



Dale Street PTO Meeting

March 13, 2024

Attendees:

Nesse McCabe, Nicola Saulnier, Steve Grenham, Nicola Tessier, Kristen Storer

Principal Update - Steve Grenham

- Book vending machine has been very successful – 12 tokens distributed since 2/27. Numerous ways to earn a token (positive referral/math challenge raffle, lucky plate winners, library contests). Feedback welcome on ways for students to earn tokens.
- The spring conferences went well. Many teachers had student-led conferences. Now in term 3!
- Learning Walks – various teachers across the district evaluating pilot programs to condense current list. Similar to “medical rounds” – not judging teachers/programs but providing feedback on what they observe.
- Ignite Reading Program – extra boost reading program for 27 kids based on DIBEL scores. Received a grant from the state to fund this. Going well so far.
- Illustrative Math – new math program. Math discussions have been different (compared to Envision). Builds a deeper conceptual understanding. Going well and students/teachers are doing well.
- 2-3 classrooms are currently piloting reading programs – 5 different programs.
- Grade 5 – Investigating History – new program for MA - currently written for grades 5-8. Positive feedback so far. Dale received a grant for next year for teachers to have a book/manual (vs online). Going to pilot for Grade 5 next year.
- March Madness – 50 teams total – finals on 4/4.
- Student Support Series – next one on 3/27 at 4pm about placement. Will be recorded for those unable to view live.
- Grade 5 field trip to Lowell Mills – 3/26 & 3/27.
- Read Across America, Band-o-Rama, String Flings all were huge successes!
- Bus Driver Appreciation Day is 3/18 – all bus drivers welcome coffee/snacks on Monday after drop-off. Each will receive a thank you card signed by students.
- Tech Pilot – aka LightSpeed – currently piloting in 2 classrooms at each grade level. Aimed to give more tech control to teachers.
- Spelling Bee is Monday, 3/18.
- Term 2 report cards go home on 3/28.

PTO Board Needs for 2024-2025:

- Incoming 4th Grade Co-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Hospitality. Looking for volunteers and will soon be posted publicly -- if interested, please email Nesse or Nicole.

Treasurer's Report - Kristen Storer

- Budget looks healthy, ending the year strong with some expected expenses.
- Nesse/Kristen to bring 2024-2025 budget to next meeting.

Medfield Madness Auction Update

- Being delayed – want to partner with the middle school – Kelly Scobbo to reach out soon to Steve.

Teacher Wish List Update – Nesse

- Nesse to connect with a couple of teachers to use start-up funds before purchasing.
- Teachers will be thrilled and understand this will likely not be a recurring event.

Spring Kids Night Out - Nicola Tessier

- 5/10 (4th grade) & 5/17 (5th grade) – Carnival Theme.
- Nicola to email Felicia to confirm school is available.
- KNO Committee to meet next week to kick off planning.

5th Grade Graduation and t-shirts

- Field trip is on 5/28 – students to wear t-shirts.
- Nesse to investigate shirts.

Programming Update –

- Author Visit confirmed 6/6, 6/7.
- Door decorating will not be happening due to fire code issues.

Yearbook Update – Nesse

- Yearbook committee is hard at work – need to track down remaining students that have not purchased, re-take class picture, etc.
- Individual pages due on 4/25 – might need more communication with parents to purchase, submit pages/pictures.

NEXT DALE PTO MEETING: May 15th, 9:45 am, Dale cafeteria