



Dale Street PTO Meeting January 17, 2024

Attendees:

Nesse McCabe, Nicole Saulnier, Nicole Crocker, Nicola Tessier, Kristen Storer, Steve Grenham, Christine Ferguson, Kelly Behbehani, Jenn Sroka

Principal Update and Grant Request - Steve Grenham

- MSBA update – didn't get invited to program in December. Meeting tonight to discuss options (fund on our own, go back in for funding in April). Patch [article](#) from 1/12.
- Holiday Flea Market - \$7k raised for Medfield Home Committee.
- Grant – Mary Bruhl – company called Ignite - targets 27 most needy readers (identified via Dibels) – seats not readers – live morning tutoring (8:15-8:30). Aiming to start week before Feb break and run until June.
- SC Budget Budget Hearing – Marsden recommends budget to SC; town has to approve. In HS auditorium on 1/25.
- Cradles to Crayons – successful drive – working to drop off soon.
- Hero Day Assembly – last Friday, StuCo facilitated, 18 readers read. Well received.
- Student Support Webinar – Social Emotional Well Being (October), Technology and Digital Citizenship (January, going to be uploaded to YouTube). Questions on upcoming topic will be accepted the week before next webinar. Math and Placement are two potential upcoming topics.
- Band and Orchestra concerts last week – great concerts!
- Book Vending Machine Grant – Steve sent over grant for review on 1/16 to PTO. PTO voted and approved on 1/17.
 - Students could earn books for positive referrals, academic achievements, and contest victories.
 - Potential book drive to fill vending machine.
 - Golden ticket opportunity.
 - Need ongoing budget line-item cost (\$500?) in budget (plus book fair?)

- Committee to review/approve books (sub-committee for next year?)
- 5th grade graduation – 6/10 (pending snow days)

Kids Night Out Update – Nicola Tessier

- 1/19- 4th grade (99 signed up as of 1/17), 1/26 – 5th grade (62 signed up as of 1/16)
- DJ/Photobooth (Brian Lee, Elevated Pulse Productions), skinnypop, pringles and cotton candy. Water in cups. Prizes for various games (\$5 gift cards, toys, etc.). Glow in the dark tattoos, neon sunglasses, sensory-friendly tables. Plenty of volunteers.

Variety Show Update – Nesse McCabe

- 18 kids signed up (12 acts) – deadline is Friday.
- 2/13 at high school.
- Show and Tell (practice and space planning/prep) is 1/26.

Programming Update – Karyn Healy/Ali Abba

- Remaining enrichment budget is \$11k (not including \$7K already allocated for Seed Science) – could potentially use funds for book vending machine.
- No teachers have reached out with requests.
- Reached out to Sam Jacoumo – he'll work with up to 3 classes a time. Looking at 6/6 and 6/7 - \$200 a session/hour – Karyn/Ali to sync up with Steve.
- Finalizing details for door decorating contest – more to come.
- Field trip money (\$2k for 4th, \$4k for 5th) – break out on parent communication on what the PTO covers.

Treasurer's Report - Kristen Storer

- Good financial position. Have some upcoming expenses.
- \$42K in bank – without additional incoming funding this year.

MCPE Update

- Collecting second grant cycle applications now. Board meeting on 2/13 (deadline is 1/30)
- First meeting was fall 2023 – over 15 applications and paid out over \$40K in grants!
- Trivia Night is on 2/1 (Thursday) – registration is open. At Dover legion.
- Spelling Bee – 3/18.

Volunteer Needs Update - Nicole Crocker

- No pressing needs.

Cradles to Crayons Sock and PJ Drive Update – Nesse McCabe

- Nesse working to accommodate a group – working with C2C to find a date.

Yearbook Update – Nesse McCabe

- 88 yearbooks sold.
- Need to redo class picture.
- Setting up cover contest before Feb break.

School Supply Kits

- Typically split profits between 3 schools, but did it differently last year due to Dale kit costs increasing.
- Ask for reimbursement for extra kits from Memorial/Wheelock.
 - Discuss at town-wide PTO meeting this month.

NEXT DALE PTO MEETING: March 13th, 7 pm via Zoom (might move due to String Fling)

TOWNWIDE PTO MEETING: January 24, 7 pm, Blake LMC