

March 14, 2018  
Dale Street PTO Meeting Minutes

❖ **Introductions:**

- Principal Steve Grenham, 5th Grade PTO Co-President Kiersten Cole, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade PTO Co-President Heather Boyd, Vice President Cathi Thomas, Treasurer Erin Fontana, Secretary Patti Kelly, Community Members: Kelly Scubbo, Karen Seitz, Peggy Tirrell.

❖ **Principal Update:**

- Principal Steve Grenham thanked the PTO for the inclusion of Dale St. School in the Winter Carnival.
- A grant request for \$2000 was submitted by Maureen Barrett for Newberry Award winning author Matt de la Pena to speak at Dale St. School. The total cost of the presentations (\$6000) will be shared with the Blake Middle School.
- The 5th grade talent show was on Friday, March 9, 2018 at Dale St. School. Parents and students had a great time.
- 5th Grade KNO is scheduled for this Friday, March 16, 2018. Mr. Grenham will be in attendance at the event.
- The before school free throw competition has been well attended. There are 53 teams of 3 players that are participating in the event.
- MCAS testing will be taking place soon. The MCAS is now computer based testing. The new format is new to 5th grade teachers this year.
- Mrs. Cowell's from the LMC has been running a March Madness/Tournament of Books which has been popular with students. Students are voting on the most popular books.
- The Dale St. Site Council is working on a school improvement plan, The plan will cover goals for the next two years. Also, feedback from staff is ongoing. The improvement plan is available on-line.
- Next steps for a new building for Dale St. School will be discussed at the town meeting in April.
- The Positive Referral Breakfast for Dale St. students will be held on Friday, March 16, 2018.
- Following the breakfast, Mr. Grenham will be holding a Principal's Coffee. The topics will include class placement and google classroom. Students from the 5th grade will present how they use google classroom on a daily basis. Mr. Grenham has received questions about what students are doing in class and how they are doing homework (less paper!). A lot of school and homework work is done on-line now.
- The supply mittens project is going well. This is a great way for teachers and specialists to receive needed items for the classroom.

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- The author Kwame Alexander presented in Medfield on Thursday, March 8, 2018. The presentation was a great success and enjoyed by many Medfield students and parents.
- Future grant ideas were discussed such as a Dale St. buddy bench for the playground and a new water bubbler. Both items could be transferred to the new building.

❖ **Co-President's Update:**

- Winter Carnival:
  - Once again this event was a big success for the Medfield elementary schools. The Carnival is projected to raise about the same amount of money (\$40,000) as last year. Dale St. PTO will received 20% of the profits.
  - Hats and blankets sales were minimal at Winter Carnival. About 4 hats and 3 blankets were sold.
  - Spirit Wear pick up went well and the Tri-Valley on-line store was re-opened for a few more days after Winter Carnival for those that wanted to order Medfield apparel.
- Yearbook:
  - Peggy Tirrell reported that 119 5th grade yearbooks (out of 182) have been ordered. Of these orders, 70% have elected the hardcover option.
  - Peggy is hoping parents will upload their student's baby picture as soon as possible to the vendor's website.
  - An email will be sent to room parents to forward to parents to remind them to order a yearbook and upload their child's baby picture.
  - The deadline to order a yearbook is May 1, 2018.
- Snowman Supply Fundraiser:
  - The supply mittens will be available from February 26, 2018 to March 23, 2018. Parents will have an opportunity to take a mitten during conferences on March 15th and March 20th. Parents and students can then take a mitten and donate the item(s) to the teacher or specialist.
  - Student parent Melissa Ross is the chair for this event.
- School Supply Kits: Dale St. School needs a representative for school supply kits next year. Nicole Drummond and Jodi Bills will be coordinating the supply kits for all schools. Information to follow.
- Kids' Night Out:
  - 5th Grade Kids' Night Out will be held on Friday, March 16, 2018 from 7-8:30pm. Michelle Barrett is the chair for this event.
  - 4th Grade Kids' Night Out will be held on Friday, March 23, 2018. Karen Seitz is the chair for this event.
  - The theme for both KNO events is Olympics.

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- Volunteers are still needed for both events.
- Movie on the ½ Day will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. The event will take place in the gym. Patti Kelly is the chair for this event. The movie to be shown is CoCo. A sign up genius and permission slip was sent directly to parents via email.
- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6 - May 12 2018. Planning for this week will take place at the April PTO meeting (offsite).

❖ **Treasurer's Update:**

- Please refer to Treasurer's Report. Overall financial picture looks strong. Several thousand will come in from Winter Carnival. In addition, movie on the ½ day and KNOs will both produce a profit.
- Erin Fontana is researching a new vendor for the 5th grade graduation t-shirts.

❖ **Secretary Update:**

- Kiersten Cole put forth a motion to fund the \$2000 grant request for author Matt de la Pena. Unanimous approval from the Board.
- Hat and blanket sales have been ongoing. Jim James at Park St. Books offered to sell items in the store which is extremely helpful to have as a distribution channel. Approximately 150 hats and 60 blankets have been sold so far.

❖ **Vice President's Report:**

- Boxtops: Cathi Thomas recently tallied and submitted the boxtops collected from the school competition. The recent Boxtops competition earned \$822.40 for Dale St. PTO.

❖ **MCPE Update:**

- No update at this time.

❖ **Future Meetings:**

- *Wednesday, April 11, 2018 - Dale St. volunteer meeting, Public Safety Building, 10am.*
- *Thursday, May 24, 2018 - Town Wide PTO Meeting, Blake Middle School, 7pm.*
- *Wednesday, May 8, 2018 - PTO meeting with Mr. Grenham at Dale St School, 10am.*