 - Photobooth - Dylan Satter (781-346-5051). Dylansphotobooth@gmail.com
- Next KNO scheduled for May 12th (4th) and 19th *5th). Planning underway.

Book Fair: Jill Werner

- Huge success – PTO gets 20% (split between schools). Give 10% back to PSB and fill up lighter lists for teachers. PTO to discuss and circle back.

Yearbook: Nicole Angell

- Sold 160 – still need 30 people. Have until 4/25. Committee is reaching out personally.
- April 4th – class picture + “what I want to be when I grow up” picture.
- Cover contest – Due April 11th – PTO makes final decision. Save the winner for graduation.
- PTO reviews yearbook – end of April.

Online Auction: Kelly Scobbo

- 5th grade teachers – need follow up from Steve.
- Auction Dates: 3/31-4/3.

Rainbow Run

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

Talent Show : Nesse McCabe

- May 3 or 4? 5th grade only. Nesse to circle back with dates.

Next meeting: Wednesday May 10th at 9:45 AM, Dale Street Cafeteria.