



Memorial PTO Meeting  
October 25, 2023

In Attendance - Kelly Behbehani, Missy Bilsborough, Stein Family, Natalie Tordiglione, Kayla O'Brien, Jayme, Lauren, Stephanie Goodwin, Sophia Viglas, Rozlynn Desilets, Keren M, Amy Burke, Scott, Rachel G, Meredith Lambert, Ali Spidalieri

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Principal's Report** – Missy Bilsborough-

- a. Very busy time with Literacy night tomorrow from 5pm-7pm.
  - i. It has been at Dale for the past few years so we're excited to be having it at Memorial this year.
- b. Halloween parade coming up 9:15am Tuesday.
  - i. Kids come out the front door and take a left and go around the school to come back inside. No bad spot to view the parade!
  - ii. Also a half day that day
- c. Conferences Nov 8th and 9th
  - i. They are called teacher conferences this year
- d. The new math program is off to a good start. There is a lot more conversation and discussion about math now among children in the classroom.
- e. Working on Literacy Professional Development as well, for K and 1 to look at piloting some potential ELA programs for the fall of 2025.
  - i. Currently focusing on strong instructional practices
- f. The first Elementary School Principals webinar recently happened and they are looking to do more to focus on student needs and that what they are doing is really beneficial to Medfield families.
  - i. These are recorded to be available to families later

**3. Treasurer's Report and Budget Review** – Natalie Tordiglione

- a. Teacher start up funds have been distributed and requests for reimbursements have started to trickle in.

#### **4. Upcoming Dates**

- a. Literacy Night-Tomorrow, 10/26 @ Memorial School (5:30-7 Literacy Night Activities, 5-8 Book Fair)
  - i) This was switched from spring to fall because end of spring activities are so busy and it can be really hot. Hoping for even better attendance.
- b. Halloween Parade/Parties – 10/31 @ 9:15am – also a half day!
- c. Townwide PTO Meeting, open to everyone – 11/1 @7pm
- d. Conferences/ half days: Wednesday 11/8, Thursday 11/9
- e. Winter Parties - December

#### **5. Hospitality Update**

**Thank you to the Hospitality committee who will be executing the upcoming events-**

- a. October - Boo Bags
- b. November - Power Up Station for Teacher Conferences
- c. December - Holiday Luncheon

#### **6. \*New\* Beautification Committee**

Stephanie Goodwin (and Ali) - Has seen things done at previous schools that she's been involved in to do different things to help keep the school looking fresh outside and sprucing up the school.

- a. Planting flowers, weeding, trash clean up, seasonal decorations, etc.
- b. Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities!
- c. A way to get more families involved

#### **7. President's Report – Kelly Behbehani/Kayla O'Brien**

- a. Playground Update - This year our goal is to put in a rope climber which is 34k total.
- b. Upcoming Fundraisers:
  - i. Halloween Raffle - Two winners will receive VIP parking for the Halloween parade, coffee waiting for them and a photo op with their child.
    - 1. Missy can cone the spots off and label them with names.

- ii. Stay and Play with Mr. Grace
  - 1. Wednesday Nov 15th Missy has 15 teachers who can help but she needs 5 more adults if we want to have 100 kids.
  - 2. Kelly will put it out there for volunteers to see if we can make it happen otherwise we will have to wait until the spring.
- iii. Minted
  - 1. Last year it raised \$800
  - 2. We get 20% of the proceeds if you use our school code when ordering cards through minted
- iv. Holiday Cookie Kits? (December)
  - 1. We have not reached out to the woman who has done this for us previously yet but hopefully we can continue to do this as we have done the last few years.
- c. MCPE Grant Money Clarification
  - i. The \$20k from MCPE has not been spent, it will go towards this years playground fundraising goal.

## 8. Question and Answer Time

- a. Questions submitted prior to the meeting
  - i. "Are the sub committees that meet more regularly that the whole PTO meetings?"
    - 1. There was a raffle planned for the Oct fundraiser who signed up to do so at the Sept PTO meeting. If it is something like a larger event or fundraiser, a committee would have been
  - ii. Do classrooms ever collect dues to fund teacher activities?
    - 1. The room parents may ask or they can submit for \$25 from the PTO
  - iii. At what age can children get off the bus without a parent?
    - 1. You must be in 4th/5th grade (at Dale) to get off. If you want a younger child to get off with the Dale sibling you would just have to let the principals know.
- b. Other questions/comments
  - i. We should add more food to the art show etc to build upon an event that already exists verses starting one from scratch?
  - ii. What are the current sub committees?
    - 1. Playground fundraising
    - 2. Hospitality
    - 3. Potentially start beautification and family fun

**NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am @ Memorial Teacher's Lounge